



As we move closer to getting back to normal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Things that need a Tighten Up please

There are a few things that have been creeping into school that we need a tighten up on.

Firstly, please make sure your children are in full school uniform. We are currently not changing for PE and the children are wearing their PE kits to school. The Queensgate PE kit is a pale blue T-shirt with a logo on, navy shorts or navy jogging bottoms. Please do not send the children in multi coloured PE kit. Please do not send the children into school in hoodies.

Can I remind you that dogs are not allowed on site. We have our own dog, who is carefully managed. No other dogs should be on site. Thank you for your support with this.

We have reminded the children about not scootering on site. Please could you remind them not to scooter on site too?

Some children have been bringing in fiddle toys from home. Please do not let the children bring in their toys from home. We will provide anything that they need in school.

Staffing News

I am pleased to say that both Mr Tilling and Mrs Arnell will be re-joining our team after Easter. Mrs Blanchflower, who has covered 2KA for us will be leaving us next Friday. Mr Butt will be doing an overlap with Mr Tilling and will be covering some classes for PPA.

Benji Blog

Benji has started his new job really well. This week he has learnt to ask when he wants to go outside.

He has met all the children when they have been walking to lunch. He has helped to keep the queues in the corridor quiet and orderly.

He has looked at some good work that children have worked really hard on.

He has helped some children that have felt sad. He has helped children come into school in the morning.

Overall, I am very happy to have Benji as part of the Queensgate team!



Out & About

The **Year 4** Out and About group continued their work on habitats with a muddy walk down to the river, discussing and identifying the different habitats they encountered. The children enjoyed hunting for crabs under the rocks and seaweed by the riverside.



On Tuesday afternoon some of the children in **Year 3** visited St Mildreds Church to sketch and paint flowers in the church garden. The children focused on painting part of the flower and tried to adopt the style of artist, Georgia O'Keeffe.

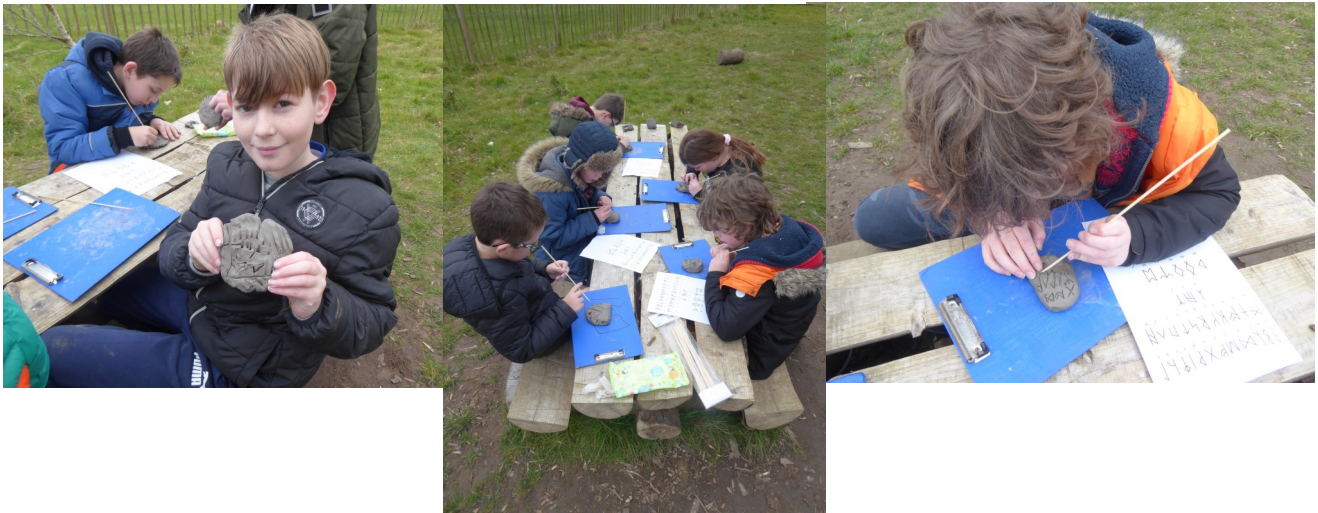


Year 1 were learning about amphibians on Wednesday. The Out and About group walked to the copse on New Barn Road. We talked about the life cycle of frogs and the children hunted for life cycle stones in the woodland, working together to sequence them. After listening to the story *Oi Frog!* by Kes Gray they made their own frogs to sit on logs!



Working together for a successful future

5PG had fun on The Patch on Wednesday afternoon. As part of their topic on Vikings, they used clay to create their own mini runestones, engraving a message using the runic alphabet. The children also had fun climbing trees, acting out battles and swinging on the rope swings.



Out and About Next Week

Next week the children below will be going Out and About, either in the local area or on The Patch. Please can they come to school in old play clothes, hat, scarf, gloves and a waterproof coat. Bring wellies in a carrier bag to change into. They will be getting muddy!

Tuesday

4AH - Oliver, Owen, Rachel, Shay, Thea and Toby.

4MC - Alfie K, Leo W, Hattie L, Jaiden F-P

3BM - Oscar, Sienna, Rochelle, James M, Amelia, Sarah, George, Lexie, Sophie, Grace and Bella.

3PT - Ryan, Toby, Amber, Elise, Charlotte, Farrah-Mai, Brooke, Chyna-Rae, Charlie and Keira.

Wednesday

1KS - Jesse, Fletcher, Oscar S, Marnie, Tula, River, Kaelan, Tommy, Elliott and Charley.

1CE - Zayn, Layton, Joshua, Toby, Ella L, Ella R, Ella S, Alfie and Harley T.

Year 5 - Both classes (weather dependent)



Get Ready for the Easter Reading Challenge!

Please have a read below of a reading initiative we have signed up to for Easter. Copies of the sponsorship form and reading log will be sent out next Friday.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a sponsored read for our **Easter Holidays** between **27th March - 11th April 2021**.

The project is being organised in conjunction with our Usborne Organiser, **Rebecca Gregory**, and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school.

In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. So for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in **FREE** Usborne books!

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, menus, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets, instructions – anything with words!

If you are able to support our sponsored read, please find enclosed a sponsorship form & reading log, to record the minutes they have spent reading.

After the sponsored read, please send all the sponsorship money that your child has raised to the school by **FRIDAY 23RD APRIL 2021**.

We look forward to having lots more books for your child to read, share and enjoy.

For more information, you can contact Rebecca Gregory directly via the following options:

Website: <https://usborne.com/gb/organiser/beckysbookbox>

Email: beckysbookbox@gmail.com

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/beckysbookbox



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 couscous	Sausage roll / Mexican Vegan Roll with Wedges	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni 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

Growth Mindset

At school we have been focusing on having a growth mind set. We are encouraging the children to add the word 'yet' to some of their thinking. For example, when they say, "I can't do this." We would encourage them to say "I can't do this, **yet**."

We are encouraging the children to see their mistakes positively as a learning opportunity. Please remind your children at home that they can improve any activity with time and effort. We are also praising effort rather than attainment - it would be great if you could try this at home too.

In addition we ask open ended questions - what, why and how. Try asking your children these questions:

- What did you do today that made you think hard?
- What can you learn from this?
- What mistake did you make that taught you something?
- What will you do to improve your work.

Interesting scientific fact: When you make a mistake your brain grows!

Here is a link to a YouTube video from Carol Dweck who came up with the concept of Growth Mindset:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiiEeMN7vbQ>



Positive Quote

"Don't worry about failure. Worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try."

Whole school attendance 97.19%.

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

This week 3BM achieved 100% attendance! Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito
Headteacher



Chelsea Foundation IOW Soccer Schools (Easter)

Dear parent/guardian,

CFCF hope that this letter finds you well.

We are delighted to announce that inline with the ease of restrictions released by the UK Government, which includes the return of grassroots sport, our Chelsea Foundation Soccer Schools will be returning to Cowes Enterprise College in the Easter holidays. The Soccer Schools will be delivered Tuesday-Thursday on both weeks, starting at 9:00am and finishing at 3:00pm.

To register and be signed up for our Chelsea Foundation Easter Soccer Schools, parents/guardians can follow the link below:

- Week 1 (Tuesday 30/03 – Thursday 01/04): [To book, please click here.](#)
- Week 2 (Tuesday 06/04 – Thursday 08/04): [To book, please click here.](#)

To be able to take part in our Chelsea Foundation Soccer Schools, can parents/guardians please ensure that their child has the following:

- Suitable footwear and clothing for sports activity, (moulded/plastic studded) football boots or astro-turf trainers are essential for when we are on the 3G pitch.
- Shin pads must be worn, preferably with football socks, so that they remain covered.
- A clearly identifiable drinks bottle.
- All medication, that is clearly marked (this can then be provided to a member of CFCF staff).

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Kind regards,

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April 6th - 9th

For 4 - 11 years

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St Mary's Primary

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Subject: FREE EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB for free school meals users - @ISLAND RIDING CENTRE

Dear Head Teacher..

We are delighted to be working with the IOW Council as part of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme to provide a FREE holiday club at Island Riding Centre during the Easter Holidays for children aged 8-14.

The holiday sessions will include horse riding, stable management and horse care with the chance to learn about the benefits of nutrition and exercise too.

The sessions will also include a hot meal for those attending and are aimed at children currently in receipt of free school meals and who as highlighted by footballer Marcus Rashford over the last year would benefit from hot meals during the school holidays too.

We will be running daily half-day sessions between 9am and 1pm and 12.30pm and 4.30pm with hot meals served between 12.30pm and 1.00pm. The meals will be prepared and served by our good friends at HTP Apprenticeship College based in Newport who will be giving their time for free!

I'm writing today to see if you would like to engage with our course, spread the word to parents and to let us know of any children who would be eligible and who would benefit from attending these sessions.

If you would like register your interest/pass on to parents, please send all applications and queries to Paul at info@islandriding.com

Many Thanks Laura Island Riding Centre Staplers Road, Newport, IOW, PO30 2NB 01983 214000

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