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## Going For Goals

Dear Parents/carers,

### Home Learning

I hope this finds you well and coping with lockdown and home learning. We have been impressed with the work you are submitting back to us right from Reception through to Year 6. Likewise, our teaching staff are becoming more confident with running home learning and school teaching at the same time.

### Age Related Expectations

We have documents that will help you to know what your child needs to be able to do by the end of this academic year. You will find these under the Curriculum tab and then within the individual year groups. The documents are called Curriculum expectations. These are very useful documents, as they will help you to get an overview of what your child needs to know or be confident in by the end of this academic year.

### Going for Goals Assembly

We are trying to keep the whole community together in their learning and thinking. I have done a Going for Goals assembly that the teachers will be sharing both at school and for the home learners. It encourages children to think about what goals they would like to achieve this year. This could be within their learning or maybe a physical challenge. When asked they usually know what they want to get really good at.

The assembly goes on to think about our new site and to develop it with an Activity Zone. Please chat this through with your children and let me know your ideas.

### Mental Health Support

As well as ensuring the children are receiving the right learning, we are also conscious about how lockdown can affect children and families' mental health. We have set up a new email address [mentalhealthsupport@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:mentalhealthsupport@queensgateprimary.co.uk) We are in no way mental health experts but we can help signpost you to further help; both for your children and yourselves. If you have mental health worries, please use this email. It will be monitored by someone who is trained in mental health first aid.

### Updated Risk Assessment

We have received further guidance from the Government this week and as a result, I have updated our Risk Assessment. Please have a read. You will find it on our website under the parent tab and then Information for parents Covid 19.

## Out & About

Some of the bubbles of children that are in school have enjoyed visiting the Patch this week.

**Year 1** have been learning about volcanoes. The children gathered sticks to make their own 3D sculptures of volcanoes and used leaves as the lava.



In Science, **Year 2** have been talking about the properties of materials. The children sorted things on the Patch into man-made and natural. They have also begun learning about The Great Fire of London. We talked about why the houses burnt so quickly and what's needed to make a fire.

Children in our **Year 3** bubbles had fun in the rain creating a model of a river with drain pipes. We talked about the parts of a river and labelled them.



Next half-term **Year 4** will be learning about habitats. The Year 4 children that are in school, enjoyed hunting for bugs and spotting birds. We talked about what they found and their habitats.



If you're able to, try to get outside everyday for some fresh air, exercise and spend time with nature. Each week there is a new Out and About activity on the website. Last week's was to create some shell artwork and this week is about Geocaching. I'd love to see what you've been up to! Please email any photos to [rjohnson@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:rjohnson@queensgateprimary.co.uk)



# Thinkuknow

Supporting you to deliver online safety education



## Online safety at home packs

**Simple 15 minute activities families** can do to support their child's online safety at home. Packs are available for ages 4 to 14+. Parents can also watch our video guides on different online safety topics.

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/?utm\\_source=Thinkuknow&utm\\_campaign=c96a649dde-TUK GLOBAL 12 11 20&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_0b54505554-c96a649dde-64887385](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=c96a649dde-TUK GLOBAL 12 11 20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-c96a649dde-64887385)





Please be aware that if you have families you feel would benefit from the winter grant scheme, but do not fit the food voucher eligibility criteria, assistance may be available through the community programme. Further assistance can be found at

<https://islefindit.org.uk/item/connect4communities/> and [islehelp.me/connect4communities](http://islehelp.me/connect4communities).

## Lockdown Book Bingo

### Lockdown Book Bingo KS2!

Ask an adult to tick or initial each box as you complete the task. We would also love to see pictures or videos of you completing your tasks! Upload them to Google Classroom on your class page.

Listen to an audiobook: <a href="https://stories.audible.com/discovery">https://stories.audible.com/discovery</a>  <input type="checkbox"/>	Read aloud to a friend, family member or pet!   <input type="checkbox"/>	Take an 'extreme reading' picture of yourself reading somewhere unusual!  <input type="checkbox"/>	Complete a 10 minute author challenge on: <a href="https://authorfy.com/10minutechallenges/">https://authorfy.com/10minutechallenges/</a>  <input type="checkbox"/>	Read something funny!   <input type="checkbox"/>	Bronze Award Achieved!  Date:
Read a book set in a different time or place.   <input type="checkbox"/>	Make a miniature book: <a href="https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/make-a-miniature-book">https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/make-a-miniature-book</a>  <input type="checkbox"/>	Read something that a family member enjoyed reading as a child.  <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a comic/graphic novel. For a free sample: <a href="https://www.gocomics.com/comics/kids.htm">https://www.gocomics.com/comics/kids.htm</a>  <input type="checkbox"/>	Read at least 5 short stories from <i>The Book of Hopes</i> : <a href="https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/">https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/</a>  <input type="checkbox"/>	Silver Award Achieved!  Date:
Create a review of a book you have read.  You could write a review or make a poster, presentation or video.  <input type="checkbox"/>	Try a book from the top 50 classics for children. <a href="https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/blog/collections/50-classic-books-every-child-should-read-6074">https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/blog/collections/50-classic-books-every-child-should-read-6074</a>  <input type="checkbox"/>	Create your own comic/graphic novel.  Maybe you will be inspired by a modern day hero!  <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a non-fiction text.  Try a biography of someone you admire or a children's news app.  <input type="checkbox"/>	Read a book that was made into a film.   <input type="checkbox"/>	Gold Award Achieved!  Date:



# 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 coucous	Sausages Roll / Mexican Vegan Roll with Wedges	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Maccaroni Cheese with garlic bread	Fishfingers with Chips
Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables
Lemon & Orange Shortbread	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Fruit and Ice Cream	Fruit Sponge Cake	Oaty Cookie

## Positive Quote

*"Every now and again, stop to remind yourself how great you are."*

## Flu vaccination appointments

- 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. Ryde Family Centre (PO33 2 JF) 10:00 – 14:00
- 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. West Wight Family Centre (PO40 9XH) 12:00 – 16:00
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. East Newport Family Centre (PO30 2AX) 10:00 – 14:00
- 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. Cowes Family Centre (PO31 7ET) 10:00 – 14:00
- 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. East Newport Family Centre 10:00 – 14:00

As these are drop in sessions there may be a short wait to see a nurse, social distancing measures will be in place and face masks must be worn. **Please dress warmly as you may have to wait outside.**

If further information is needed parents can email [snhs.childrensimmunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:snhs.childrensimmunisationteam@nhs.net) or call the office on 821388.

## Tortilla Challenge

6LR had a tortilla challenge which was really successful, so we've decided to extend it to the whole school. Your challenge (should you choose to accept it!) is to make a tortilla and then personalise it by flavouring it or filling it with interesting (but tasty) items. Please send in your pictures and a short description of your tortilla to [enquiries@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@queensgateprimary.co.uk) and we will share in next week's newsletter. Good luck!

(Here's Bobby in 6LR with his tortillas!)



Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher