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**Queensgate Foundation
Primary School**



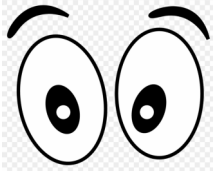
Happy New Year!

Dear Families,

Happy New Year

It has been great welcoming the children back to school and hearing about the exciting things they have been doing during the Christmas break. Welcome back and a happy new year to you all.

Focus Learners



Our Focus Learners start up again next week. You should have received a letter before the holiday if your child is a Focus Learner this term. If your child is a Focus Learner this term please chat to your child's class teacher and organise a mutually acceptable time for you to come in and join your child for a lesson. This is a good opportunity for you to see how your child is getting on at school and to sample a lesson, so you can see how the teacher teaches and manages the class and

classroom. Just one adult per child and no babies, toddlers or younger siblings in the classroom please.

In addition to the lesson you are welcome to join us on the Friday of the week your child is Focus Learner to hear and see your child share their work in assembly. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have their Focus Learner assembly at 1 pm on a Friday and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have their Focus Learner assembly at 2:30pm on a Friday. Two adults are very welcome to join us for the assembly.

Age Related Expectations

Coming home this evening is a reminder of what each child needs to achieve to meet their age-related expectations in reading, writing and maths. Please support with this at home.

Hearing your child read at home

It is very important to hear your child read every day. Not only does this help with reading but It has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns. In terms of school it supports writing and broader knowledge and understanding of the world too, as well as giving them plentiful vocabulary to draw on in their work.



I thought it may be useful for you to see this guide as it helps you to know what to expect and what to work on in terms of helping your child with their reading fluency. (please see next page)

Expression

1. Reads words as if simply to get them out. Little sense of trying to make text sound like natural language. Tends to read in a quiet voice.
2. Begins to use voice to make text sound like natural language in some areas of the text but not in others. Focus remains largely on pronouncing the word. Still reads in a quiet voice.
3. Make text sound like *natural language* throughout the better part of the passage. Occasionally slips into expressionless reading. Voice volume is generally appropriate throughout the text.
4. Reads with *good expression and enthusiasm throughout the text*. Varies expression and volume to match his or her interpretation of the passage.

Phrasing

1. Reads in a *monotone* with little sense of boundaries; frequently reads *word-by-word*.
2. Frequently reads in two- and three-word phrases, giving the impression of *choppy reading*; improper stress and intonation fail to mark ends of sentences and clauses.
3. Reads with a *mixture of run-ons*, mid-sentence pauses for breath, and some chopiness, reasonable stress and intonation.
4. Generally reads with *good phrasing*, mostly in clause and sentence units, with adequate attention to expression.

Smoothness

1. Makes frequent *extended pauses, hesitations, false starts, sound-outs, repetitions, and/or multiple attempts*.
2. Experiences *several "rough spots"* in text where extended pauses or hesitations are more frequent and disruptive.
3. *Occasionally breaks smooth rhythm* because of difficulties with specific words and/or structures.
4. *Generally reads smoothly* with some breaks, but resolves word and structure difficulties quickly, usually through self-correction.

Pace

1. Reads *slowly and laboriously*.
2. Reads *moderately slowly*.
3. Reads with an *uneven mixture of fast and slow pace*.
4. Consistently reads at *conversational pace*; appropriate rate throughout reading.

Staffing News

Mrs Barnet and her husband are expecting a baby in June.

Mr Palin and his partner are also expecting a baby in June.

The staffing in the majority of classes has stayed the same this term as last term. However, 2EC is now called 2KG and Mrs Gibbins has joined Mrs Hiscock in the classroom.

Miss Stone continues in 1SG with Mrs Muncaster who will be teaching along with Mrs Gobby on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Muncaster is with us on a supply basis until the summer term.

We also have two teacher trainees who have joined us. Miss Stevens in 1SG and Miss Craig is working with the Inclusion team. A very warm welcome to our new members of staff.

Jewellery

Just a reminder that the only jewellery allowed in school is a wrist watch or wrist band and stud earrings. The children have been wearing many of their Christmas presents this week please can you check in with this? Many thanks.

Toys / Items from home

A few children have been bringing in some of their Christmas presents into school. These range from fiddle toys to dolls. Please do keep these for home as they could be lost or damaged in school. They are also distracting! If your child does need a fiddle toy then Mrs Grant, our Inclusion Manager, will provide one as part of their pupil passport or Education Health Care Plan (EHCP). Thank you.

Queensgate PTFA News

Raisin Challenge

Our PTFA are sending home a box of raisins on Monday. Once your child has eaten their raisins please send the box back into school full of loose change. The money will go to the PTFA and eventually the children. Have a look at all the things the PTFA have bought for the children of Queensgate recently!



Dear families of Queensgate Foundation Primary School,

Happy new year! We hope you all had a good time over the holidays. On Monday the 9th of January we are kick-starting our fundraising with the fun'raisin' challenge!

During this event your child will receive a small box of raisins to take home, please feel free to eat the raisins inside! Then the challenge is to fill the box with copper or silver coins and return it to their class teacher. The class who raises the most money will receive a treat. The box will be given out on Monday 9th January and needs to be returned to school any time before the 28th of January.

We hope you participate in this wonderful event!

Yours faithfully

Queensgate PTFA

The next PTFA meeting is on **Wednesday 25th January** at 2pm in the training room. Please do come along. We will also be hosting our first ever table top sale on the school hall on Saturday 28th January, more details to follow.

Recent Fundraising Events



Neon Disco £461.05

Christmas Fayre - £1,289.08

Christmas Cards - £297.15

Total = £2,047.28



Attendance

Whole School Attendance this week is 93.59%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is RAB with 99.26%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 5TS with 99.33%



What's for dinner next week?

(Remember all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Free School dinners.)



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pesto Pasta Bake Served with Two Vegetables	Chinese Chicken Noodles Served with Two Vegetables	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Two Vegetables	Fish Fingers Served Chips
Vegetable Chilli Served with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetable Korma Served with Wholemeal Rice	Vegetable Pastry Roll Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Vegetarian Cottage Pie Served with Two Vegetables and Gravy	Tomato Veggie Burger Served with Chips
Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta
Fruity Flapjack Bar	Strawberry Ice Cream	Jelly with Fruit Slices	Chocolate Shortbread	Crispy Crackle Bar

Out and About

Out and About next week...

Please send you your child to school in warm play clothes, with a waterproof/warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves and wellies in a named bag.

Tuesday 10th January - RAB

Donkey Sanctuary - Please bring a small donation in a named envelope.

Ellis, Bowie, Milly, Louis, Rudy, Marnie-Rae, Evelyn, Jack, Freddie, Max, Lacey, Cassidy and Raemarni.

Wednesday 11th January - 1CE

Beach Clean - Freshwater Bay

Arthur, William, Hannah, Freddie, Tyler, Daisy, Mia, Teddy, Poppy, Levi, Gracie-Mai, Harvey, Caleb, Jamie and Corey.

Year 3 and Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons start next Tuesday afternoon (Year 3) and Wednesday afternoon (Year 5). Please ensure your child has a swimming costume/swim shorts, towel and goggles (if possible) in a named bag. Make sure all items of uniform and swim kit are named to avoid losing anything in the changing rooms or clothes getting muddled up. The children won't be allowed to shower after swimming so there is no need for shampoo or toiletries. Please note, we will return to school later than usual and aim to be back by approximately 3.10pm depending on traffic. We are aware that the children are all of varying abilities and look forward to seeing them all progress over the coming term, with our aim that all children can swim 25m by the time they leave Queensgate. If your child is feeling anxious at all about swimming lessons please re-assure them that our staff will support them in anyway they can to make it a really positive experience.

Diary Dates

<p>Monday 9th January - Golf group to Westridge Driving Range</p> <p>School Council meeting</p> <p>Anti-bullying ambassadors assembly to KS2</p> <p>Raisins given out to children</p>	<p>Tuesday 10th January - Year 3 swimming 1/10</p> <p>Anti-bullying ambassadors assembly to KS1</p>
<p>Wednesday 11th January - Year 5 swimming 1/10</p>	<p>Friday 13th January - Maths course for parents in training room</p>
<p>Tuesday 17th January - Year 3 swimming 2/10</p>	<p>Wednesday 18th January - Year 5 swimming 2/10</p>
<p>Tuesday 24th January - Year 3 swimming 3/10</p>	<p>Wednesday 25th January - Year 5 swimming 3/10</p> <p>PTFA meeting 2pm IN the training Room</p>
<p>Saturday 28th January - PTFA Table top sale</p>	<p>Tuesday 31st January - Year 3 swimming 4/10</p>
<p>Wednesday 1st February - Year 5 swimming 4/10</p>	<p>Friday 3rd February - Year 4 trip to Southampton Art Gallery</p>
<p>Monday 6th February - Year 2 Fire safety visit in School Council Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day</p> <p>Year 3 swimming 5/10</p>
<p>Wednesday 8th February - Interview Day for Part-time Year 1 teacher</p> <p>Year 5 swimming 5/10</p>	<p>Thursday 9th February - Visit in by author Peter J Murray (KS2)</p>
<p>Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February - Half term holiday</p>	<p>Monday 20th February - Children return to school for Spring Term 2</p>
<p>Tuesday 21st February - Year 3 swimming 6/10</p>	<p>Wednesday 22nd February - Year 5 swimming 6/10</p>
<p>Thursday 23rd February - Parents/Carers Evening 2 3.30pm - 6.50pm</p>	<p>Friday 24th February - Chef Workshop by Chartwells (KS2)</p>
<p>Tuesday 28th February - Skipping Workshop 1</p> <p>Year 3 swimming 7/10</p>	<p>Wednesday 1st March - Skipping Workshop 2</p> <p>Year 5 swimming 7/10</p>
<p>Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day</p>	<p>Monday 6th March - School Council Meeting</p>
<p>Tuesday 7th March - Year 3 swimming 8/10</p>	<p>Wednesday 8th March - Year 5 swimming 8/10</p>
<p>Tuesday 14th March - Year 3 swimming 9/10</p>	<p>Wednesday 15th March - Year 5 swimming 9/10</p>
<p>Tuesday 21st March to Friday 24th March - Year 6 Mock</p>	<p>Tuesday 21st March - Year 3 Swimming 10/10</p>
<p>Wednesday 22nd March - Year 5 Swimming 10/10</p>	<p>Tuesday 28th March - Sport for Champions Visit in</p>
<p>Wednesday 29th March - Easter Music Assembly</p>	<p>Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April - Easter holidays</p>
<p>Monday 17th April - Children return to school for Summer Term 1</p>	

And Finally... Have a lovely weekend. Enjoy reading with your child.

Best wishes,



Samantha Sillito Headteacher

Spanish After School fun club is back in the new year!

Clubs run straight after school on a Friday for 1 hour!
We have moved to the East Cowes Family Centre and collect children from Queensgate Primary at 3pm.

Please email lcclubs.iow@gmail.com for more information or follow the link to register your children - www.clubenrolment.com/LCFlanguagesIOW

This is run as an outside club provider and therefore the school cannot advise you any further, there is also a cost to the club.

Thank you

Ekine Fernandez Lane

Club tutor and area organiser



St John
Ambulance



Newport Badger Sett! Are looking for new members aged 5-10 years to come and join in with lots of games, fun learning new skills.

What we do...

We play games and work towards Badger subject badges and learn lifesaving first aid skills.



We meet on
Tuesday evening term time
at 18:00-19:15.
Dodner Park, 12 Manners
View, Newport, PO305FA.

For more information on how to
get involved...

www.sja.org.uk/badgers or email
me at Justina.Cootle@sja.org.uk

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DON'T MISS THIS FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM! Friday 17th & Saturday 18th February

Plus, new for this year, Thursday 16th for the over-12s

DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



Have you got
your tickets
yet?

Tickets are now on sale for the IW Story Festival at **Quay Arts** in Newport during February half term from www.quayarts.org

It's a chance to meet well-known performers and writers like **Simon Farnaby** (from Paddington 2, Horrible Histories and Ghosts) who will be talking about his **Wizard in My Shed** series of books.

Former CBeebies star, **Cerrie Burnell**, will also be there with her exciting adventure story about being different, **Wilder than Midnight**.



For younger children we have a world-exclusive. Author and illustrator Nicholas Allan will be revealing for the first time **The King's Pants** (some of you may already know and love one of his most famous books, **The Queen's Knickers**.)

There will be lots of other authors and illustrators for you to meet, some of them you may have heard of, some of them you may not. But all of them are worth seeing. Why not check some of them out before you come along: **Laura Ellen Adderson, Neal Layton, Jamie Littler, Gareth Peter, Kieran Larwood, Jules Harriner, Felicity Fair Thompson and Peta Rainford**

FAQs

Q: Do I need to get my tickets in advance?

A: It's a good idea. Tickets are selling fast! Get them from www.quayarts.org

Q: How much are tickets?

A: Some sessions are free, others cost between £3 and £6

Q: Is it just for people who like reading?

NO! The IW Story Festival isn't just about books! We've got lots of hands-on activities for you to get involved with – from making puppets to making rockets, illustrating comics to sewing a story. There will be storytellers and theatre performances too!

More information from: www.iwstoryfestival.com

Registered charity number: 1198024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A happy new year to you all! It was great hosting Reception children and staff at **East Cowes Community Library** last term. We hope they enjoyed their visit and their Book Trust 'Time to Read' book and told you about the library.

Using the library regularly supports learning and provides all children with a never-ending supply of books to foster their interests and love of reading.

Joining is free and (for children) ordering books from other libraries is too. Books may be borrowed from, or returned to, any Island library on their library card. Books are borrowed for three weeks, but may be renewed in person, online or by phone. Late return fees are **not charged** on the Island at present.

There is no lower or upper age restriction. We have a selection of baby board books, picture books, yellow label junior fiction for early independent readers and white label junior fiction for confident, older readers. There is also a junior non-fiction section, covering all subjects from dinosaurs, art and craft, hobbies, sport, history, places, cookery, pets, wild animals, vehicles and much more! Do pop in and join up... we can replace lost cards and change registration details too. **We look forward to seeing you and the children again soon!**

EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



We are now open in the East Side Curve. This new community hub is beside the Town Hall in York Avenue. Do pop in to view our new building and meet the staff and volunteers.

Opening Times
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
Saturday 9am to 1pm

We look forward to offering our community

- adult and children's books to browse and borrow
- books to request from stock or library service order
- monthly reading group and creative writing group
- weekly Rhyme Time and Story Time
- bus pass applications, printing and copying
- free wifi and laptop computer access
- help with enquiries, information and onward support
- a comfortable area to read newspapers and relax
- a winter 'Warm Space' with free coffee, tea or soup

Email: library@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk
Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, PO32 6RU
Phone: 01983 299082 (option 5)

EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



East Side Curve
Tuesday afternoons 4pm

Why not change your library books before or after the stories?



Come and join us to enjoy an informal story session from 4pm to 4.30pm every Tuesday afternoon.

Stories aimed at 7 and under.

Free to attend, no need to book. All welcome!

Email: library@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk
Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, PO32 6RU
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Stay in control of your child's health

NHS

Healthier Together is a website and mobile app that has been developed by healthcare professionals to provide comprehensive advice for parents, young people and pregnant women.



"It's like a mini doctor for you at home."

Using an easy-to-follow traffic light system, you'll find clear information on common childhood illnesses, including advice on what signs to look out for, when and where to seek help if required, what you should do to keep your child comfortable and how long your child's symptoms are likely to last.




"Brilliant. Simple, reassuring and helpful. Thank you!"



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Available on the App Store

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ADULT LEARNING

Spring 2023

All classes take place at
The Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde,
PO33 1QS unless otherwise stated.

*Concessionary rates are offered to learners who are in receipt of specific means tested benefits.



MULTIPLY

Does the thought of needing to do maths at work or at home make you anxious? Are you interested in **free** flexible courses to help improve your numeracy skills? Multiply is a new government-funded programme offering you free and easy-to-access courses and initiatives to help you brush up on your numeracy skills. Take your next step today and find courses and support to help.

For more information on Multiply courses being offered on the Island and to see if you qualify, please visit: www.iow.gov.uk/multiply

FREE ONLINE COURSES


A wide range of short courses are on offer through the Equal Learning Platform. New modules include:


Keeping Young People Safe Online, Stalking and Harassment Awareness, Suicide Awareness and Prevention, Menopause Awareness, Knife Crime Awareness and Understanding the Power of the Influencer.


For more details, please contact ad@iow.gov.uk


All classes are
for adults (19+ years old)

For more information
and to book your place
please get in touch.

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Computers for Beginners

6 week course > Thursday 5 January to 9 February > 1pm to 4pm > Free

Computers for Beginners

East Side Curve, East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes, PO32 6RU
6 week course > Wednesday 22 February to 29 March > 9.30am to 12.30pm > Free

Essential Digital Skills For Life Level Entry 3

12 week course > Thursday 5 January to 30 March > 9.30am to 12pm > Free

Essential Digital Skills For Work Level 1

10 week course > Monday 9 January to 20 March > 9.30am to 12.30pm > Free

ICDL Word Processing Level 1 and 2

6 week course > Tuesday 3 January to 7 February > 9.30am to 12.30pm > Free

ICDL Spreadsheets Level 1 and 2

6 week course > Thursday 23 February to 30 March > 1pm to 4pm > Free



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ART

Drawing Skills

3 week course > Monday 23 January to 6 February > 10am to 1pm > £55/£32*

Drawing with Pastels

3 week course > Monday 20 February to 6 March > 6pm to 8.30pm > £48/£28*

Watercolour Still Life

Workshop > Wednesday 22 February > 10am to 3pm > £35/£22*

From Reality to Abstraction

3 week course > Thursday 9 to 23 March > 6 to 8pm > £40/£25*

Landscapes using Acrylic Paint

Workshop > Wednesday 29 March > 10am to 3pm > £35/£22*

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Introduction to Crystals and Dowsing

Workshop > Saturday 18 March > 10am to 12pm > £10/£5*

Indian Head Massage

Workshop > Sunday 22 January > 10am to 1pm > £15/£8*

All classes are for adults (19+ years old)

FREE CAREERS APPOINTMENTS

Advice and guidance to enable you to realise your potential, so that you can confidently take the next step into learning or employment.

For more details, please contact ad@iow.gov.uk

CRAFT

Embroidery for Beginners

2 week course > Thursday 19 to 26 January > 6pm to 8.30pm > £35/£22*

Knitted Ear Warmer

Workshop > Sunday 29 January > 10am to 2pm > £25/£15*

Weaving with Wire

Workshop > Saturday 25 February > 10am to 3pm > £35/£22*

Interior Design – Planning your Next Project

5 week course > Wednesday 1 to 29 March > 6pm to 8pm > £55/£30*

Applique Funky Tote Bag

2 week course > Friday 10 to 17 March > 10am to 2pm > £50/£30*

Crochet for Beginners

3 week course > Monday 13 to 27 March > 6pm to 8pm > £40/£25*

Natural Woven Wall or Window Decoration

Workshop > Wednesday 15 March > 10am to 3pm > £35/£22*

Island Life in Lino Printing


2 day course > Saturday 18 March and Sunday 19 March > 10am to 2pm > £50/£30*


Recycled Flower Wreath

Workshop > Friday 24 March > 10am to 3pm > £35/£22*

For more information and to book your place please get in touch.

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WORKSHOP MORNING

£10/£5*

Workshop > Sunday 5 February > 10am to 12pm

Macrame Keyring

Produce a beautiful keyring using simple macrame knots.

Painting with Tissue Paper

Explore ways of bleeding tissue paper to produce art that looks like a watercolour.

Needle Felted Mini Picture

Create a mini landscape picture using merino fibres and needle felting techniques.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WORKSHOPS

£10/£5*

Workshop > Sunday 5 March > 10am to 12pm

Open to adults 19+ with one accompanied child over 10yrs

Weaved Wall Art

Make a woven wall hanging using mixed media and personal items.

Springtime Wreath

Discover your creative skills and create your very own seasonal wreath.

Felt Keyring

Create a colourful keyring and you'll never lose your keys again (hopefully).

