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Primary School



## Children's Fun Run on Friday

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for sending in the donations for the Foodbank. Due to the weather we had our harvest festival at school and Rev Sue joined us. We have had a lovely time. Some children took part in the service by reading poems, sharing food facts and prayers. The singing from Queensgate children was excellent as usual.



### Fun Run

Next Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, Year 6 will be running a fun activity day for the younger children. All the children will have the opportunity to carry out some fun circuits and run a mile on the field. Each child was given a sponsor form last Friday. We have asked family and friends to sponsor them. The monies raised will go towards equipment for our new school. Sponsor money can be collected over the half term break and brought in on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### Building Update

As you know we are looking forward to moving into our new school in February. Although the building will be brand new, we will be taking our current furniture with us. Budgets preclude us from buying new. We are looking for a company who may like to provide us some new furniture who, in turn, we can promote through our newsletter and displays in the new school. Please let me know if you work for a company that you think may be interested in this. The outside of the building is being held up a little by the current weather but inside they are moving at pace - suspended ceilings, cubicles and vanity units, fire stopping and general fixtures and fittings are next on the list.

### Authors in School

KS1 and KS2 both had a great time with their author.

More on this in next week's newsletter.

Please talk to your children about these visits and encourage them to



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# 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
Sausage/burger in a bun with Potato Wedges	Chilli Con Carne with Rice	Roast Pork/Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Fish Fingers/ Salmon Fishfingers with Chips
Quorn Sausage in a Hot Dog Roll with Potato Wedges	Macaroni Cheese with Homemade Pizza Bread	Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potato and gravy	Red Pepper and Cheese Frittata
Sweetcorn Coleslaw	Green Beans Carrots	Cauliflower Broccoli	Peas Cauliflower	Baked Beans Peas
Orange Drizzle Cake	Apple Crumble with Custard	Oaty Cookie	Yoghurt Station Fruit platter	Carrot and Courgette Cake

## Lost Uniform

Ryan B (2BG) has lost grey Soulcal Jacket - it's not named.

Khalel M (2KA) has lost 2 school jumpers - both are named.

If any of these items are found please return to the office - thank you.

## OUT & ABOUT LEARNING

Children going Out and About must have appropriate play clothes (which you don't mind getting dirty) unless specified differently below.

**Tuesday morning - Year 4** (Please wear suitable play clothes, coat and wellies and bring school clothes to change into afterwards.)

Blayze B, Tony G, Lilly-May H, Chloe L, Ellie-Jay S, Nash B, Samson B, Ryan F, Gabriel J, Tianna O'R, Tyler L

**Tuesday afternoon - Year 6** (We're off orienteering in the forest so please bring suitable play clothes to change into at lunchtime and wellies/ old trainers. Meet at the front door ready to leave at 1pm.)

Abigail C, Harvey L, Ethan S, Declan W, Kirsten F, Lewis J, Jack L, Ryan P, Maven C, Kyran P, Lily W-B, Shaylei N, Thomas G, Hannah A

**Wednesday morning - Year 3** (We will be walking up to the Longstone At Mottistone. Please wear suitable play clothes, coat and wellies and bring school clothes to change into afterwards.)

Jasmine B, Sophia B, Lottie R, Jamie W, Leo L, Bailey O, Cosmo LN-F, Chloe G, Emmi-Rose K, Jaymie S, Ollie B, Zak T

**Wednesday afternoon - Year 2** (Please bring in play clothes, wellies and a coat to change into after you've eaten your lunch.)

Theo A-N, Su A, Oscar C, Archie G, Sarah P, Sophie W, Logan A, Wynter G, Charlotte L, Jack McD, Courtney R-B, Aribella W-F



On Tuesday morning the fifth Out and About group visited the Green Barn Dairy Goat Farm, Yarmouth. The children enjoyed meeting the goats and drew some detailed drawings of the kids and milking goats. They asked Richard, the farmer, lots of great questions about the running of the farm. The children were welcomed into the café and enjoyed a glass (or three!) of goats milk. 'Richard milks 28 goats at the moment. They get milked by machines twice a day and usually produce 3 litres each. The milk has to be kept in a big fridge

straightaway before it's pasteurised' Riley G .

**Year 6** Out and About children visited Parkhurst Forest on Tuesday afternoon. After navigating their way around a fallen tree the children used their maps and compasses to hunt for different orienteering posts. 'We saw different types of mushrooms in the forest including a red and white spotty toadstool called Fly Agaric. We couldn't touch it as it was poisonous. We saw a red squirrel too. It was fun and very muddy!' George 6TS



The final **Year 3** Out and About group got to visit the Shipwreck Centre and Maritime Museum on Wednesday morning. They learnt about the three different periods within the Stone Age (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic). Jacqui, a Maritime



Archaeologist, spoke to the children about the submerged landscape at Bouldnor, Yarmouth, dating from Mesolithic times. The children were able to handle 8,000 year old archaeological finds from the Bouldnor site as well as learning about the dive equipment she has to wear.

'Divers must wear important kit; wetsuits or drysuits, fins, a mask, a tank of air, weights to help them sink and a jacket that makes them float.' Ethan 3BM

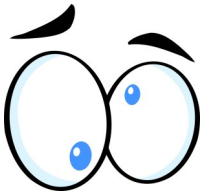
On Tuesday afternoon children from **Year 2** visited the Garlic Farm, Newchurch. They followed their maps and walked around the farm, enjoying the muddy puddles along the way! The children enjoyed seeing the ponies, highland Cows and dragonflies by the lake. As we walked around the farm we talked about how different fruit and vegetables grow. The children discovered a metal structure in one of the fields and thought it could be an abandoned alien spaceship!



# QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP



## **Crazy Football!**



Just the one result this week but those who were there or played, witnessed one of the most crazy football games that you will ever see! The U-11 Boys travelled to Bembridge for their league game and found themselves 3-0 down within seven minutes. Remarkably, the team turned it around to lead 4-3 at half time before racing away in the second half to win 8-3. Well done everyone.

Just a reminder that next Friday is the Fun Run. Year 6 are organising the warm up activities and the course on the field (muga if too wet). Each child has received a sponsor form but there are spares if needed.

## **PTFA**

Our PTFA AGM is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. Please come along as we need new people. We need a secretary, treasurer and 14 reps, one for each class. If we do not get support from parents then we will be unable to hold events like the Christmas and summer fairs.

## **Half Term Holiday**

We break up for the half term break on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October and return on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please note it is a two week half term break in line with the other Isle of Wight Council schools. Please note the summer holiday will be shorter than normal.

Here are the dates for the school holidays for this academic year:

**Christmas** - Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January inclusive

**Enforced School Closure** by builders - Friday 14th February

**Spring half term** - Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February inclusive

**INSET Days** - Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th February

**Start school in New building** - Wednesday 26th February

**Easter** - Monday 6th April to 17th April inclusive

**Summer half term** - Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May inclusive

**INSET Day** - 15th June (Festival Monday)

**Summer holidays** begin on Monday 27th July.

## **After the Half Term Break...**

After the half term break please could Year 1 and Year 2 parents drop their children at the outside doors and let the children come into school and get on with their morning activities on their own.

## **Attendance**

Please remember we do not authorise family holidays in term time and they may be subject to a fine. On their return please send a note / letter or email stating the reason for the absence. Failure to do this will result in the absence being recorded as unauthorised on their register.

## The Queensgate Code

We encourage all of the children of Queensgate to follow the Queensgate Code. Here it is as a reminder:

At Queensgate Foundation Primary School we:

**Use our good manners at all times**  
**Respect ourselves, other people, the school and the environment**  
**Are kind, caring, helpful and gentle**  
**Listen well and work hard**  
**Are smart!**

As adults it is our job to model this for our children. We have had a couple of incidents this week where parents have not behaved positively in front of children. Please do not swear on site or make derogatory comments about children.

Please do not park in the staff car park.

### Progress Meetings

Next week Mr Chubb and I are meeting with all the teachers to ensure all the children are making good progress this term.

### Parents and Carer Meetings

We are holding parents and carer meetings on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 3.10 – 4.50 and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 3.30 – 6.50. The booking system opens for this on Scopay on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 9 am. It will close at 3 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please log in via your Scopay account. If you have not yet registered for a Scopay account please ask at the main office for a new code. You need to register within 72 hours of receiving the code.

We expect to see every child's parent or carer to share how your child is getting on at school.

### Class Assembly

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October **5 PG** will be leading our class assembly. Parents and carers of this class are very welcome to join us. Please arrive at 2.20 pm for a 2.30 pm start.

### Update on Newsletter

By putting newsletters on line since the start of term the school has saved £31.86 (the cost of paper and printing) and reduced its paper usage by 10,850 sheets. Over the course of the year the school will be on course to not only save an estimated £300 on the cost of paper and printing but will also reduce its use of paper by 60,000 sheets! So thanks for reading this online!

**Whole school attendance 96.44%.**

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

**This week 2BG achieved 100% attendance! Well done.**

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,



**Samantha Sillito**

**Headteacher**

An opportunity to find out about, support or join local voluntary groups, clubs & societies.

# COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

## EAST COWES TOWN HALL

**Saturday  
November 2nd**

**10am - 12noon**

Come along and see what is on offer and meet the groups or just come in for a cuppa.

**Free Entry**

Organised by The Friends of East Cowes

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**OCTOBER HALF-TERM FUN AT**

**NASTY NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA**

- £1 entry
- 10.30am to 3pm
- No need to book - just drop in!



**PECULIAR POP-UP PUPPETS**

Wednesday 23 October



**CATAPULT CRAZY**

Monday 28 October



**MIXED-UP MONSTERS CLAY DAY**

Wednesday 30 October



**NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA**  
Cypress Road, Newport, PO30 1HA

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- www.iwight.com/museums



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**16hr IOW Relief Catering Assistants  
(Car driver and a permanent position)**

We are looking for enthusiastic kitchen assistants to join our Relief Team that covers all Primary Schools across the IOW, training will be provided on the job

A passion for working with and serving the pupils and working in a team is a must!

Caterlink is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all employees to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure must be obtained for this role which Caterlink will apply for. This appointment is offered on return of satisfactory professional references.

Job Type: Term Time Only  
Position availability: Now  
Hourly rates : Upon application

If you are interested please ring Newport Office:  
01983 550500 where a list of positions will be available



# Wight Cycle Training



## SUMMER CYCLE TRAINING

**WHEN?** - 21st to 24th October 2019

**WHERE?** - Medina Leisure Centre  
Newport  
PO30 2DX

**COST?**

**£5**  
*per session*

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
21st	22nd	23rd	24th
L2R	L2R		
B1	B1	B2	B2

**L2R – Learn to Ride – 0930 to 1030**—For those that want to learn to ride a 2 wheeled bike. Indoor hall session

**B1 – Bikeability 1 – 1100 to 1230**— Playground session aimed at those children who want to develop their skills before learning to ride on quieter roads. Minimum school year—Yr 4.

**B2 – Bikeability 2 – 1000—1400.** aimed at those who want to learn to ride safely on quieter roads. Minimum school year — Yr 5. Please note that the first session will be a playground session to ascertain if your child is of a standard to continue on to the road sessions. Sessions run over 2 days.

**CONTACT?** Ross Edmunds / [ross@wightcycle.co.uk](mailto:ross@wightcycle.co.uk) / 07984170013