

Have a lovely Half Term Break!

Dear Families,

Ash Randall – Free Style Footballer

On Monday, Ash Randall (World record breaking freestyle footballer) came into school to lead an assembly to both KS1 and KS2 children. Ash showed the children some tricks and then invited some staff and children to have a go. Throughout the assembly, Ash told the children about the importance of not giving up when something is hard and that it takes time and patience to learn new skills. During breaktimes this week, the children then had the chance to work on some of the skills Ash showed us. It has been great to see both girls and boys from all year groups having a go.



Here is some great writing inspired by Ash's visit:

Mock interview by Jada 6TM

Today I am welcoming Ash Randall, a world record breaking freestyle footballer. He has travelled the world and visited some amazing places throughout his career. Ash is inspirational and learns new tricks and kicks all of the time. He is dedicated and not scared of hard work.

Jada: So Ash tell me, what's the achievement you're most proud of?

Ash: Good question. I have many achievements that I'm proud of. One of them was when I climbed up Tower 42, which has 932 stairs, whilst balancing a football on my back. I'm also very proud of when I juggled a football for 13.1 miles during the Cardiff half-marathon.

Jada: How many world records have you broken?

Ash: In total, I've broken 25 world records in 17 years, one of which was on live in China that over 50 million people have seen. Hopefully, I will continue to break more world records and inspire others.

Jada: Amazing! Have you ever met anyone you've been inspired by?

Ash: Yes, I am grateful that I've met, worked with and performed with many awesome footballers such as; Thierry Henry, Fernando Torres, Wayne Rooney and Pele. I was even invited to perform at a charity football match, where the band One Direction were performing their concert.

Jada: Wow! I would have loved to work with such amazing, inspiring people. Tell me about the wonderful places you've travelled to.

Ash: What can I say? I've had the opportunity of a lifetime. My career has taken me around the world. I have been to lots of stunning and remarkable places; China, Kuwait, USA, Canada and Egypt were some of my favourites. I wish to continue travelling and show my skills to others around the world.

Jada: Thank you for visiting us today. It was amazing to hear that Queensgate was one of the 550 schools you've visited so far. All the children at Queensgate agree that it was a pleasure to see you. We are truly inspired!

Here's a write up by Tylan in 2KG:

Yesterday a famous footballer came and showed us his skipping while he was heading the ball in assembly. I felt excited because I love football. My favourite part was him spinning the ball with one finger.

And another by Max D also in 2KG:

Yesterday a famous footballer named Ash Randall came in and showed us some of his football tricks. I felt anxious because I didn't know what was going on. First he put some music on. Then he put the ball on his head. After that he spun a ball on his finger. Finally he put a hat on his head and a ball but then he pulled the hat off his head and the ball stayed there! My favourite part was when he skipped and banged the ball on his head!



Year 4 Multiplication Check

Just a reminder that during the first week back after the half term holiday Year 4 will be doing their multiplication check. Please continue to practise all of the times tables up to 12 times 12. There are 25 computer generated questions and the children have to get them all right to pass. Children cannot access the Year 5 and Year 6 maths curriculum without knowing their times tables.

First week back

We come back to school on Monday 5th June with lessons starting at 8:40. A couple of things for the first week back.

Lauren Fry from Young Carers will be joining us for both Monday and Tuesday's assemblies.

Year 6 will be going to their residential at Runways End on Wednesday 7th June and returning on Friday 9th June. Please remember they are not allowed to take mobile phones with them.

Animal Themed Mufti Day

Today the School Council organised an animal themed mufti day. There were some fabulous costumes. Thank you for your donations they are all going to the RSPCA in Godshill, so animals can be looked after and rehomed. The RSPCA is the School Council's chosen charity to support this year. At the time of writing £230 had been donated - thank you.

Thank you also for all your help in getting the children ready for today's MUFTI. The children looked great and there were some wonderful costumes. Although it was very hard we decided to choose one winner who caught the attention of both myself and Mr Chubb, and that was Mirabel in Year 3 - here she is with a voucher for Tapnell Farm.

Below is Miss Sears who we have said goodbye to today, we wish her luck in her new job. Also RAB with Mrs Barnett who also finishes today for her maternity leave, wishing her lots of luck too!



Reception Parents Patch Party



Both classes had the opportunity of taking their parents to The Patch. Ben was on hand to assist in tree climbing and Mrs Dye used her Forest School training to good effect.

Everyone had a great time and can be seen in the photos and the quotes below from the feedback forms. Thank you to all the parents that were able to come - we can't wait to host you again at The Patch.

"Truly loved it, as did Archie!"

"It's so good it's available. I Loved going up the tree— thank you! Great to see the children able to climb the trees and swing and jump. It was fun! Thanks for the Toast!"

"We climbed up in the tree, planted hazel and explored with Matteo. Had the opportunity to chat to the reception team in a much more relaxed way than at parents evening. The area helped me feel more relaxed 'in school' than I would indoors."



"We had such a good time on the patch, Peyton showed me all of the different activities and we learnt so much."

"I enjoyed seeing the activities that take place at the Patch and seeing all the different types of tree, plants and insects the children get to explore."

Patch Party!

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 93.61%

Whole School Attendance this week is 90.77%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is RAB with 97.94%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 5RA with 95.56%



10 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 95%

20 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 90%

40 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 80%

If your child's attendance falls below 90% they are classed as persistently absent



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 Served with Potato Wedges and Two Vegetables	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and Two Vegetables	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes, Gravy and Two Vegetables	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips and Two Vegetables
Tomato Pasta Served with Two Vegetables	Cauliflower Macaroni Cheese Served with Two Vegetables	Roasted Vegetable Butterbean Crumble Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Vegetarian Dippers Served with Chips and Two Vegetables
Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta
Vanilla Ice Cream	Strawberry Jelly with Fruit	Hot Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard	Lemon Slice with Fruit	Crispy Crackle Bar

Mental Health at Queensgate

Please see the below website for loads of information around advice and support:

<https://www.iwmentalhealth.co.uk/someone-to-talk-to>

From the Isle of Wight NHS Trust

We are offering the following Children's COVID Vaccination Clinics for Years 5-11 and Years 12-15. Appointments must be booked in advance using the National Booking Service, we are unable to offer walk-ins.

Please note that these will take place in the **Children's Outpatients Department, North Hospital, St Mary's** and NOT the Hospital Vaccine Hub. Accessible parking is available in the North Car Park.

For information about eligibility and how to book your Child's vaccination, please use the online link below, you will need your child's NHS number:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

All vaccines offered will be the Pfizer vaccines.

Child Vaccine Doses Offered:

For children 5-11 years - 1st dose and 2nd dose only.

For children 12-15 years - 1st dose and 2nd dose.

A 3rd dose is offered if your child is at high risk because of a weakened immune system

Children's Clinics in May:

Wednesday 24 May 2023, 08:00 – 11:00

Children's Clinics in June:

Friday 02 June 14:30 – 17:30

Monday 12 June 08:00 – 11:00

Wednesday 28 June 08:00 – 11:00

For any other information regarding Children's vaccination clinics, please email the Hospital Vaccine Hub Team: iownt.vaccine-hub@nhs.net.

ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING

ALL COURSES ARE FOR ADULTS 19+



For further information or to book a place on any /all of these sessions please contact:

info@thecrossley.co.uk or phone 01983 861164 [to leave a message]

90 Minutes to Family Calm Series

Join our **FREE** (fully funded) online classes! - **Join one or join them all...**



BRAIN TRAINING FOR CALM - 6th June

TAMING THE EMOTIONS MONSTER - 13th June

SENSIBLE ABOUT OUR SENSES - 20th June

BUCKET FILLING FOR SELF-ESTEEM - 27th June

RELAXING OUR KIDS - 4th July



June-July 2023

Tuesday evenings

6:00—7:30 pm

parents & professionals working with children

Booking & enrolment required to secure a place on any or all these sessions.

*enrolment required **just once** (for any number of sessions) per academic year



Music at Queensgate



NO Choir after half term

Due to a change of circumstances, Mrs Webb will not now be able to offer choir club to KS2 children after half term. Apologies for this. Miss Croutear has got a list of current KS2 choir members and may be calling on some of you to help her directly with the recording project for Dance Live.

Guitar Lesson after Half Term



We have lovely new guitars for children to borrow!

We have spaces for guitar lessons starting after half term. Lessons are just £8 a week for a 20 min small group session and children can borrow school guitars so they can practise at home. These lessons are open to any child in our current Years 2 - 5.

Just email Mrs Webb on wwebb@queensgateprimary.co.uk with your child's full name and class and she will email you back with further details about how to sign up with the Isle of Wight Tuition Service.

Totally Rad Piano Lessons

Totally Rad Music Company, who provide our piano lessons, have changed their sign up page. If your child is already having lessons, you do not need to do anything; your child is already registered. If any other parents would like to sign up for lessons, please see the link to the new sign up form on the school website.

Out & About

Next half term, our Reception classes will be learning about the seaside. On Tuesday morning the **RAB** Out and About group visited St Helens Beach. The children enjoyed digging in the sand, collecting shells, transporting water with drain pipes and creating some amazing cakes and doughnuts in the 'sand kitchen'! At snack time the children listened to seaside stories whilst learning more about rock pools and different types of shells. It was super to see the children working and playing together on the beach.



On Tuesday afternoon the **Year 5** Out and About team walked from the Needles carpark up to the New Battery and High Down Testing Site. As part of their Science topic, *Space and Earth*, they learnt more about the Island's history and involvement in space travel, rocket manufacture and testing. The Black Knight and Black Arrow rockets (used to launch the Prospero Satellite) were designed in 1950s-1970s. Underground rooms at the New Battery were also used as part of the secret rocket testing. The group were all brilliant at walking up the steep chalk path to the downs!



After half term, the children in **Year 4** will be learning about Queen Victoria's impact on the Isle of Wight. On Wednesday morning the Out and About group from 4BM learnt about other influential Victorians that lived on the Island, including Julia Margaret Cameron and Alfred Lord Tennyson. The children walked from Freshwater Bay up to the monument at the top of Tennyson Down. We talked about Tennyson and his popularity as poet laureate during most of Queen Victoria's reign and how she met him on several occasions. The children all demonstrated great fitness and were in awe of the beautiful views of the bay and across the downs.



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Out & About con't

All of 6LR went orienteering in Firestone Copse on Wednesday afternoon. The children used compasses and maps to navigate their way around the forest. They worked in two teams to find as many orienteering markers as they could within the time frame. Well done 6LR.



The Out and About after school club enjoyed the sunshine with a trip to Ryde beach on Wednesday. The children loved digging holes and playing in the sand.



Out and About after half term...

Please wear play clothes and trainers/comfortable shoes. Bring a sun hat and apply sun cream before school.

Tuesday 6th May am RSD

Bembridge Lifeboat Station

*Please bring a small donation/loose change in an envelope if you would like to make a donation to RNLI.

Arthur, Peyton, Harry, Daniel, Amelia, Mollie, Sophie, Marley, Matteo, Naomi, George A, Neahve, Harrison and Inhara.

Tuesday 6th May pm Year 5

High Down Rocket Testing Site

*Parents please note we are likely to return back to school late (approx 3:20pm).

Amber-May, Max, Lily, Rochelle, Joe, Charlie, Zoe, Maya, Jude C, Oscar, Alayna, Wynter, Elsie, Kahlel and Summer.

Wednesday 7th May am Year 4

Tennyson Down

Xachary, Maizy, Bradley, Harley, Thomas, Halle, Logan, Braiden, Elanor, Emmie, Jonny, Grace W and Amy.

Wednesday 7th May Year 6

Beach trip and swimming at Waterside

*All children not on the residential trip will be going to the beach and then swimming. Please wear suitable beach clothes, bring a hat, sunscreen, packed lunch, swimming costume/ swim shorts, towel and goggles.

Sports Reports

On Monday we took two teams of girls over to Gurnard Primary school for the afternoon to take part in a Football Tournament. The teams were made up of seven girls, one team from Year 3 and 4 and one from Year 6. They each played four games of six a side in their group stages.

Year 3/4

We played our first four games, showing great perseverance and sportsmanship. We did really well, winning two games and drawing two games. This meant we came 2nd in our group, so we had the chance to play in the semi-finals, it was a tense nail-biting match with some excellent football played. We just missed out on a win with a final score of 1-0 to Honeyhill Primary. Next, we went on to play for 3rd and 4th place against Barton Primary, we battled on to the bitter end until we claimed the victory, meaning we came 3rd place in the competition, receiving bronze in the medal presentation.

Year 6

We got off to a great start in the tournament, up against some tough competition, we held our own on the pitch. Of our four games, we won two, drew one and lost one. This gave us eight points overall, meaning we just missed out on the top two spots in our group. We played some absolutely brilliant football, making great passes and some excellent saves in the goal.



Active body = Active mind

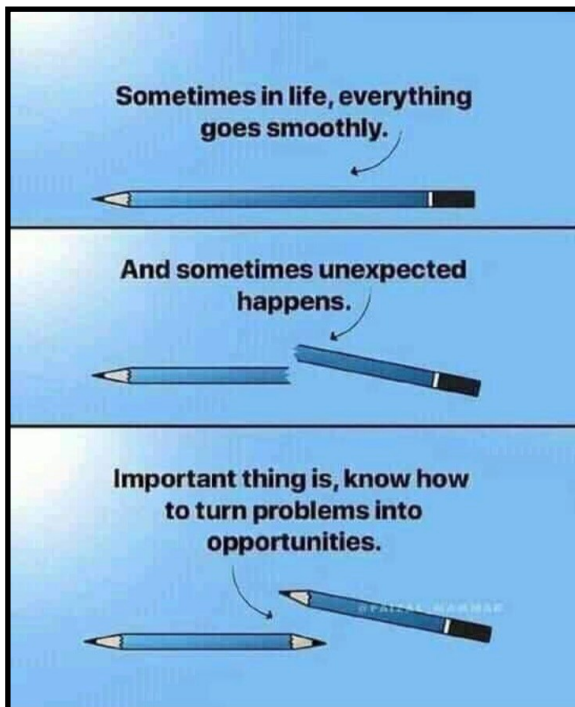
SIMS Lite

You should have now received an invite to join SIMs Lite. All 1st and 2nd contacts, where appropriate, have been invited, however take up is still low.

Here's our current status:

	Parents
Total Users	545
Invitations Sent	434
Invitations Accepted	195
Invitations Expired	0

After half term we will be chasing individual parents via text. So please do accept the invite and get logged on!



Girls Active Survey

Just to let you know that the school has signed up to the Youth Sport Trust's [Girls Active](#) Survey, which supports schools to gain student insight through an online survey to understand the participation levels, attitudes, motivations and barriers to participation.

The survey will be carried out by all children in Year's 3, 4, 5 & 6. All answers will be anonymous and no personal data will be collected.

We will share the results of the survey when we receive them back.

And finally...

Have a wonderful half term break. Enjoy the weather and remember to chat, read and play together!

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

Wight Orienteering



Find out more about the sport by joining one of our **Summer Events for 2023** –
Registration opens at 10am. Starts from 10.30-12.00

Sunday 21st May at Compton and Brook Down (parking at Compton Farm
Campsite)

Saturday 8th July a Quiz walk will be organized.

Cost for adult non-members £5, family groups £6.00 and juniors just £1.00

**Courses for all abilities with advice and training offered if required to new members. See website
for parking details: www.wighto.org.uk**

We also have a Facebook page: Wight Orienteers

<http://ab1academy.com/isleofwight-camp/>

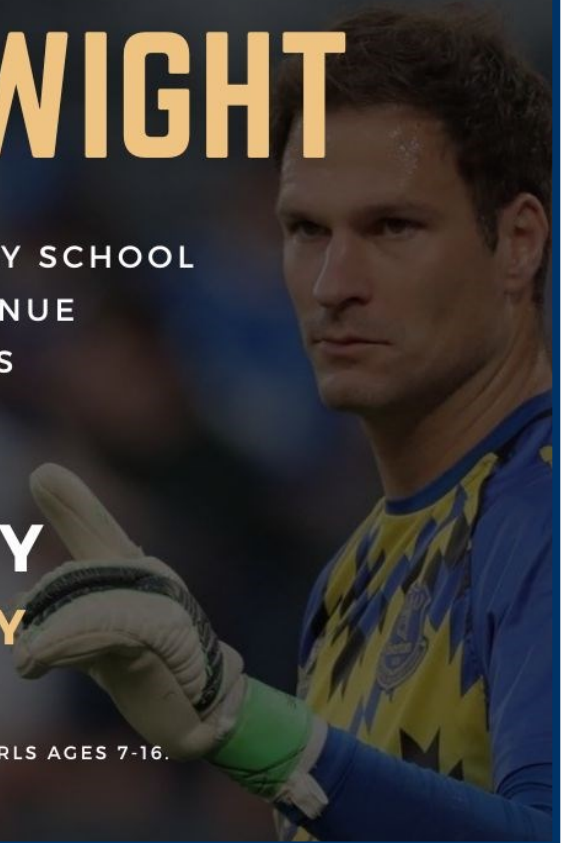
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Show starts 2pm (50 mins running time with no interval)
Tickets: £8 | £30 Family of Four

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For further information please contact Tayla Smith, Marketing Co-ordinator marketing@quayarts.org T: 01983 822490

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• Wednesday 31 May
• Friday 2 June

*£1 per person. Includes admission and all activities.
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Underwater Hockey is a great way to stay fit and still enjoy the pool. No two games will ever be the same, so why not try something different?

What Is Underwater Hockey?

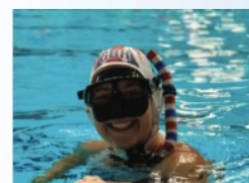
Underwater Hockey is a team game played on the bottom of the swimming pool!

There are two teams using a small stick to get a small weighted puck into their opponents' goal. The game is played exclusively on the bottom of the pool so players need to hold their breath whilst playing.

Teamwork is vital in Underwater Hockey, each team has 6 players and 4 rolling substitutes.

Can you Play Underwater Hockey?

Whatever your age, as long as you are a confident swimmer, you should be able to play Underwater Hockey. There is a junior Underwater Hockey team training at Waterside Pool in Ryde every Sunday evening, 6-7pm.



Click [here](#) for more information about Underwater Hockey or email the Junior team coach at <mailto:marycockayne@gmail.com> to arrange a free trial session.

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£2 per session

WEDNESDAYS
10am - 12pm



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Thursday Evenings 6 – 7.30pm

Starting 13th April

- Open to all aged 7-14
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- £3 a week after
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The sessions will cover cricket skills through activities and practice matches to ensure a fun environment for beginners and experienced cricketers. All children welcome

LOCATION:

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