

Busy Times

Dear Families,

East Cowes Town Carol Service

On Sunday 10th December the Queensgate choir will be singing at the Churches Together service at St James Church, East Cowes. The service is at 4pm and everyone is welcome to join together to sing carols.

Recycled and Natural Decorations

Thank you to everyone who brought in recycled or natural homemade decorations for our recycled themed tree for the Whippingham Church Christmas Tree Festival. Mr Salter made us a recycled tree made from an old wooden pallet. The decorations all look brilliant. Here are some examples and what the tree looks like overall. The Christmas Tree will be on show at St Mildred's Church, Whippingham from 14th to the 17th December.



The Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to our PTFA and everyone who helped to make our Christmas Fair such a success. Over £2000.00 was taken on the day and there was an overall profit of over £1,300.00. As well as the money raised it was a lovely event that was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Father Christmas for coming to see us at this very busy time of year. I know the children really enjoyed seeing him.

Pupil Progress Meetings

As you know every term Mr Chubb, Mrs Grant and I meet all the teachers to discuss the progress of every child in the school. These progress meetings will be taking place next week.

Reception Nativity



On **Tuesday 12th December** our Reception classes will be performing the Christmas Nativity to our friends from Seashells and some of the children at Queensgate.

On **Thursday 14th December at 9:15 am** our Reception classes will be performing their Christmas Nativity to you. Please come through the main entrance after you have dropped your child off and go through to the hall. All are welcome. We are not charging for this event, but there will be an opportunity for donations. Any monies will go back to Reception classes for resources.

Christmas Carol Service

We are holding a whole school Christmas Carol Service next **Wednesday 13th December**. The whole school have learnt some carols and some children will be doing Bible readings.

Monitoring Visit

Representatives from the Local Authority will be visiting Queensgate on Wednesday to chat to children about their learning and teachers about their teaching and subject leadership.

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Next Thursday 14th December it is our Christmas Dinner Day and the children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper if they would like to. We have bought the pantomime Puss in Boots for the children to watch.



The Last Week of Term

On Tuesday 19th December (which is our last day before the Christmas holidays) the children are welcome to wear their own clothes to school. Please make sure it is suitable and warm enough for a school day. They will be off timetable and doing some Christmas activities and party games.

Attendance

There is a new document out which talks about attendance going down towards the end of term. Currently our attendance is sitting just above the national average. Please help us to keep or improve this position by sending your children to school everyday right to the end of term.

On Friday 15th December we will be having an attendance assembly to celebrate all the children who have in excess of 98% attendance.

Student Raises Money for Charity

Brooke in Year 6 will be having fifteen inches cut off her hair in February half term to support Little Princess Trust to support people who have lost their hair. Brooke's hair will go to make a wig for someone else.





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 Served with Potato Wedges	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
Stir Fried Vegetable Rice	Vegetarian Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY	Crispy Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta		Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta
Chocolate Brownie	Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit	Original Flapjack	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY	Vanilla Ice Cream

Christmas Dinner Day - See menu on page 12

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 95.5%

Whole School Attendance this week is 92.49%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1SM with 94.24%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 5TS with 96.67%



Out & About

Next term the children in **Year 2** will be learning about the history of flight. In readiness, our **2KA** Out and About team visited Bembridge Airport on Tuesday. The children were shown around the Air Traffic Control offices and hangar. Each child had the special opportunity to sit in the pilot's seat of a two seater aeroplane. They learnt about the different parts of the plane and were able to move the joystick to raise the ailerons (on the wings) and elevator (on the tail) up and down, imagining they were steering the plane up in the sky!

"We went to the airport. We learnt all about aeroplanes and we got to sit in a real plane. We were allowed to move the joystick which moves parts of the wings and the tail. My favourite bit was getting to steer the plane." Charlie F 2KA

"I liked sitting in the plane! We learnt about the parts of the plane. We could move the elevator on the tail of the plane which would move the plane up and down in the air." AJ 2KA



On Tuesday afternoon the **3AH** Out and About group visited the Shipwreck Centre and Maritime Museum to learn more about the Stone Age. The children found out about Maritime archaeologist's findings at Bouldnor Cliff, Yarmouth, dating back from a Mesolithic village. They took part in an activity to demonstrate how artefacts can be dated based on which strata they are found within. The children enjoyed exploring the museum, following clues to complete a trail.

"We went to the museum. We saw lots of things from the Stone Age, they were found by a lobster under the sand. We did an experiment putting a straw into layers of clay to get the stratas out (stratigraphy). My favourite bit was finding the buttons to press, to hear the clues in the museum. It was really satisfying!" Riley H 3AH



Working together for a successful future

Out and About continued

Earlier in the Autumn term the children in **Year 4** were focusing on the topic of Farming. The **4BM** Out and About group visited Nettlecombe Farm on Wednesday morning to consolidate some of their Science and Geography work. The children had a tour of the farm where they had the chance to hand feed lots of animals. They discussed and compared the animals teeth/beaks, feet, diet and digestive system. It was amazing to see the children develop in confidence with the animals, as they toured the farm. The children were even lucky enough to meet two reindeers, although they don't belong to Father Christmas, they are on his emergency list if he needs to substitute one when passing over the Island!

"We went to the farm. First we fed some chickens, then we went to see the goats. We found out that the goats and sheep are ruminants like the cows at Briddlesford. After that we saw some reindeers. They were cute but the velvet was falling off their antlers. The velvet falls off before Christmas time, then after Christmas their antlers fall off and they grow new ones!

We went to feed the sheep and there was one called Alfie! We went in and cuddled some of them, some didn't want to be cuddled and walked away. We fed the alpacas and had to tip their food in their bowl. Then we went to feed Dylan the donkey." Alfie S 4BM



The **1SM** Out and About team were challenged to help look for another lost toy at Puckpool park! The children found clues and maps left by a small bear cub around the old barracks and play park. They worked well as a team to read the clues and work out where to go next, using the maps they had found. The children were all very enthusiastic and keen to help find the bear! They enjoyed a chocolate coin each as a reward for finding him and had fun playing in the park together. Well done children.

"We went to Puckpool Park. We were trying to find Milo's lost teddy. Then we found it. We then had a play in the park, it was a surprise." Jacob 1SM



Out and About next week...

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Please ensure your child wears suitable warm play clothes (that can get muddy), and they bring a warm coat, hat, scarves, gloves and wellies. Lots of the children have been chilly and under-dressed this week so worth layering up.

Tuesday am - 2KG

Bembridge Airport

**Wellies aren't needed but wrap up warm.*

Lexi, Lena, Daisy, Poppy, Milania, Macie, Ellis, Teddy, Levi, Harvey, Joe, Seb, Harry N and Jack.

Tuesday pm - 3AH

Shipwreck and Maritime Museum

**Wellies aren't needed but wrap up warm.*

Callum, Henley, Oliver C, Archie, Max, James, Ollie L, Jack, Mia, Ayia, Peyton, Danielle and Milana.

Wednesday am - 4BM

Briddlesford Farm

Harley B, Zayn, Tayla, Joshua, Harvey D, Scarlett, Maisy, Ella, Toby, Harley T, Flynn, James, Mirabelle, Georgie and Logan F.

**Please note - all children will need to wear wellies on the farm. If your child doesn't have any, please ask in advance and we will try to loan them some for the session.*

Wednesday pm - 1SM

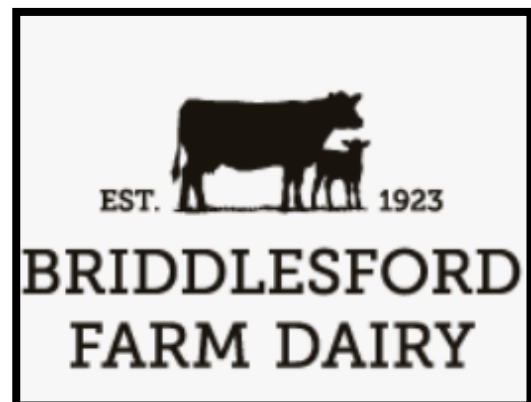
Local Area (due to whole school Christmas Assembly)

Rudy, Freddie, Elijah, Ace, Lenny, Marley, Harrison, Harry, Milly, Marnie-Rae, Rosie, Isabelle, Cassidy and Sadie.

Out & About Feedback

Here's a quote from Chris at Briddlesford Farm:

We always enjoy your visits to the farm and your children are a credit to you and the school.



Well done to all of the Year 4 children who have been to visit Briddlesford Farm this term.



Family Support

Over the past few weeks I have been looking into what financial support families can access locally in the run up to Christmas. If you are worried about the extra costs of Christmas and would like support please get in contact with myself, Mrs Jeffers, as soon as possible. Ajeffers@queensgateprimary.co.uk

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🌐 www.citizensadviceiw.org.uk/money-advice-team

Buying food

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Join a community pantry and for £5 a week, receive over £15 worth of food.
☎ 01983 296592 East Cowes Community Pantry
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Paying for broadband and mobile phone

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Feeling lonely

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☎ 01983 240732
✉ reception@lweh.org.uk
🌐 www.lweh.org.uk

In a crisis

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Music

East Cowes Town Carol Service – Sunday 10th December – 4.00pm

Just reminding all choir members that the town carol service is this Sunday at St. James' Church near Waitrose. Please be at the church by 3.50pm and wear your smartest school uniform.

Everyone is welcome so bring as many family and friends as you can. We will be singing "He is Immanuel".

If other Queensgate children want to come and join us, that would be lovely; just make sure they are wearing school uniform.

All children singing need to be accompanied by a family member who is responsible for them and stays at the church for the service. There is no drop-off and collect later facility for this event.

Year 4 link to Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Learning Resources

Year 4 will be going to Portsmouth in the Spring term to participate in a schools' concert put on by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. This concert is interactive with children singing, signing and joining in with other pieces using dance moves and body percussion activities.

Mrs Webb has begun teaching the interactive elements in music classes but the children will need lots of practise to secure all the different elements. If they would like to, they can use the link below to access all the teaching and learning videos produced by the BSO:

<https://bsolive.com/participate/explore-the-orchestra-resources-dance/>

Year 2 Trip to Osborne House on Tuesday 5th December

The Year 2 children who were not going Out and About with Mrs Johnson went out to Osborne House with Mrs Webb this week to look at the beautiful Christmas trees around the house, to do Christmas craft activities and to sing and perform in the Durbar Room. We met up with pupils from Nettlestone Primary and enjoyed listening to them perform two songs they had prepared after singing two of our own songs to them. It was a lovely morning and the children were a credit to Queensgate. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who accompanied us and made the trip possible.

Choir Sing at Kynance House

On Wednesday afternoon, the choir walked to Kynance House to sing carols and songs to the residents. They sang beautifully and lots of the residents joined in with some traditional carols as part of the programme. Mrs Webb and Mrs Kingsbury were incredibly proud of the way the children sang and of the way they represented the school. The manager was full of praise for the children and gave each one of them a goody bag as a thank you which was an added bonus.

Sports Roundup

On Friday 1st December, a team of Year 6 boys and girls attended the Cowes Cluster group basketball tournament. We played Cowes, Gurnard, Northwood and Hunnyhill schools at Cowes Enterprise College. We faced many challenges, including a much bigger court and much higher nets than we were used to however, this did not stop us and our Queensgate perseverance and spirit helped us reach 2nd in the group! This meant we were through to the Island Finals and so on Wednesday 6th December, we travelled to West Wight Sports centre to compete against the top schools across the Island. Once again, we played with grit and determination until the final whistle against Ryde, Barton, Godshill and Lanesend schools. This was some tough competition but we still got some great shots in. Overall we came 8th across the Island, the children all had a wonderful experience and were incredibly proud of making it to the final.



Football:

The **Year 4 boys** played their second game of the season against Nine acres. Having lost their first game, the boys were determined to win this one. The game begun and it was very competitive from the off. Nine Acres struck first making it 1-0 after 10 mins, however the boys battled back well to make it 1-1 before the half time whistle. The boys came round for a team talk. We spoke about releasing the ball quicker and making sure we kept our position. The second half kicked off and the boys were first to the ball. After a brilliant header from Jesse R, the score was now 2-1 to Queensgate. The boys continued to create chances throughout the second half whilst defending well. The game finished 3 - 2 to Queensgate. This was a well-deserved win for the team and they will look to take this form into their next game.

The **Year 4 girls** travelled to Dover Park for their 2nd league game of the year. Arriving at Dover Park, we knew that conditions were going to be wet, however after looking at the pitch it was very muddy. This didn't put the girls off and they got stuck into the game straight away. Throughout the first half, the girls found it hard to string any passes together due to the conditions and the ball not rolling very well. Despite this, the girls fought hard and earned themselves a 1-0 lead at halftime. The girls came round for a team talk and we decided that, due to the conditions, we were going to have to be a lot stronger with our passes and to try and keep the ball in the oppositions half where possible. The girls



went into the second half full of confidence. The team started to adapt to the muddy pitch and went on to score a further three goals with Tilly J scoring an amazing hat-trick. The full-time whistle blew and the game finished 4 - 0 to Queensgate.

This was a brilliant performance by the girls and earns them a vital three points in the league.

The **Year 5** boys had their first game of the year versus The Bay. We faced The Bay last year and knew they would be tough opponents. After a long wait, the game finally begun and the boys were first to the ball. They created several chances for themselves however failed to find the back of the net. The first half came to an end and the boys had a chance to take a breather and get some water onboard. At halftime, we spoke about how we needed to be more clinical when going forward and shoot when we got the chance. The second half begun and again the boys started to dominate. Throughout the second half, the boys kept The Bay under immense pressure and were looking like they were going to go on and score. Unfortunately for the team, they ran out of time and the game finished 0 - 0. This was a great performance by the team and they will hope they can build on this and win their next game.

The **Year 6** girls travelled to Greenmount for their next match in the league. The girls were very excited going into the game as their previous games had been cancelled due to the weather. Despite the bitter conditions, the girls got stuck in from the first whistle. They managed to put Greenmount under pressure with some quick attacks, whilst defending efficiently. Just before the half time break, the girls broke away with a fierce attack and made the score 1 - 0 to Queensgate. The girls gathered round for a half time team talk. We spoke about not committing too many people forward in attack and to hold our positions. The girls took this onboard and went into the second half full of confidence. They started the second half sharply, again pinning Greenmount back into their own half. Through persistent attacks, the girls made the score 2 - 0 through a brilliant strike from Alayna E. The game came to a close and the final score was 2 - 0 to Queensgate. This was a great bounce back from the girls after a tough couple of results previously. They will look to carry on this form going into their next game.

Archery and Curling Festival



Yesterday, a group of **Year 5** children travelled to Ventnor Cricket club to take part in an Archery and Curling festival. They all got to have a go at both sports, with a little bit of competition added in. All of the children received medals for excellent behaviour and participation. No scores were kept, however Emily B was the only person to hit the bullseye in archery from the further distance. This earned her an extra medal and a high 5 from Mr Harris, who organises these events. They all had a great afternoon and enjoyed learning new skills.

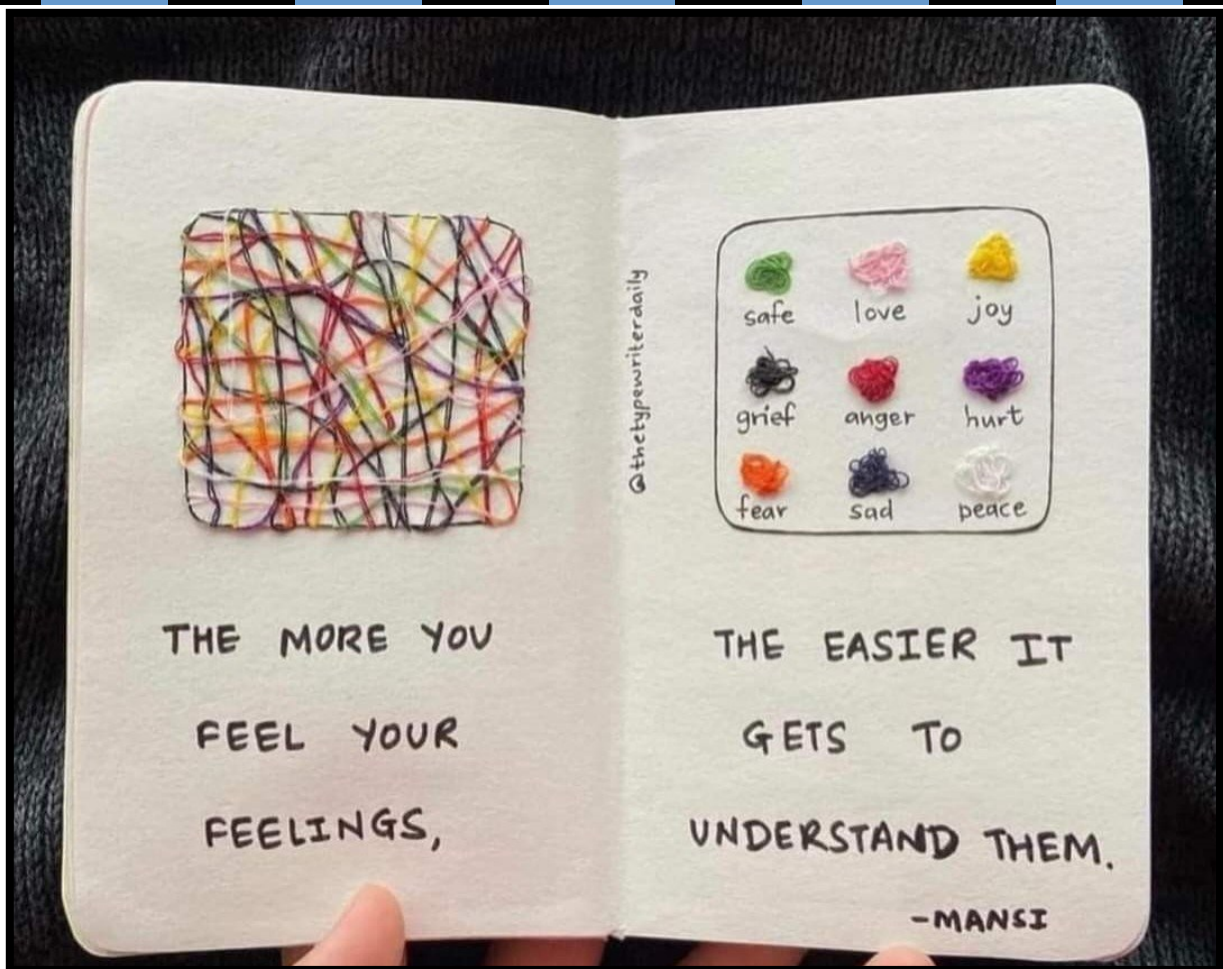
Benji's Blog

It's been a while since we've heard what Benji has been up to. As always he is on door duty welcoming the children in first thing in the morning. He spends his time during the day, in between working with the children or attending meetings, in either Mrs Sillito's office, Mrs Grants Office or in 6LR classroom. He now has a new den for some downtime when in 6LR - it's a no children zone! Here he is taking a break!



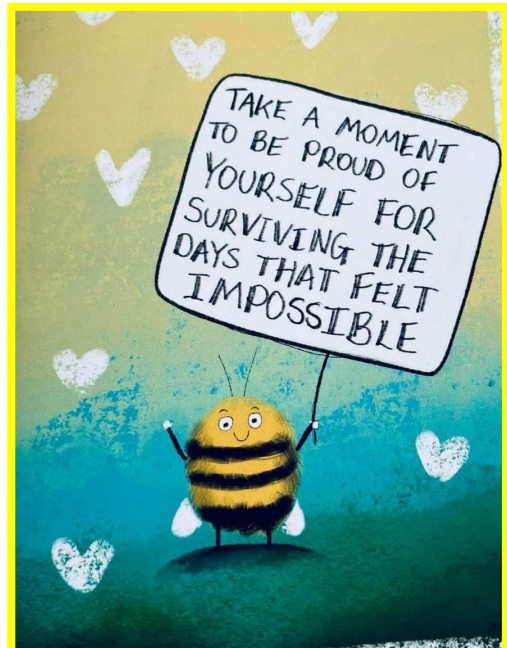
Lost Property

Next Thursday 14th, Friday 15th, Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th a lost property rail will be erected in the main entrance foyer. Included will be lots of items that have not been reunited with their owners due to not being named. If your child has lost anything, please do have a look and a rummage.



And Finally...

Enjoy your weekend. As ever please Chat, Read and play with your children.



Best wishes,

Sillito

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



Merry Christmas

MAINS

Roast Turkey
or
Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry Slice

SIDES

Roast Potatoes
Pigs in Blankets
Stuffing & Gravy
Carrots & Peas

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