

Beatrice Avenue,  
East Cowes,  
IOW,  
PO32 6PA.  
Tel 292872  
queensgateprimary.co.uk



Friday 23rd September 2022

Issue 3 2022 - 2023

Queensgate Foundation  
Primary School



# Harvest

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Harvest

This year we will be celebrating Harvest Festival at Queensgate. KS2 will be celebrating on Monday with the assembly being led by Mr Peter Young. KS1 will be celebrating on Tuesday with the assembly being led by Mrs Sillito. This year we will be collecting food for the East Cowes Food Pantry. Please bring in any donations on Monday and Tuesday, here is a suggested list of useful contributions: Pasta, rice, sauces, soups, beans, fruit, custard.



Remember anyone can use the Pantry and for £5 you can get food worth about £15.

## Supporting Your Child's Learning

Today your child will have come home with End of Year expectations for their year group. Please have a read through these so that you know what the expectations are and how you can support your child. Please remember to hear your child read every day, support with their spellings and their times tables. Chat about their school day and what they have learnt. Play lots of games as this helps with language...and it's fun!

## Governor Vacancy

The governor role is a vital strategic role at Queensgate. We have some vacancies and would like to fill these positions. For more information please see the advert on page 6 of this newsletter. If you would like an informal chat about the role of the governor please arrange to see me or Mr Chubb.

## Class Dojo

Due to increasing costs of Tapestry we have moved Reception contact between school and parents to Class Dojo. All parents in Reception have log ins and this is the main way to communicate and share children's learning with school and vice versa. We do not have any plans to roll this out to the rest of the school currently. We are using Class Dojo as part of our reward system. Instead of collecting stampers on a card, children now earn Dojos. As before, when children have earned 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 Dojo's they can choose a Queensgate reward. After the first 100 they then collect another 100 Dojos which will earn them a book.



ClassDojo

## Out & About

On Tuesday morning the **2KA** Out and About team visited the Dragon Tree in Brighstone. The children are learning about habitats in Science and what living things need to survive. We discussed what habitats are, identified different habitats and their features and why certain living things choose to make their homes there. The children were tasked with designing their own creature using clay and natural, found materials. They had to think carefully about their creature's habitat, what it would use for shelter, what it would eat and where it might be in the food chain. The children had some fantastic ideas and enjoyed creating their models. They also had fun exploring the woodland, playing on the tyre swing and crossing the stream using the stepping stones!



Next half term our Year 3 children will begin learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. In readiness, the **3AH** Out and About group walked up to the Longstone at Mottistone on Tuesday afternoon to see the 6,000 year old, Neolithic standing stones. The stones once stood as a gateway to a long barrow/burial ground and could have been a place of worship with the stones aligned to the rising and setting sun.

The children were eager to get to the Longstone and motivated each other to complete the hike.



As part of **Year 4's** work on farming, the children visited Briddlesford Farm on Wednesday morning. They enjoyed a tour of the farm whilst learning about land use, milk production and food miles to support their Geography work and discussed the animals digestion and teeth to fit in with their Science topic. The children enjoyed meeting the calves, some of which were only a couple of days old, as well as the dairy cows, pregnant cows and bulls. They saw the milking parlour, got to taste some Briddlesford milk in the cafe and learnt about the produce for sale in the shop.



Working together for a successful future

On Wednesday afternoon the **1SG** Out and About group visited Quay Rocks, Seaview. The children were challenged to find 20 shells with holes in to create their own necklaces or could use tools to make holes in shells if they preferred. They took on the challenge and found lots and lots of slipper limpets with holes in them, along with some whelks, scallops and periwinkles. The children were very independent and demonstrated great determination completing the task independently. They enjoyed listening to some seaside stories before we had to head back to school. Super effort 1SG!



### Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child is wearing old play clothes (nothing new or special), waterproof coat (pack waterproof trousers too if they have some) and wellies/walking boots/old trainers in a named bag.

**Tuesday 27th September am - 2KA**

Brighstone Forest

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

**Tuesday 27th September pm - 3AH**

Longstone at Mottistone

Tilly, Katelyn, Maisy, Ella L, Georgia, Mirabelle, Toby, Rory, Joshua, Freddie, Ella S, Alfie, Harley T, Flynn and James.

**Wednesday 28th September am - 4MC**

Briddlesford Farm

Children must wear wellies on the farm. Please let school know if your child does not have any and would like to borrow some.

Guy, Emily, Levi, Brody, Harry, Rosie, George, Jamie, Parinith, Evie, Brooke, Riley, Elvis and Hayley.

**Wednesday 28th September pm - 1SG**

Beach

Bella-Louise, Sophie, Harry D, Dèva-Mae, Elijah, Lena, Charlie, Paisley, Riley G, Jesse, Figgy, Harry H, Rory and Jack.

### **London Marathon**

Many parents will know me as the short one trying to run around East Cowes, but on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October I will be running the London Marathon in memory of mine and Tara's dad (Jude Butler, Maria and Elvis Shaw's grandad) who suddenly passed away last year to a Cardiac Arrest. I will be running for charity and hoping to raise money for the British Heart Foundation who's research has helped to reduce deaths from heart and circulatory diseases by more than half and by 2030, they want to see advances across the spectrum of heart and circulatory diseases; to prevent these conditions from developing and those with existing conditions to have better, longer lives. Any donation however small will be much appreciated and hopefully I can do him proud. Thank you.

The link for my donation page: [British Heart Foundation: Natasha Colebrook - London Marathon \(enthuse.com\)](https://www.enthuse.com/charity/British-Heart-Foundation/Natasha-Colebrook-London-Marathon)



## QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP

### Football Reports

#### Year 5 Boys



On Tuesday, the Year 5 boys had their first game of the season against The Bay. The game kicked off just after 3:30 and despite the team's hard work in the first half, they trailed 3-0 at the break. As a team, we rotated positions and altered tactics in a bid to create even more chances for ourselves. Even though the team improved throughout the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, they lost the game 5-0. The boys are eager to get back on the pitch after this loss and will look to improve upon this performance for future games.

#### Year 3/4 Girls

On Thursday, the year 3/4 girls team travelled to Carisbrooke to play their first league game. Unfortunately, there was a mix up and Carisbrooke had their year 4 boys team instead. However, the girls didn't back down and they played against the boys. The girls showed great determination and willingness to play their best against tough opposition, considering this was some of the girl's first ever football match! The match will be rearranged so that it is Queensgate girls against Carisbrooke girls in the near future!



## *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	Chinese Chicken Noodles	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Veggie Balls in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Butternut Squash and Potato Pastry Slice with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	BBQ Veggie Burger with Chips
Peas and Carrots	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
Oatie Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Fruity Flapjack Bar	Strawberry Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Crispy Crackle Bar

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

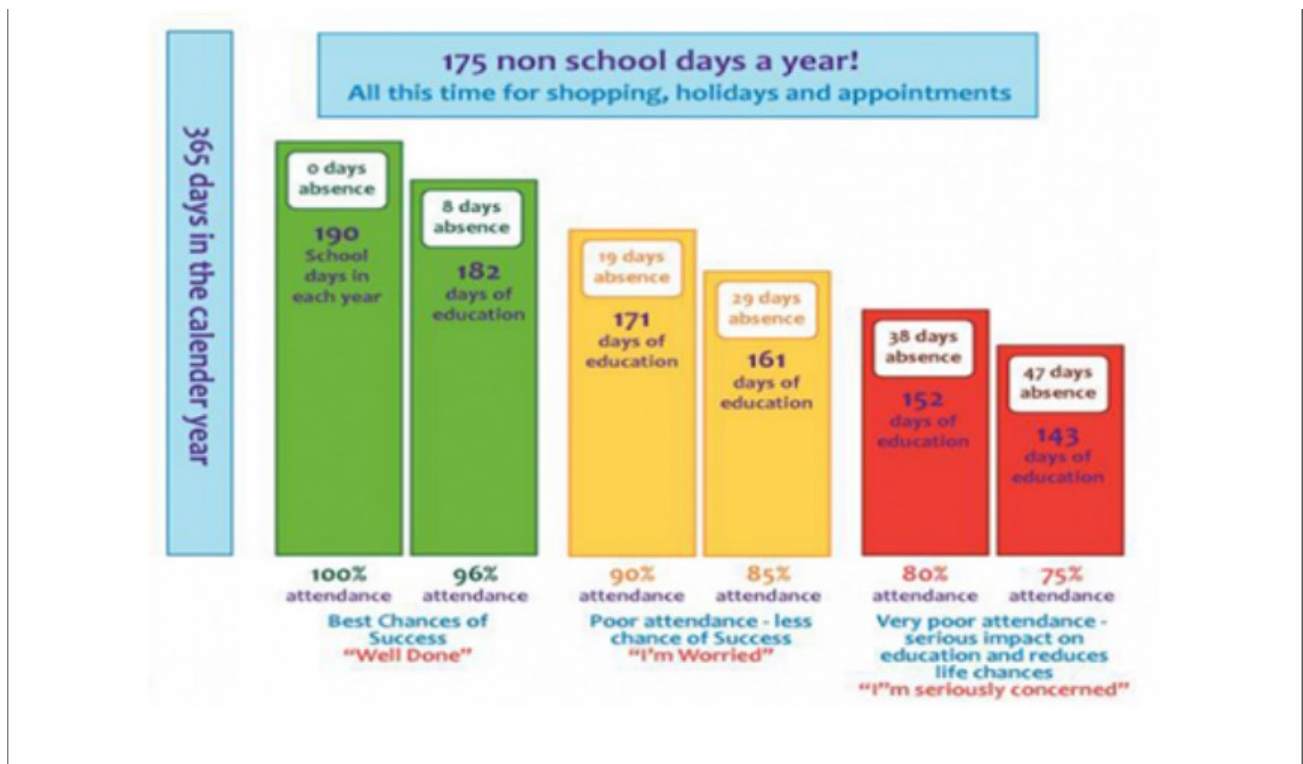
## Attendance



It is hugely important that the children come to school everyday as the lessons build on from each other. If your child is not well please telephone the school office and let them know the reason for the absence, this should be followed up with an email or note to [office@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@queensgateprimary.co.uk)

If you would like leave of absence for an alternative reason to illness you must complete a leave of absence form (at least 14 days in advance of absence), these can be found in the school foyer.

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



**Persistent Absence** - is described by the Government as attendance below 90%. This equates to 19 days or more of absence a year or **100+ lessons missed**. If a child's attendance drops below 90% this could lead to them becoming a safeguarding concern. This could also result in the authority taking legal action against parents, resulting in a fine or court appearance.



**Whole School Attendance this week is 96.03%**

**KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KA with 100%**

**KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3PT with 100%**

Well done 2KA and 3PT for achieving 100% this week - keep it up!



# Queensgate Foundation Primary School

Beatrice Avenue, East Cowes. Isle of Wight. PO32 6PA

Tel: 01983 292872

Headteacher: Samantha Sillito B.Ed (Hons) NPQH

Deputy Head: Robin Chubb B.Sc (Hons) NPQSL

Assistant Head: Clare Grant B.Ed (Hons)

Assistant Head: Peter Tilling B.Sc (Hons) NPQSL

We currently have three vacancies on our Governing Board – one Partnership vacancy and two Co-opted vacancies.

School Governing Boards are made up of people with a range of skills and experiences, who are all volunteers and work together for the benefit of the School. School governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the country; people who want to make a positive contribution to children's education. The governing board provides strategic direction and supports school improvement. Governors work as a team to oversee and hold the school to account for educational performance and financial probity.

We are currently looking for volunteers who have -

- a desire to contribute to the development of the school and its community
- an interest in the performance of the school
- an open and enquiring mind
- the ability to look at issues objectively
- a willingness to listen, ask questions and make informed judgements
- the ability to work well with others
- time to help make a difference

Whatever your level of knowledge, skills and experience – enthusiasm, interest and a desire to learn are the important factors.

Being a governor can give you:

- a chance to use and develop your own skills and experience
- the opportunity to work within a team
- experience in working in a strategic environment
- a sense of achievement

Training and support is available to help Governors during their time on the board.

Do you know someone from a local business who might be interested in joining the Governing Board? If you do, we would love to meet them. Please ask them to contact: Mrs. Selle – Clerk to Governors - at school on: 292872 or email: [admin@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@queensgateprimary.co.uk) . Further information and any queries can also be emailed to: [admin@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@queensgateprimary.co.uk)

The closing date for nominations is noon **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022**.

# Mental Health at Queensgate

There is just under a week to go until the sleep workshop. If your child is struggling with sleep then please sign up and come along to the workshop run by Bea Morris from Mental Health Support Team. See the advert below for more details.

## Understanding Mental Health

There is a range of understanding. There are no right answers, however, there are harmful answers. These harmful answers could stigmatize, discriminate, reinforce negative perceptions, remove universal aspect of mental health and reduce likelihood of people discussing their mental health.

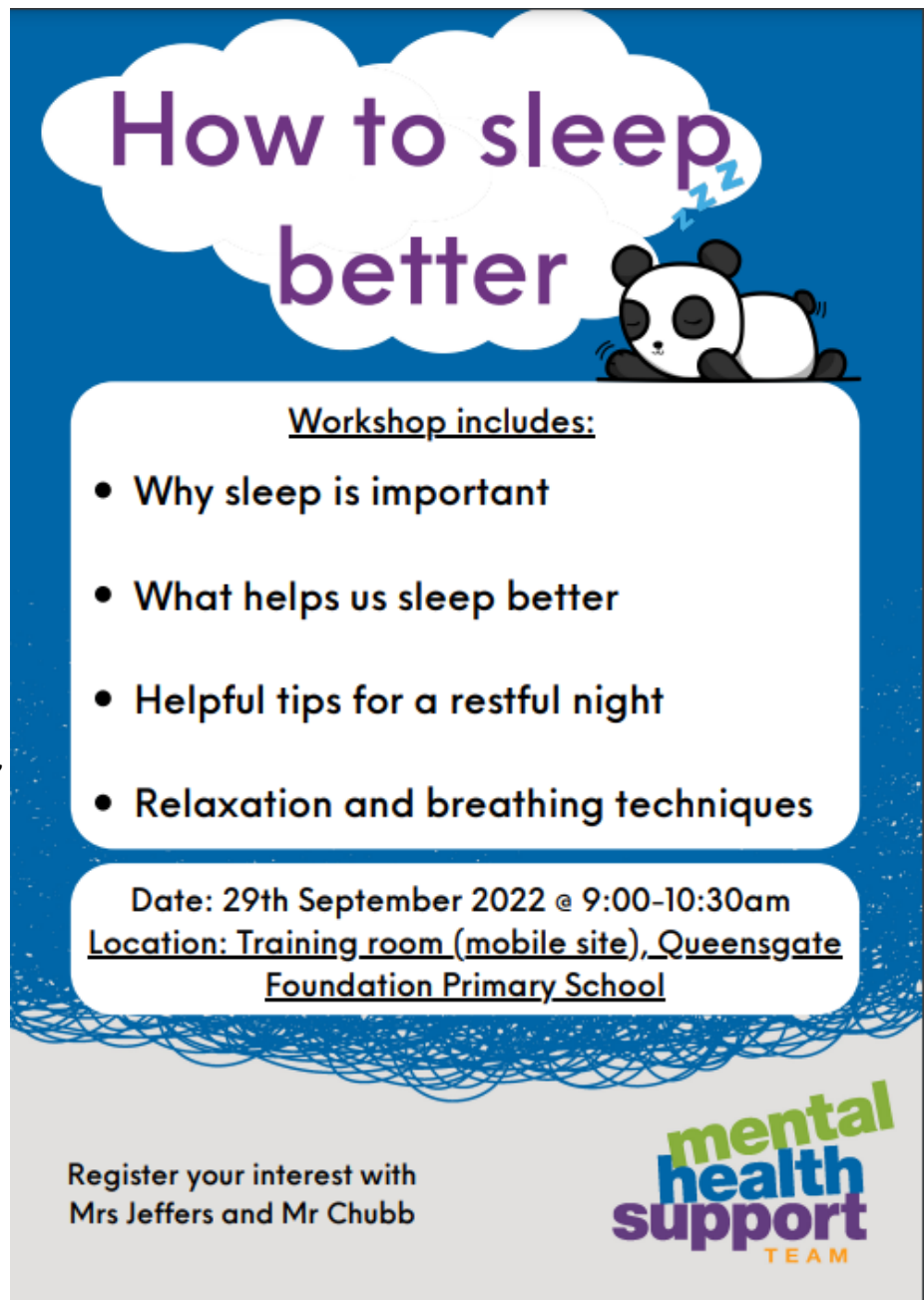
Positive mental health can translate into:

- Good behaviour
- Good habits
- Good attendance
- Positive community
- Good grades

We will continue to work with Bea Morris, our own ELSA trained staff and via ongoing training for all staff to support and signpost children and families, to ensure they have the correct support.

Please contact Mrs Jeffers or Mr Chubb if you would like to refer your child to this service, think of it as a step before Youth Trust, Barnardos and CCAMHS.

“Happiness can always be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light.”  
Dumbledore  
(From Harry Potter)



**How to sleep better**

**Workshop includes:**

- Why sleep is important
- What helps us sleep better
- Helpful tips for a restful night
- Relaxation and breathing techniques

**Date:** 29th September 2022 @ 9:00-10:30am  
**Location:** Training room (mobile site), Queensgate Foundation Primary School

Register your interest with Mrs Jeffers and Mr Chubb

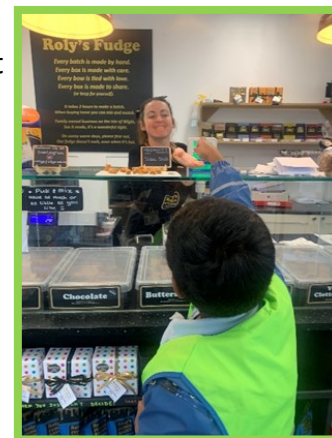
**mental health support TEAM**

## Fudge Shop Visit

Year 4 visited Roly Polys Fudge shop in Cowes. In Science we are looking at food production, we watched how fudge is made and were able to try some. Here is what George Jones had to say;



*"We went over the floating bridge to Cowes, it took about 15 minutes to walk. When we got to Roly Polys Fudge shop in Cowes, we looked through the window and the bakers poured out the fudge onto a marble table, they then swirled on the table*



*to catch all the air in the fudge. When the fudge started to become more of a solid, they started to fold the fudge over – it looked like a big sausage! They then cut it up and put it on trays. The best bit was when we were asking lots of questions and we got to taste the fudge. I can't decide if my favourite is butterscotch or chocolate! It was the best day ever!"*



## Totally RAD Music Lessons Postponed

The music lessons planned to start this week have had to be postponed due to reasons beyond our control. Totally RAD are working hard to resolve the issue and will let us know when the lessons can begin. If you have signed your child up for lessons and have any questions or concerns, please email Totally RAD direct using the following link: [sales@totallyradmusic.co.uk](mailto:sales@totallyradmusic.co.uk).

Thank you for your patience, Mrs W Webb

## And finally...

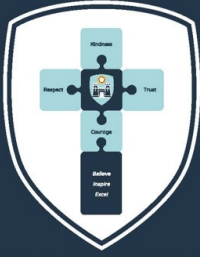
Remember, to read, chat and play with your children and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher





THE BAY CE SCHOOL  
Believe · Inspire · Excel



# Year 7 Open Evening

Thursday 6th October 2022, 5.00-8.00pm

Presentation at 5.00pm and 6.00pm followed by tours of the Secondary School

Open Morning: Tuesday 11th October, 9.00-11.00am, please call to book an appointment.



Contact us for more information: Telephone: 01983 403284

Email: [office@bayceschool.org](mailto:office@bayceschool.org)

Website: [bayceschool.org](http://bayceschool.org)

## JOIN THE YOUTH TRUST MENTAL HEALTH TASKFORCE!

Are you aged 12-25?

Would you like to represent the voices of children and young people on the island, helping to shape the services that they need?

The TaskForce are looking to recruit additional members to help make changes for young people by young people.

The Isle of Wight Youth Trust listen to, and work with, young islanders and their families so that they can get the help they need, when they need it, to support their mental, and emotional wellbeing.

To find out more and apply:



**“youth trust”**

[www.iowyouthtrust.co.uk](http://www.iowyouthtrust.co.uk)  
01983 529569

**isorropia** foundations'  Public Workshops

### Improve Your Mental Health

Understanding your emotions

isorropia foundation is a wellbeing organisation designed to empower you to become the best version of yourself



Monday 26th September  
11am - 12:30pm



Brading Youth & Community Centre  
High Street, Brading PO36 0DH

Gain skills to improve your wellbeing and unlock your potential  
This workshop is open to the public. Attendees must be over the age of 18.

We hope to see you there!



01983 217 791



[hello@isorropia.uk](mailto:hello@isorropia.uk)



[www.isorropia.uk](http://www.isorropia.uk)

Sight  
for  
Wight



# SHORT STORY WRITING COMPETITION 2022

'The Sea'

Are You A Budding Author?

Enter our competition for a chance to have your  
story published and recorded by a celebrity!

## ENTRY FEE (per story)

£8.00 for:

Adults (1500 - 2000 words)

£2.00 for:

12 - 17s (up to 750 words)

8 - 11s (up to 500 words)

Under 8s (up to 250 words with pictures)

## ENTRY FORMS FROM:

Waterstones, Newport

Sight for Wight, Carisbrooke

Dress for Less, Newport

Email: [admin@iwsb.org.uk](mailto:admin@iwsb.org.uk)



BETHANNIE HARE



DOMINIC MINGHELLA



MARK SIMMONS



RICHARD CADELL

For more information visit: [sightforwight.org.uk](http://sightforwight.org.uk)

Award Ceremony on Monday 5th December 2022

Riverside Centre, Newport @ 7pm

**ENTRIES MUST BE RETURNED BY 5PM ON FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER**

*Sight for Wight is the working name for Isle of Wight Society for the Blind  
Registered charity number 1149415 Company limited by guarantee 6240404*

# ADULT LEARNING

## Autumn 2022

All courses take place at  
The Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde,  
PO33 1QS unless otherwise stated.

\*Concessionary rates are offered to learners who are in receipt of specific means tested benefits.



### CITY AND GUILDS FUNCTIONAL SKILLS FREE ENGLISH AND MATHS COURSES

Classes available in Ryde, Newport, Sandown, Freshwater and East Cowes. **For more details, please contact [acl@iow.gov.uk](mailto:acl@iow.gov.uk)**

### FREE CAREERS APPOINTMENTS

Advice and guidance to enable you to realise your potential, so that you can confidently take the next step into learning or employment.

**For more details, please contact [acl@iow.gov.uk](mailto:acl@iow.gov.uk)**

All courses are for adults (19+ years old)

### ICT

#### Computers for Beginners

6 week course ▶ Tuesday 13 September to 18 October ▶ 9.30am to 12.30pm ▶ Free

#### Computers for Beginners

**Downside Centre, Furlongs, Newport PO30 2AX**  
6 week course ▶ Monday 31 October to 5 December ▶ 1pm to 4pm ▶ Free

#### Essential Digital Skills For Life Level Entry 3

12 week course ▶ Monday 12 September to 5 December ▶ 1pm to 3.30pm ▶ Free  
12 week course ▶ Thursday 15 September to 8 December ▶ 6pm to 8.30pm ▶ Free

#### Essential Digital Skills For Work Level 1

12 week course ▶ Thursday 15 September to 8 December ▶ 9.30am to 12.30pm ▶ Free

### FREE ONLINE COURSES

Short courses on offer through the Equal Learning Platform include modules in, English and Maths, Childcare and Education, Business, Leadership and Management, Health and Safety, Retail and Hospitality, Health and Social Care, Personal Development and Employability, Health and Fitness and Sustainability. Electronic certificates available on completion. **For more details, please contact [ad@iow.gov.uk](mailto:ad@iow.gov.uk)**



For more information and to book your place please get in touch.

- [iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses](http://iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses)
- 01983 817280
- [acl@iow.gov.uk](mailto:acl@iow.gov.uk)
- IWCACL



## ICT (CONTINUED)

### ICDL Word Processing

#### Level 1 and 2

6 week course » Monday 12 September to 17 October » 9.30am to 12.30pm » Free

### ICDL Spreadsheets

#### Level 1 and 2

6 week course » Tuesday 13 September to 18 October » 1pm to 4pm » Free

### ICDL Presentation Software

#### Level 1 and 2

6 week course » Tuesday 1 November to 6 December » 9.30am to 12.30pm » Free

### Researching your Family History for Beginners

3 week course » Sunday 6 to 20 November » 10.30am to 12.30pm » £35/£20\*

## ART

### Travel Poster Art

3 week course » Monday 3 October to 17 October » 10am to 1pm » £55/£32\*

### Pen & Wash Still Life

Workshop » Wednesday 5 October » 10am to 3pm » £35/£22\*

### Poppy Watercolour

Workshop » Friday 14 October » 10am to 1pm » £20/£12\*

### Understanding & Mixing Colours

Workshop » Wednesday 19 October » 1 to 4pm » £20/£12\*

### Abstracts using Painting Knives

3 week course » Wednesday 2 to 16 November » 10am to 1pm » £55/£32\*

## ART (CONTINUED)

### Acrylic Seascapes

Workshop » Monday 7 November » 10am to 3pm » £35/£22\*

### Encaustic Art

Workshop » Saturday 12 November » 10am to 3pm » £35/£22\*

## CRAFT

### Mosaic Garden/Window Suncatchers

2 week course » Saturday 17 September » 10am to 3pm » Sunday 18 September » 10am to 12pm » £45/£28\*

### Needle Felted Land or Seascape Picture

Workshop » Thursday 20 October » 10am to 3pm » £35/£22\*

### Feng Shui for your Home

5 week course » Wednesday 2 to 30 November » 6 to 8pm » £60/£35\*

### Revamp your Clothing using Japanese Boro

4 week course » Thursday 3 to 24 November » 10am to 1pm » £65/£35\*

### Simple Embroidery Stitches

2 week course » Friday 4 to 11 November » 10am to 12.30pm » £35/£22\*

### Felt a Poinsettia Flower

2 week course » Friday 18 to 25 November » 10am to 12.30pm » £35/£22\*

### Silk Painted Scarf

Workshop » Thursday 1 December » 10am to 3pm » £35/£22\*

### Felt Christmas Decorations

Workshop » Friday 2 December » 10am to 3pm » £35/£22\*

## CRAFT (CONTINUED)

### Air Dry Clay

2 week course » Wednesday 7 December » 6 to 8pm » Wednesday 14 December » 6 to 7pm » £20/£16\*

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING

### Warming Winter Tonics & Teas

Workshop » Saturday 15 October » 10am to 1pm » £20/£12\*

For more information and to book your place please get in touch.

 [iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses](http://iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses)  
 01983 817280  
 [acl@iow.gov.uk](mailto:acl@iow.gov.uk)  
 IWCACL

## WORKSHOP DAY £10/£5\*

Workshop » Sunday 9 October » 10am to 12pm

### Beginners Knitting - Cosy Mug Holder

### Creative Collage

### Decoupage Glass Jars

## CHRISTMAS THEMED WORKSHOP DAY £10/£5\*

Workshop » Sunday 4 December » 10am to 12pm

### Mini Stocking

### Needle Felted Bauble

### Foliage Wreath