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Queensgate Foundation
Primary School



Valentine Discos on Thursday

Dear Parents and Carers,

Skipping Workshops

We have had an extremely busy week in school this week. On Monday and Tuesday all the children in the school took part in skipping workshops with Lizzie. The children thoroughly enjoyed their workshops and we all enjoyed the assembly showcases. So many children learnt to do things that they hadn't been able to do before. Check out this link on YouTube to see some of the skills the children were taught in their workshops. <https://youtu.be/TUbsBmh5lfs> Maybe you can try some skipping with your children too.

Lizzie wrote an email to Mr Giles saying,

"A highlight of my year is coming to the Island for a 'working holiday' to visit you all!"

It is a highlight of our year too.



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Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day. It is really important that the children know how to stay safe on line. Have a chat with them about the work that they did about this in school this week.

Author in School

We are delighted to be welcoming children's author **Pete J Murray** to speak to Key Stage 2 pupils on **Thursday 17th February**.

Peter writes books for 7 – 13 year olds. He is the author of the popular Mokee Joe series and the chilling Bonebreaker trilogy. His debut novel, Mokee Joe is Coming! was winner of the 'Sheffield Children's Book Award' in the shorter novel category.

Peter believes in bringing his spooky stories to life by using realistic settings and basing them on historical facts. As one

child-reviewer said of Mokee Joe – 'Peter J Murray's stories are pure fantasy, but totally believable!'

He is passionate in his quest to promote literacy in schools and to inspire even the least confident children to use their imagination and achieve creative success.

Peter will be selling and signing his own books in the dining hall on **Friday 18th February**.



Valentine Discos

Our PTFA are running Valentine Discos on Thursday 17th February. You **must** book a space through Classlist <https://app.classlist.com/login/#/>

Reception class will need to bring their disco clothes in a bag and please hand in their £1.50 disco money in an envelope. All other year groups can bring their £2 with them to their allotted disco.

3 - 3.30 **Reception** Disco

4 - 4.45 **Year 1** and **Year 2** Disco

5 - 5.45 **Year 3** and **Year 4** Disco

6 - 6.45 **Year 5** and **Year 6** Disco

Parents and Carers Consultations

From Monday 14th February 6pm you will be able to book your slot for our next parent and carer consultations. These are on **Wednesday 2nd March 3:10 – 4:40** and **Thursday 3rd March 3:30 - 6:40**. Each appointment is 10 minutes long and is designed to let you know how your child is progressing at school. You will also get an attendance printout and a mini report suggesting the areas that you can work on at home with your child. We are aiming to see every family. Bookings close 6pm on 27th February

Year 4 - An appeal for resources!

The children in Year 4 are designing and making their own animal feeders in DT and will be using recyclable materials such as: plastic bottles, tins, cardboard and other containers. We would like the children to find the resources they need from home and bring them into school to use. As they have already completed their designs they should know which items they will need to find around the house. Materials need to be in school by Tuesday so that they can build their creations. Thank you.





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
Macaroni Cheese	Allegra's Chicken Filo Pie with Mashed Potato	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Bolognese	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Vegetable Burrito Wrap	Allegra's BBQ Beans served with cornbread	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Roast Potatoes	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice	Meat-free Nuggets and Chips
Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Peas and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream	Brownie	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Berry and Peach Oaty Crumble with Custard	Orange, Sultana and Carrot Cake Slice

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

Love reading?

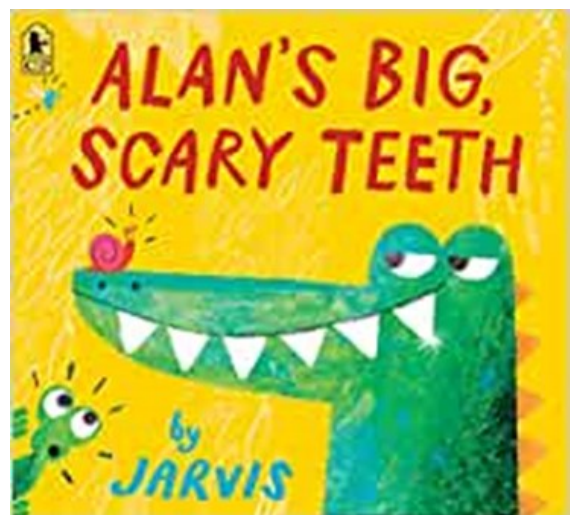
Then try this....

Abigail in 3PT has recently been reading Alan's Big Scary Teeth by Jarvis. This is a book that she loves. She loves it so much that she has written her own version of it.

Alan is an Alligator and he has a big problem. Nobody will be his friend because he scares them away with his big teeth. What nobody knows is that Alan takes his teeth out at night and puts them under his pillow! He has false teeth!

Abigail says this book is super funny and silly and the best bit is when Beaver appears. She doesn't want to tell you what Beaver does so that it doesn't spoil the surprise.

If you read and love this story, come and ask Abigail what happens in her version.



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.

Out & About

On Tuesday morning, as part of their topic on animals, our **RAB** Out and About group visited Hersey Nature Reserve and Seaview Duver. We met Charlotte, one of the Island's rangers from Bird Aware Solent. She helped us to identify and learn about different birds including Oystercatchers, Greenshank, Moorhen, Black Headed Gulls, Coot, Grebe, Teal, Mallards, Swans and Brent Geese! We talked about migration and how the Brent Geese travel from Russia and Alaska to winter here. The children were fantastic. They were so engaged, using binoculars to spot birds and asking lots of questions.



The **1CE** Out and About team visited Newtown on Wednesday morning. The children were given a tour by Jo, from the National Trust. We were very excited to spot a White Tailed Eagle as we headed towards the meadows and salt lagoons. Jo explained to the children how large their wingspan is and how big their nests are. In class, the children are learning about how we can look after our planet. We talked about the rising sea levels at Newtown and how we can help protect wildlife. The children spotted Egret, shell duck, curlew, lapwing and greenshank near the hide and in the creek. They enjoyed the muddy adventure back to the minibus, giggling away as they almost got stuck in the mud.



All of our **Year 3** and **Year 5** swimmers have worked so hard during their swimming lessons this week. It was fantastic to see so many children really challenging themselves to swim more independently, further than previous weeks or refining techniques.

Our **Year 3** Super Swimmers from this Wednesday are; Teddy, Evie, Emmie, Arthur, Sophia-Leigh, Braiden, Jack P, Ava and Jack R.

This week our **Year 5** swimming certificates are awarded to; Heaven-Lee, Jayden B, Ollie, Chloe, Nyah, Olivia-Mai, Jamie W, Leo E and Hattie.

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

Hersey Nature Reserve

Lacey, Forest, Lorenzo, Lexi, Seb, Pippa, Brody, Eli, Charlie, Paisley, Ella-Rose, Clara, AJ and Kendall.

Wednesday am -1CE

Newtown walk

Adeline, Esmee, Archie, Bayley, Bonnie, James, Maddie, Nimalan, Johnny, Annie and Harlan.

Swimming lessons next week:

Tuesday pm - Year 3

Wednesday pm - Year 5

We are looking forward to next week's swimming lessons. Please ensure your child has a swimsuit/ swim shorts, goggles and a towel with them in a bag. Please note, the coach and minibus will not return to school until approx 3.15pm. Thanks in advance for your support and understanding.



QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP

Active travel; please keep going with your recording. Weather conditions are great for finding that alternative way to come to school.

Fun games; Four children from Years 5 and 6 took part in some fun games at Gurnard - sports included wheelchair handball, boccia, sitting volleyball and new age curling. All children did really well but more importantly, enjoyed it.



U-9 Open Football; Queensgate 0 - 2 Dover Park. The team tried hard in their IOW Cup quarter final but Dover Park were just a little more clinical with a goal in each half.



U-11 Open Football; Newport 1 - 2 Queensgate. The team have reached the semi-final of the IOW Cup after a well deserved victory at Newport. The team are now away at Barton.

After the break...

As well as parents evenings there is also **World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March**. Please chat to your child and see what book character they would like to dress up as.

Friday 4th March our school choir will be performing at the music festival.

It will be Mr Cox's last day as Site Manager on **Friday 4th March**, as he is retiring. Please let us know if you would like to contribute to his retirement gift.

Attendance

Attendance at school is hugely important. The children miss a lot of learning even if they only miss a day. We will not authorise family holidays in term time and they will be subject to a fine. All absences need to be explained to our school office. Please ring if your child is ill and remember to write to office@queensgateprimary.co.uk or send in a note explaining the reason they were off on their return. At the moment your child should not attend with Covid, but they should be in school even if other members of the family have Covid.

Benji Blog

Benji had his operation last Friday. He is supposed to be having a quiet week, unfortunately this has meant he has been more of a pickle than normal. When Mr Chubb has been away from his desk Benji has taken over his place!



Good Manners at all Times

Our Queensgate Code is on the next page. The children are expected to follow this at all times. We have had a couple of incidents this week of rudeness to our office staff. The code is an expectation for everyone who is on the Queensgate School site. I ask that you set a good example to the children by being polite at all times.

We are not a team because we work together. We are a team because we respect, trust and care for each other.

Fire Safety Team

All being well we will have The Fire Safety Team on site on Tuesday carrying out fire safety talks for Years 2 and 5.

Half Term Holiday

We break up next Friday 18th February and return to school on **Monday 28th February**. Please make sure you chat, play and read every day with your children.



Whole school attendance 93.8%.

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

This week 1KS achieved 98.2% attendance!
Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



Our School Code



- To use good manners all day, every day.



- Listening to teachers, adults and other children

- Being polite

- Being gentle

- Being helpful



- Looking after ourselves, other people and our school, inside and outside



- To make sensible choices



- Remember to say sorry if necessary

- Always tell the truth



- Be proud of ourselves, our uniform and our school



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THIS FEBRUARY
HALF TERM!



FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Find the fun this February Half Term!

Looking for some fun and inspiring activities over half term? Then why not come along to the **I.W. Story Festival at Quays Arts in Newport on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 February?** We have famous authors and illustrators for you to meet, including the **illustrator of The Gruffalo, Axel Scheffler** and **Amelia Fang creator, Laura Ellen Anderson**. We have hilarious **Rhubarb Theatre with their funny tale of Dustin Doris**.



We have some **Fabulous sessions about nature and the environment**, with the chance to make a nest ring for garden birds, or hunt the elusive Nurdle. We have lots of arts and crafts for you to take part in – you can take your paintbrush for a walk, tell a stitchy story, learn to draw a cartoon monster or turn yourself into a super hero! Check out the **full programme** on our website, www.iwstoryfestival.com. **Get your tickets from www.quaysarts.org**



Are you a fan of Amelia Fang? Then come and meet her creator, the talented writer and illustrator, **Laura Ellen Anderson** on **Saturday 26 February at 2-4pm**

FAQs

- Q: Do I need to get my tickets in advance?**
A: It's a good idea. Tickets are selling fast!
- Q: How much are tickets?**
A: Some sessions are free, others cost between £3 and £6
- Q: Do I need a ticket for free sessions?**
A: We have a few free drop-in sessions, but most free events are ticketed and tickets are available from www.quaysarts.org
- Q: Are there any other sessions between 21 & 24 February?**
A: Pleased you asked! Please see next page.

Sign up for more FREE events between 21 and 24 February!

We are so excited that, thanks to support from **High Streets Heritage Action Zone Newport**, we are able to put on some more fantastic free events around Newport in the week leading up to the main festival. Visit our website iwstoryfestival.com for more details.

**From Monday 21 February:
ISLE SPY NEWPORT**

Download this photo trail app and find some of the amazing heritage hiding in Newport. Visit iwstoryfestival.com for the link

**Monday 21 February:
PLAY IN A DAY**

Make a shadow puppet play in just one day!
**Monday 21 February, 10.30am-3pm
Newport Methodist Hall, Quay Street, Newport**
Visit iwstoryfestival.com for booking information



**Tuesday 22 February:
IF YOU COULD FLY OVER NEWPORT...**

Imagine flying over the rooftops of Newport, with the help of stories, drawing and collage.
**Tuesday 22 February, 10.30am-12pm or 2.30pm-4pm
at Independent Arts, 48 Newport High Street**
You can book your free tickets from: info@independentarts.org or 01983 822437



DON'T MISS THE DYNAMIC DUO OF PHILIP REEVE AND SARAH MCINTYRE AT THE MAIN FESTIVAL ON FRIDAY 25 AND SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY – THEY WILL BE FAB!

**Thursday 24 February:
MY MONKY HOUSE**

Take a picture of your house and learn how to draw it with us!
**Thursday 24 February, 12.30pm-2pm or 2.30pm-4pm
at Independent Arts, 48 Newport High Street**
You can book your free tickets from: info@independentarts.org or 01983 822437

**Tuesday 22-Friday 25 February:
ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE GULLHALL**

Create a story that you can tell at the I.W. Story Festival!
Tues 22, 10.30am-12.30pm Create your tale
Wed 23, 1.30pm-3.30pm Learn storytelling techniques
Thurs 24, 1.30-3.30pm Practice and polish your story
Friday 25, 9.30am Tell your story at the I.W. Story Festival at Quays Arts
Visit iwstoryfestival.com for booking information

I.W. STORY FESTIVAL

See website for details iwstoryfestival.com



Island Riding Centre

26 Jan · 🌐

Island Riding Centre

February half term 21st -25th

HAF club activities

9am to 1pm daily

Free morning session for ALL children who have been means tested for free school meals

Ages 6 to 14

Includes a hot lunch, fruit, snacks and drinks.

Pony rides, stable management, feeding, fun and games

Please info@islandriding.com

Or call us on 01983214000



A BIT OF A DO!

Thursday 10th March 2022

11am-2pm

25,26 Somerton Industrial Park

Cowes, PO31 8PA

It's been far too long since we have been able to arrange a get together for our members and welcome faces old and new. Do come along and enjoy some time with us.

The Shed is open all day 10am-3pm, but for this event there is a buffet from 11am to 2pm. Please make a minimum donation of £1 for refreshments.

Visit the Cowes Men's Shed with its well-equipped carpentry workshop, hobby room and gardens. Why not try something new? FREE membership!

Let us know if you are able to join us. Thank you.
Call Adam on 01983 209734 for more information.
Or email Adam on meninshedsowes@gmail.com

Cowes Men's Shed is open Monday to Friday, 10am-3pm

Membership is FREE!

Parking available locally and Cowes Park and Ride Bus Stop just along the road

Do come along and see all our facilities

Ladies welcome!





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February Activity Club Queensgate Foundation Primary School

Beatrice Ave, East Cowes PO32 6PA

Tuesday 22nd February 9:30am - 4:30pm

Our fun February Activity Club is a one day extravaganza just for the boys and girls aged 5 - 11 of Queensgate Foundation Primary School. The Children will take part in specialist activities and will also get a freshly made 2 course meal.

What are the specialist activities?

We will have an Artist making carnival costumes, and a whole range of arts and crafts. Our Dancer will be doing themed workshops including Street, Jazz, Contemporary, and General Fitness. We will have a drama specialist who can offer drama games and team building / confidence building.

What do I need to bring?

We have fantastic indoor and outdoor facilities to best equip for the British weather, however please ensure that children bring with them suitable clothing and plenty to drink.

Who will look after my child?

Our coaches make it their mission for your child to have the best time whilst they are with us. They are enthusiastic, professional in their approach and have a passion for teaching.

Our staff are:

•Qualified Paediatric First Aid •FA and multiskills qualified
•DBS certificated •Registered by Ofsted •Child protection trained

Ways to book

Via our online home @ cm-sports.co.uk
(please follow the FSM course link)
2.Phone our friendly office on 02392 987 881

Please book online where possible as our office phone will be operating with minimal staff during this time.

Places have been consciously limited and are secured on a first come first served basis.

Coronavirus update

As a childcare provider, we understand the importance of keeping all children, staff and families who visit our sites safe.

We are in dialogue with our host school venues and in preparation for our February camp being able to go ahead, we are preparing safety routines in line with current school opening guidance.

These include:

- ADAPTED ACTIVITY PROGRAMME
- CHILDREN GROUPED IN SOCIAL BUBBLES
- STRINGENT HAND WASHING ROUTINES
- SOCIALLY DISTANCED DROP OFF POINTS
- FRESH AIR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- STAGGERED LUNCHTIMES
- RISK ASSESSMENTS
- CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION AND CONTROL TRAINING

All clubs are Covid compliant (at the time of the course)
We will issue a full refund if a change in the government rules subsequently cancels the course.

Our booking system will cap bookings once the safe daily participation limit has been reached.



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Interested in cricket?



NEW Junior Winter All Stars /Dynamos Cricket Session

The Isle of Wight Cricket Board are delivering cricket coaching for pupils in Year 3,4 & 5.

WHERE: Every Friday (term time only) at Ryde Private School Sports Hall.

TIME: 5.30-6.30pm

Cost: £3 per session



The coaching will be delivered by the Isle of wight County Coaches who are ECB qualified, and DBS checked, **BOOKING is ESSENTIAL.**

To book your place please contact:
Andrew Jasper on 0791762780 or andrewjasper@live.co.uk

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The COVID-19 vaccination is available for everyone age 12 and over.

It's not too late to get your 1st, 2nd or booster doses.

When to have your vaccine:

People aged 18 or over should have their 2nd dose from 8 weeks after their 1st dose.

Most people aged 12-17 should have their 2nd dose from 12 weeks after their 1st dose.

Boosters are available for everyone aged 16+ and you should have it at least 3 months after your 2nd dose.

It's easy to attend a walk-in clinic and the NHS are offering pop-up clinics around the Island:

- **7 days a week from 8 am to 8 pm**, The Riverside Centre, Newport, PO30 2QR
- **Friday 28 January**
 - 10am to 5pm, Cowes Fire Station, Victoria Road, PO31 7JJ
 - 10am to 5pm, Pan Community Centre, Furlongs, Pan, PO30 2AX
- **Tuesday 1 February**
 - 9.30 am to 5 pm, Ryde Fire Station, Nicholson Road, PO33 1BE
 - 5pm to 7.30pm, Medina Leisure Centre, Newport, PO30 2DX.
- **Tuesday 8 February**, 5pm to 7.30pm, The Heights, Sandown, PO36 9ET.
- **Monday 14 February**, 5pm to 7.30pm, Medina Leisure Centre, Newport, PO30 2DX.
- **Tuesday 15 February**, 5pm to 7.30pm, Medina Leisure Centre, Newport, PO30 2DX.
- **Saturday 19 February**, 9.30am to 1.00pm, Medina Leisure Centre, Newport, PO30 2DX.
- **Tuesday 22 February**, 5pm to 7.30pm, The Heights, Sandown, PO36 9ET.
- **Saturday 26 February**, 9.30am to 1.00pm, The Heights, Sandown, PO36 9ET.

You can also [book an appointment online](#) or by calling 119.

Get [up to date information about the vaccination delivery](#) programme on the Isle of Wight from the NHS.

Get information and support with COVID-19 on the Island on [keeptheislandsafe.org](https://www.keeptheislandsafe.org)





SOCCER CAMP

22ND - 25TH FEBRUARY

FOR 4 - 11 YEARS

£10 PER DAY

10am until 2:45pm

Ryde Academy, Ryde

All of our Coaches are FA Level 2 Qualified and have all been CBR checked.

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ljrcoaching97@gmail.com

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SOCCER CAMP

21ST - 23RD FEBRUARY

FOR 4 - 11 YEARS

£10 PER DAY

10am until 2:45pm

Nine Acres Primary School, Newport

All of our Coaches are FA Level 2 Qualified and have all been CBR checked.

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SANDOWN SOCCER
 Player of the day!
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 5 hours of fun EVERY day!

Only £12 a day!
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For any information contact Lewis (Mr Mitchell)
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 sandownsoccer@yahoo.com

SANDOWN SOCCER

Children are welcome to come for one day or for ALL the days!

Attend at least 4 out of the 5 days during the week and win a medal for all of your hard work!

To book a place text your child's name, school year, dates and your name to **07594 389531**

SANDOWN SOCCER
 at The Bay CE Secondary

For children aged 5-11

MONDAY - FRIDAY
 21st - 25th FEBRUARY

Mini-Soccer camp for children. Aiming to provide a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing and improving players footballing ability!

10AM - 3PM £12 a day

- Fully FA Qualified coaches -
- ★ With First Aid, Safeguarding children and DBS checked.
- ★ Skill development and games!
- Win medals and trophies throughout the week with our Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar and Speed Champion competitions as well as Most Improved, Best Attitude and Future Star awards!
- ★ Finish the week with a Sandown Soccer World Cup where one team will become World Champions!

TO THE PARENTS/CARERS OF RECEPTION AND YEAR 6 CHILDREN



During the Spring term the Reception and Year 6 children are having their height and weight recorded by the School Nurses on behalf of The Local Authority Public Health, as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Nationally this data is sent anonymously to the Department of Health who use the BMI (Body Mass Index) calculated from the

measurements to target relevant services to specific areas of the country.

Locally this data is kept on your child's health notes and soon you will be sent a letter informing you of which range your child's BMI falls into. It is important to remember that whilst this BMI data is useful to show national trends, individually it may produce some unexpected results. The BMI ranges try to account for the fact that children are constantly growing but occasionally an anomaly will occur and a child who looks to be in proportion will record a BMI outside the 'healthy range'.

If you receive a letter that puts your child into a different range to one you were expecting or you have a concern regarding your child's growth, please contact the School Nursing Team who will be happy to look at individual data and offer any support or advice.

Your School Nurse can be contacted on 0300 123 5224