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**Queensgate Foundation
Primary School**



Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year

Thank you for the cards and gifts that you gave to the staff and me before the Christmas holidays. It was Benji's first Christmas, but he instinctively knew how to open the gifts that you so kindly gave him.

It has been great to welcome all the children back to school and it has been lovely to re-instate assemblies again. This week's theme was our school code and Zones of Regulation. We looked at the Zones of Regulation through pictures of Benji in the blue zone, green zone, yellow zone and red zone. Have a look at the Zones of Regulation yourselves you may find them useful to use at home to help your child to regulate their feelings. Here is the website <https://www.zonesofregulation.com>

In next week's assemblies we will be thinking about Going for Goals. Have a chat to your children about what goals they would like to achieve; maybe you can share your goals with your child too. I haven't forgotten about the Focus Learners who did not get their assembly before Christmas. Next Friday, 14th January, we will have two Focus Learner assemblies. The first assembly will be for years R, 1 and 2 and will be at 1 pm. The second assembly will be for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and will be at 2:30 pm. If your child missed their assembly slot they will share their work over the next few Friday's assemblies. Miss Rorich will let you know which children this affects and when their slot will be.

If your child is a Focus Learner you are welcome to make an appointment with the class teacher to come and take part in a lesson so that you can see how we teach the children. Currently, we expect visitors to the school to wear a mask please.

New Music Teacher

Just a reminder that we welcomed a new music teacher to the Queensgate team this week. Her name is Mrs W. Webb. She met the children in assemblies this week. You will also have received a letter about a choir that Mrs Webb is starting as an after school club on a Tuesday. Mrs Webb has already registered the Queensgate choir (yet to be formed!) in the music festival in March. It will take hard work and commitment.

Site Manager

We are still looking for a new Site Manager so that Mr Cox can retire! The hours are 7:00 – 12:00 every day. The role involves unlocking the school; keeping the school safe and tidy; basic maintenance; managing contractors and driving and maintaining the mini buses. I would be very happy to show you around the school and chat about the role in more detail with you. Please see me on the year 5/6 door in the mornings or give us a call on 292872.

Please also see the advert on page 7 of this newsletter.

Clubs

As always the Queensgate staff are generous with their time in terms of providing extra-curricular clubs for the children.

Clubs will start up again from Monday 17th January 2022 for Y3, 4, 5 and Y6.

Y6 Homework Club and Y5 Homework Club will carry on from last term but if your child is interested please email office@queensgateprimary.co.uk and Miss Rorich can add on if needed. Please book your child's place through Clubbly.co.uk. You will need to sign up to be able to register for a club. Please do not book on more than one club per child unless you receive a text message to say there are spaces to be filled. Also please do not book your child into a club they have already done to make it fair for everyone to get a go. Spaces will be text out.

Club	Staff member in charge	Year	Max	Venue	Time	Day
Homework club	Mrs Adams & Miss Hume	Y5	20	5RA	3 - 4pm	Monday
Boys football	Mr Giles	Y4 & 5	20	Field	3 - 4pm	Monday
Girls football	Miss Cordon	Y3,4,5 & 6	20	Field	3 - 4pm	Monday
Benji DT club	Miss Radcliffe	Y5 & 6	8	6LR	3 - 4pm	Monday
Cookery club	Miss Young + Miss Lovett	Y4, 5 & 6	10	Cookery room	3 - 4pm	Monday
Festival Choir Club	Mrs W Webb & Mrs Kingsbury	Y3,4,5 & 6	28	Music Room	3 - 4pm	Tuesday
Badminton club	Miss Radcliffe	Y4, 5 & 6	15	Hall	3 - 4pm	Tuesday
Netball club	Mrs Piner	Y3,4,5 & 6	20	Playground	3 - 4pm	Wednesday
Year 6 homework club	Miss Radcliffe	Y6	30	6LR	3 - 4pm	Thursday
C4L	Mrs Tilling & Mrs Jacobs	Y3(invite only)	12	Hall	3 - 4pm	Friday
Computer club	Mr Tilling	Y3,4,5 +6	15	3PT	3 - 4pm	Friday

Please note Cookery will cost £2 per session, all other clubs are free of charge.

A huge thank you to all the Queensgate staff for offering to run these clubs.

The PTFA Needs You

The PTFA are holding their next meeting, which is an EGM at **7 pm** at the Lifeboat pub on **Monday 10th January**. Please go along if you can. Here is a message from the co-chair:

Dear parents, pupils and family members. Our EGM has been set for the 10th January 2022 at 7pm at the Lifeboat Pub/Restaurant. We are quite a small committee and the majority of our parents have children in KS2, we would love for some parents in KS1 to join us so that the PTFA is able to carry on when KS2 children leave the school.

As a parent and staff member at Queensgate you are already part of the PTFA, but we always welcome new members who want to take a more active role and join the committee, so don't be shy, come and say hi!



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
Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Dough Balls	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Lasagne with a Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Veggie Bolognese	Allegra's Oodles of Noodles	Creamy Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Chickpea and Potato Curry	Tomato Veggie Burger and Chips
Carrot Sticks and Cucumber Sticks	Broccoli and Peas	Cabbage and Carrots	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Peas and Baked Beans
Flapjack with Fruit Slices	Peach Shortbread Pudding & Custard	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake	Fruity Chocolate Brownie	Vanilla Ice Cream

Please note that all meals are subject to change due to availability of produce.

Packed Lunches

According to [NHS choices](#) a balanced lunchbox should contain:

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit

Have a look at this website for some inspirational ideas [School packed lunch inspiration | BBC Good Food](#)



Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears warm play clothes, lots of layers, hat, scarf, gloves, wellies and a warm waterproof coat. Bring shoes in a named bag to change into for the afternoon.

Tuesday am - RAB Visiting the Donkey Sanctuary

Please bring some loose change in an envelope to put in their donation bucket.

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

Wednesday am -1CE Beach clean

Leo, Mia, Callum, Ayia, Theo, Layla, Freddie, Lille-Mae, Nathan, Emily, Arlo, Jamie and Milana.

Swimming lessons start next week:

Tuesday pm - Year 3

Wednesday pm - Year 5

We are looking forward to our first swimming lessons next week. Please ensure your child has a swimsuit / swim shorts (it's worth checking they fit over the weekend), goggles and a towel with them in a bag. Please note, the coach and minibus will not return to school until approx 3.15pm.

Love reading?

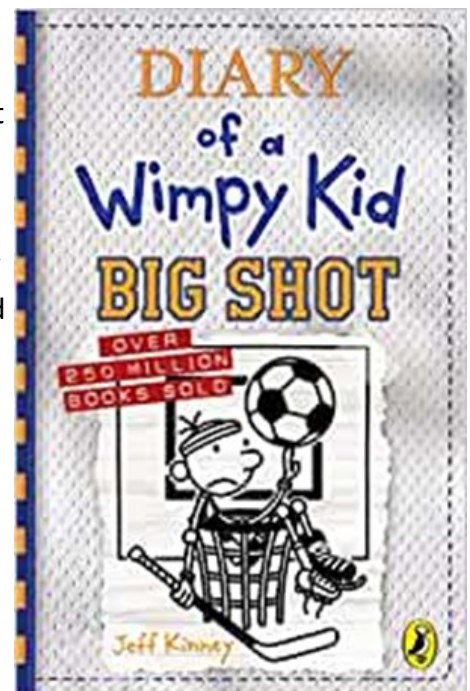
Then try this....

Lexie in 4AH is very excited to tell you all about her reading! She has been reading the brand new Diary of a Wimpy Kid book called Big Shot. It's so new, it's still in hardback. She got it when it first came out when she went shopping with her nan.

Lexie has read other books in this series and she thinks that this one is the best. In this story Greg's mum signed him up for lots of different sports clubs but the trouble is that Greg is not very good at sport! There's lots of funny bits in this book, especially when the dogs are doing tricks and Greg gets bashed in the belly by a basket ball.

Lexie would like to recommend this book to all her friends at Queensgate and anyone that likes reading.

We'd love to know what you are reading at home. If you have any reading recommendations, please let us know so we can share them here.



Whole school attendance 93.41%.

Remember that good attendance will help your child to succeed at school.

This week 4AH & 6TS achieved 100% attendance! Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

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Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

Spring Term Dates

Monday 10.01.22	7pm EGM for the PTFA at the Lifeboat
Tuesday 11.01.22	Year 3 Swimming (1 of 10)
Wednesday 12.01.22	Year 5 Swimming (1 of 10)
Friday 14.01.22	1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) + AJ, Caleb, Arthur, Paisley, Joe and Bella 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2) + Brooke, Levi, Elanor, Zachary, Isabella and Jack
Tuesday 18.01.22	Year 3 Swimming (2 of 10)
Wednesday 19.01.22	Year 5 Swimming (2 of 10)
Friday 21.01.22	1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) + Tylan, Cloe, Ralph, Leo, Maddie and Milana 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2) + Emily, Theo, Alayna, Jude, Evie and
Tuesday 25.01.22	Year 3 Swimming (3 of 10)
Wednesday 26.01.22	Year 5 Swimming (3 of 10)
Friday 28.01.22	1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) + Mia, Toby, Hannah, Harvey, Leah and Joshua 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2) + Lily, Malix, Emmi-Rose, Jaymie, Katie and Alfie
Tuesday 01.02.22	Year 3 Swimming (4 of 10)
Wednesday 02.02.22	Year 5 Swimming (4 of 10)
Friday 04.02.22	1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2) + Summer, Ashton, Lily-Mae, Jake,
Monday 07.02.22	Skipping Workshop Day 1
Tuesday 08.02.22	Skipping Workshop Day 2 Year 3 Swimming (5 of 10)
Wednesday 09.02.22	Year 5 Swimming (5 of 10)
Friday 11.02.22	1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2)
Tuesday 15.02.22	Fire Safety Team in to visit Year 2 Year 3 Swimming (6 of 10)
Wednesday 16.02.22	Year 5 Swimming (6 of 10)
Thursday 17.02.22	9.30 – 11.30 Peter Murray (author) in to work with KS2 in hall
Friday 18.02.22	1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) PM Peter Murray (author) in to sign books 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2)
Monday 21.02.22 to Friday 25.02.22	HALF TERM
Monday 28.02.22	1st Day Spring 2nd half
Tuesday 01.03.22	Year 3 Swimming (7 of 10)
Wednesday 02.03.22	Year 5 Swimming (7 of 10) 3.10 – 4.50 Parents Evening 1
Thursday 03.03.22	3.30 – 6.50 Parents evening 2
Friday 04.03.22	Music Festival for School Choir (Mrs W. Webb) 1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2)
Tuesday 08.03.22	Year 3 Swimming (8 of 10)
Wednesday 09.03.22	Year 5 Swimming (8 of 10)
Friday 11.03.22	
	Working together for a successful future
Monday 14.03.22	

Spring Term Dates - continued

Thursday 10.03.22	2.30 Year 6 SATS parents information meeting
Friday 11.03.22	1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2)
Monday 14.03.22	Mock SATs week (Year 6) Chris Cheal (Hampshire Advisor in) 7pm EGM for the PTFA at the Lifeboat
Tuesday 15.03.22	Year 3 Swimming (9 of 10)
Wednesday 16.03.22	Year 5 Swimming (9 of 10)
Friday 18.03.22	1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2)
Tuesday 22.03.22	Year 3 Swimming (10 of 10)
Wednesday 23.03.22	Year 5 Swimming (10 of 10)
Friday 25.03.22	1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2)
Tuesday 29.03.22	3pm – 5.45pm Isle of Wight Football Final 1 @ Queensgate
Wednesday 26.03.22	Year 5 Swimming (3 of 10)
Thursday 31.03.22	3pm – 5.45pm Isle of Wight Football Final 2 @ Queensgate
Friday 01.04.22	1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2)
Monday 04.04.22	3pm – 5.45pm Isle of Wight Football Final 4 @ Queensgate
Friday 04.02.22	1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2)
Tuesday 05.04.22	3pm – 5.45pm Isle of Wight Football Final 5 @ Queensgate
Friday 08.04.22	1.00 Focus Learner Assembly (KS1) 2.30 Focus Learner Assembly (KS2)
Monday 11.04.22 to Friday 22.04.22	Easter Holidays
Monday 25th April	First day of Summer term

The Adult Community Learning Spring Programme of courses and workshops is now out. We offer learning opportunities for adults who live on the Isle of Wight and are aged 19 upwards. Our wide range of courses can help you get new skills and re-connect with learning, or help you follow an interest, grow in confidence, achieve a qualification, or prepare for employment.



- Arts and crafts workshops
- Online courses
- ICT (Information Communication Technology)
- Maths and English Functional Skills
- Careers appointments

For more information check out our website pages www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses or contact us acl@iow.gov.uk or 817280



Queensgate Foundation Primary School



A rare and unique opportunity has arisen!

Queensgate Foundation Primary School is a thriving two-form entry primary school in East Cowes. The school has had three consecutive "Good" Ofsted inspections since opening.

We are looking to appoint a Premises Manager
25 hours per week. Scale pt 7. Actual salary £13575.67
This will be a permanent position, following probationary period – 52 weeks per year

We are looking to appoint someone who:

- is experienced, highly-motivated and committed to supporting and enhancing our learning environment; overseeing the day-to-day management of the school site
- will ensure a high level of hygiene and safety is maintained
- undertake general caretaking, maintenance and cleaning duties
- has excellent organisational skills and is able to communicate well with others
- can work well as part of a team
- is reliable with excellent attendance
- can demonstrate in their application they can fulfil the main duties of the job description and person specification as a minimum
- holds a current MiDAS certificate or is prepared to train as mini bus driver

We can offer:

- a very supportive, cheerful and positive staff team
- a leadership team, which keep children at the heart of their decision making
- a new building
- wonderful children

You are warmly welcomed to visit the school for a tour – please call 01983 292872 to arrange

To apply for this position please check out the Vacancies section on our school website:
www.queensgateprimary.co.uk or contact admin@queensgateprimary.co.uk for an application pack

Closing date: Friday 21st January 2022 - noon

Interview date: Thursday 27th January 2022

Start date: As soon as possible

***The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children. The successful applicant will require an enhanced DBS clearance.
The school is committed to equal opportunities.***

Working Together for a Successful Future



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COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR

OPEN MORNING

On:

Tuesday 18th January, 2022 at 9:05am

We are keen on inviting members of our local community to have a say and input into our new sensory area. We want to provide an area that will appeal to the 5 senses: Sight, Smell, taste, touch and hearing.

The School Council will have already collected the views of the students of Queensgate, but we are keen to get ideas from parents, grandparents and other members of the local community. It may even be possible to set up an allotment style arrangement when the school is closed for the summer holidays.

The PTFA will also be holding a coffee morning at the same time so please come and see them, have a chat and maybe even sign up to help!

