— Issue 17 09/05/25—



Queensgate Newsletter

A newsletter for the pupils, families and staff of Queensgate Primary



Staffing News

INSIDE, WE ALSO TALK ABOUT:

Dear families,

I am very pleased to let you know that we successfully appointed Mrs Georgina Anselm to the maternity cover teaching position in Year 1. I've asked Mrs Anselm to introduce herself which you can find on Page 2 of this newsletter.

Monday is the closing date for the full-time teaching post vacancy. Our senior leadership team will be shortlisting, ready for interviews on Tuesday 20th May.

Mrs Barnett is completing a National Professional Qualification In Early Years Learning (NPQEYL) and went all the way to Coventry for a conference this week. She networked with other Early Years specialists and learnt more about her course. We are looking forward to her bringing new and even more exciting features to our Early Years classes and outside learning environment.

Working Together for a Successful Future

Sports Page - Pg4 & Pg5

Out & About -Pg6, Pg7 & Pg8

Menu - Pg9

Attendance -Pg10

Georgina Anselm



Hello! I am Georgina Anselm and I am delighted to be joining the team as a Year 1 teacher. I have taught across EYFS to Key Stage 2 in London independent schools, with a particular focus on Key Stage 1 in recent years. I am passionate about creating a nurturing and engaging classroom environment where every child feels confident, curious and inspired to learn. I have been at my current school since 2017, where I have loved building warm and trusting relationships with the children I teach, families, colleagues and the wider school community. From the moment I stepped through the doors at Queensgate, I felt that same sense of belonging. The welcome I received from the children and staff confirmed what I had already sensed — that this is a very special school, and I am so pleased to now be part of it.

I hold a BA in Education Studies with First-Class Honours and a PGCE with distinction. I enjoy planning creative, hands-on lessons and finding meaningful ways for children to connect and learn from the world around them. I also value collaboration and enjoy working closely with others to help enrich learning experiences. I am currently making the move to the Isle of Wight, where, coincidentally, both my family and my fiancé's family relocated a few years ago from Oxford and London. Outside of school, I am usually found chasing after my very energetic puppy (named Baked Bean) or rediscovering my love of longdistance running. I used to take part in amateur triathlons and hope to get back into them soon!

This Week

Year 6 SATS

Next week is our Year 6s opportunity to shine. They have been working very hard all year. I was really pleased to give out certificates in last week's assembly to so many children who had achieved their highest scores in an arithmetic test - the timing couldn't be better! As a treat, and to set them up for their tests, we have invited all of them to attend breakfast club to enjoy a bacon baguette which you should have pre booked by now. I wish all of our Year 6s the very best of luck next week.

Please note the following timetable for SATs:

- Monday 12th May English grammar, punctuation and Spelling Paper 1: questions
- Monday 12th May English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
- Tuesday 13th May English reading
- Wednesday 14th May Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic
- Wednesday 14th May Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
- Thursday 15th May Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

The tests are strictly administered but it is worth reminding parents that some children are given extra time, some have scribes, some have the option to have questions read to them (apart from the reading paper), some have coloured paper – this is all standard practise and we, as a school, have applied for these extra measures. Mrs Tuck (one of our governors) is an ex Head Teacher and will be coming into school to ensure that myself and the team are administering the tests correctly. It is also possible that we will get an unannounced visit from the Local Authority to check too.

To celebrate the end of SATs our Year 6s will be spending the day on Friday 16th May at East Cowes Seafront, where they will have an ice cream paid for by the money raised at their enterprise event last Friday.

PTFA Cake Sale

Also next Friday at the end of the school day, the PTFA will be selling cakes outside on the front lawn (or in the dining room if wet), please do support this by bringing cash to buy some yummy cakes!

Sports News

Another busy week with sports. Year 3, 4 and 5 have continued their cricket lessons with Mr Dan Cox. They are very fortunate to have this opportunity to learn from a professional cricketer.

Year 4 Football

On Thursday, a team of year 4 children travelled to Smallbrook to take part in the Premier league primary stars festival. The afternoon was made up of many drills (including a speed gun shoot-out) and matches against other schools. The children all gave it their best throughout the afternoon, improving key football skills such as passing, shooting and positioning. We also had Matthew F, Teddy B and Bradley H who joined the team to support our players. These boys took on a big role coaching and managing the team and were very helpful towards our year 4 players. Well done all!

Year 3/4 Tag Rugby

On Thursday Queensgate hosted a year3 and 4 tag rugby competition. Our tw0 teams played two games initially with the A team coming second in their group and the B team coming third. We then played another two games. All the children gained in confidence and skill throughout the competition and good sportsmanship was shown. Some great tries were scored particular by Ralph and Corey who were quick to pick up on the rules of the competition.



Year 6 Netball

On Wednesday 7th May our Year 6 team travelled to CEC to compete in the Island Netball Finals. They faced some tough competition in the group, playing four games, with one loss, a draw and two wins. They came second in their group which was a massive achievement for them.

Based on points and goals scored, they went on to play for 5th or 6th place. This was a great game where they held a majority of the possession and scored two brilliant goals. This result meant that they came 5th on the island overall.

Well done Queensgate!



Queensgate Out & About

The Reception Out and About team had a super time on Tuesday morning. The children have been learning all about different modes of transport. They visited Ryde Esplanade and spotted lots of vehicles, including buses, lorries, ferries and the hovercraft. The children then caught the train to Brading, where they enjoyed train stories on the platform, before heading back to Ryde.

'We went on the train. I liked how it went really fast, and I liked it when we went through the tunnel. We saw the sea when we went down the pier.' **Freya**

'We went on an electric train. It was fast! Inside there were poles and you had to hold them if you were standing up. We had stories about trains.' **Teddi**



On Tuesday afternoon, the Year 3 Out and about group enjoyed a river walk in Yarmouth, along the Western Yar. The children noted key features of the estuary and sat along the riverbank to sketch it. They had a go at using watercolour pencils to add detail to their drawings.

'We went to Yarmouth to look at the river. We used watercolour pencils to draw the river. We stood on the bridge and saw the mouth of the river and the Solent. It was very windy on the bridge!' Mia



The Year 1 Out and About team visited the Garlic Farm, in Newchurch, on Wednesday morning. The children used maps to follow a trail around the farmland, looking out for symbols and features on their maps to navigate the route. They saw garlic growing in the fields and learnt about how it is farmed. The children also liked seeing ducklings in the fishing lake and a herd of cows with calves. The group had great fun playing frisbee golf in the woodland too!

'We went to the Garlic Farm and we had a walk. We used maps. We looked out for animals and garlic growing. My favourite bit was playing with frisbees!' Molly

'We had a walk and saw the garlic growing. I liked playing with the frisbees.' Owen



Our little adventurers from Year 2 visited Newtown Harbour on Wednesday afternoon. The children borrowed the explorer sacks from the National Trust visitor centre and had a fantastic time hunting for bugs in the meadows (slightly apprehensive about spotting an adder!) and using binoculars to look out for birds. The children saw an Oyster Catcher, Little Egret, and lots of Black-headed Gulls. They liked visiting the bird hide, where volunteer Darren, helped the children to spot birds.

'We went to Newtown, and we went to the bird hide, where we could look through the telescopes.' Marnie-Rae

'We had explorer bags with binoculars, magnifying glasses, and boxes to put bugs in. I saw what looked like, a kite!' Daniel











Queensgate Out & About

Out and About next week...

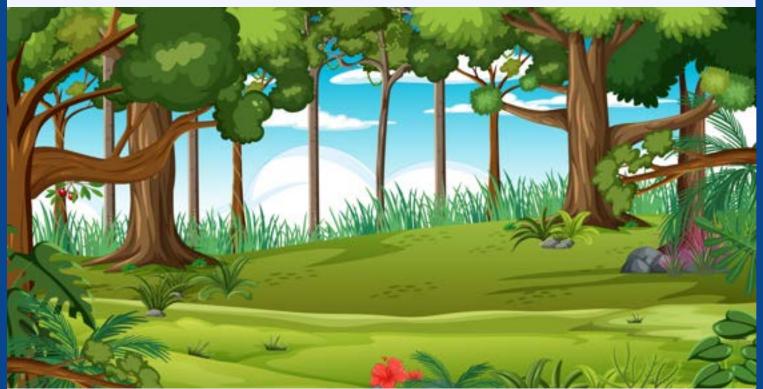
Please send your child to school wearing old play-clothes, suitable footwear, a sunhat and waterproof coat. We will be going out whatever the weather so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately and has suncream applied at home. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Tuesday 13th May am- Reception- RLM Train ride Albie, Luna, Harvey, Jessie, Isaac, Ellisa, Marley, Raiyn, Demi, Andy, Ernest and Elliot.

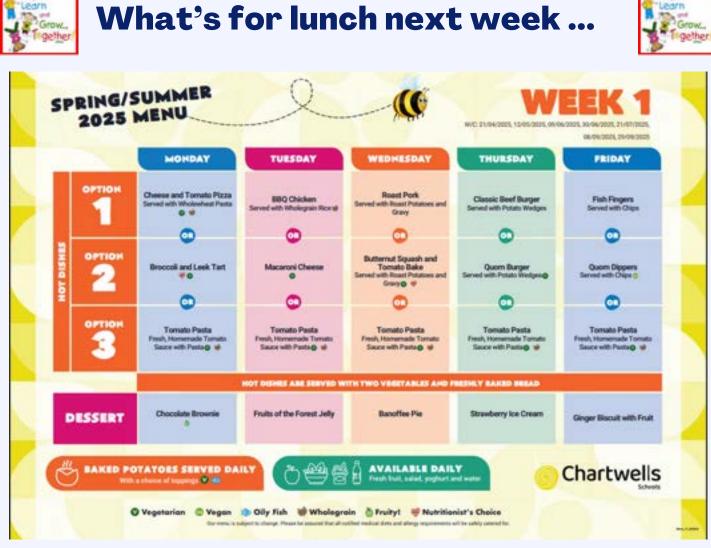
Tuesday 13th May pm- Year 3 Yarmouth River walk Arthur, Rosa, Charlie F, Abel, Caleb, Macie, Lexi, Paisley T, Ellis, Paisley G, Brody, Oliver and Tyler.

Wednesday 14th May am- Year 1- 1CE Garlic Farm walk Yazan, Layton, Felicity, Remi-Rose, Leo, Mia-Rose, Alfie, Rhue, Freddie, Denis, Charlie, Joshua and Louie.

Wednesday 14th May pm- Year 2- 2KA Newtown walk Millie, Jacob, Amelia, Titan, Freddie, Rosie, Ace, Rainie, Bodhi, Inara, Verbena, Nathan, Naomi, Penny and Francesca.



Working Together for a Successful Future





We would like to say a big welcome to the families and children that will be starting with us at Queensgate in September.

Please join Mrs Barnett and Mrs Muncaster for our 'Meet the Teacher' open morning at 9am on Thursday 22nd May.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 94.65% Whole School Attendance this week is 94.02%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1CE with 99.41% KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3AH with 100%

"Be like a postage stamp. Stick to a thing till you get there."

on the Million of States

Chat

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Alber all

Robin Chubb Acting Headteacher





REAI

Schools Walk the Wight 2025



There's still time to sign up for this amazing cause whilst also helping to get Queensgate on the Leader board! For more information or to register for 2025 School's Walk the Wight please use the link:

https://www.mountbatten.org.uk/schoolswalkthewight





Circus Skills Course

Make your own juggling balls, flower sticks, poi, and staffs, then learn how to use them to boost brain function. coordination, and fitness.

No experience is necessary, and you can impress family and friends with your new skills this summer!

£30 (£20 Concessions)





Friday 2, 9, 16, 23rd May and 6 & 13th June 10am to 12:30pm (Week off for half term on 30th May) The Cooching House 15b Union Road Ryde PO33 2ER For ages 19+ **Booking is essential** Please call 01983 716095 or

Email Abigailenewcarnival.co.uk

ble of Wight

ARTS COUNCIL

ENGLAND

Cont £22/£12*



All workshops and courses are for adults (19+ years old) and take place at The Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde, P033 1Q5. To book your place go to www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses Healtin and 0raft For more information and to beek your place. welbeing KT courses are fully funded Wire and silk painted unless otherwise stated. iow.gov.sk/ACLcou suncatchers Indian head massage **Computers for beginners** Three week course. 01983 817280 Markshop Six week course Friday 9 to 28 May, 9.30am to Thursday 24 April to 25 Mag Sunday 37 April 10am to Jam. adiiisw.gov.uk 12-104 en Cost (SS/FID* Cost £12/£12 9.30am to 12.30pm. THECAGE Monday 2 June to 7 July, Modern mosaics Improve your self esteem 9.3dam to 12.30em Two week course Three week course. Friday 30 May and 13 June, Spin to 8.30pm, Casit 640(628* to learners who are in receipt of specific means tested benefits. Proof of eligibility required. Essential digital skills for lamiday 6 to 30 Max, 6pm work to Spin. Cost (35/8207 Get hoeked en crochet 12 week.ce Workshop day Towaday 22 April to 15 July (no Three week course. m 27 May), 9.38am to 12pm Monday 2 to 16 June, tipin to Spin. Art Sunday 11 May, 10am to 12pm or 1pm to 3pm. Please note: there will be an Get ESSER* each in the feal work Willow sculpted birds Seascapes in oil using Introduction to Powerpoint palette knives Workshop. Cost £10 wash or £15 for both presentation Friday 5 June, 10am to 1pm. Three week cou **Macrame bracelets** Gent £22/E15 Workshop. Tansday 20 April to 13 May **Needlo** felted keyring Monday 28 April, 9.3 fam to 9.38am to 12pm, Geit 648/E28* Embroidery for beginners 12.30pm Beach themed sculptures Pen and wash Werkshop. Introduction to Excel inday 29 Jane, 10am to 2pm. areers appeinte Workshop. Workshop Thursday 1 May, 10am to 3pm. Gent #25/£16* Fully funded and offered at the co Call on to discuss your meeds and brock a star to one appointment with our saver's advisor. Monday 12 May, 9.30am to 12,30pm Cast Electron Papier máché tealight World of collage holders Introduction to Word Two week course. Workshop. Workshop. Learning and employment drop-in, Fridays 9.30am to 11.30am Monday 19 May 10am to 3pm Monday 7 to 14 July, 9.3tlam to Honday 19 May, 9,3 fam to 12,30pm 12.30pm Cell (35/120* Cast Else El 4 Everyday computer skills Japanese hapazome art Acrylic portraiture on canvas Senatem on 25 April, 9 May, 23 May 13 June and 25 July. Six week course Three week course. Werkshop. Thereaday 5 June to 10 July Saturday 12 July, 10am to 3pm 9.36am to 12.30pm Juniday 3 to 17 June 9 30am to Computer support drop-in, Fridays 9.30am to 12.30pm 12pm Cest d 48/E28 Cent £25/E16 **Create short videes from** I wish I could draw ossiens on 2 Hay, 16 May, 6 June, O June, 4 July and 18 July. photographs Free online courses Workshop. Workshop. Saturday 14 June, 10am to Spm Cent E36/E34* Isle of Wight Sunday 1 June, 10am to Jom

ADULT LEARNING

Summer 2025 🚟 🐜

CARNIVAL WORKSHOPS

East Cowes Carnival is excited to offer FREE carnival workshops for all families on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Come along to create costumes and learn dance moves, to participate in the Mardi Gras and / or Summer carnivals across the Isle of Wight. @EAST COWES SCOUT HUT ADELAIDE GROVE STARTING 27TH APRIL 10 am - 12 pm

EAST COWES CARNIVAL Come and make you own Costume to take part in the East EAST COWES Cowes Carnival August 23rd 2025 CARNIVAL first time in 30 years!



float for the **Christmas** Carnivals

DATES

27th April - welcome

4, 18 May 1, 15 June - Mardi Gras Making

21, Sept 5, 19 Oct - Fun Crafts

Subject to Change

Come and make a Costume to take part in the New Carnival Mardi Gras on 5th of July

MARDI GRAS

6, 20 July 7 Sept - Carnival Costumes 2, 16 Nov 7, 21 Dec - Christmas Designing Isle of Wight 4, 18 Jan 1, 15 Feb 1 March - Fun Crafts Council e into visit our Facabook p astoowescomivalgigma



child is mature enough to

PARENT CONTROLS

Google Family Link

THURSDAY EVENINGS 6-7.30PM (Weather permitting)

- Open to all aged 8-14
- First session FREE
- £3 a week after
 Opportunites to play in a team

CONTACT JENN: 07717477876 jebbs85@hotmail.co.uk

LOCATION:

East Cowes Sports Ground Beatrice Avenue East Cowes PO32 6LW





We are looking for foster carers on the Isle of Wight.

If you are interested in a life-changing vocation and can provide a safe, loving home to a child in care, we'd love to hear from you.

0333 0603 962 | five-rivers.org

Join a tocal social enterprise and a community of feater carers providing long and short-term care for children. Highly competitive featering allowance of up to (28,000 a year, tax-free, Round the clack support and specialist training. Potential to combine with full or part-time work.

bur Newport hub is now openi

Foster carers turn children's lives around



COME ALONG FOR LOTS OF MERRIMENT, MUNCHING AND MINGLING ON THE MEAD!

Limited pre-booked accessible parking ONLY! We are on a main bus route! If coming by car please consider car sharing and park responsibly.

Occupational therapy Parent advice sessions

The NHS Occupational Therapy Team will be running monthly parent advice sessions. These sessions are open to any families which don't have an existing referral.

The sessions will be with an Occupational Therapist and an Assistant.

The team will be able to give advice, signpost to other services / charities and support with completing a full referral to Occupational Therapy if it is felt the needs discussed require a full assessment.

The team will be able to support with advice around:

- Self Care tasks e.g. washing, dressing, using cutlery, toileting
- · Fine motor skill development
- Play skills
- · Preschool / school readiness

Session Dates for 2025

(more dates and locations may be added if required):

15 May, 19 June, 17 July, 18 September, 16 October, 20 November

Slots will be available at 9am, 10am and 11am.

Appointments will last for 45mins.

To book, contact the department on 01983 534520 or via email to iownt.paediatric-ot-mailbox@nhs.net

Sessions will take place at the Childrens Therapies Department, St Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight





Want to try something new, learn new skills and meet a whole new group of friends?

Beavers (6-8 years) Try new things and make friends. Contact Julie Sheppard - 07944619694

Cubs (8-10.5 years) Master new skills, have adventures. Contact Charlie Snow - 07523678680

Scouts (10.5-14 years) Explore the workl, challenge yourself. Cantact Caron Murphy - 07530979998

Each week we help young people enjoy fun and adventure while developing skills for life. Why not be one of them?

Adult Volunteers also needed! Not available every week? Not a problem! Would love to volunteer, but stay behind the scenes? Join our committee!

For more information about volunteering contact Mathew Tiller - 07908848410

Join us at 1st East Cowes Scout Hut, 40b Adetaide Grove, East Cowes PO32 6DB. Contact info@1steastcowesscouts.org.uk to find out more.

scouts.org.uk/join

#SkillsForLife

Engylight 2018 The Solid American Registered (Surfly Aurilian 2011/5/20184407



St MILDREDS CHURCH.

MID SUMMER FAYRE & FUN DOG SHOW

B. B. Q. STALLS, CAFÉ,

Saturday 17th May 12.00-15.00

BEST PUPPY up to 1 year old 1. 2. **BEST GOLDEN OLDIE over 7 years** 3. PRETTIEST GIRL 4. MOST HANDSOME BOY 5. HAPPIEST WAGGIEST TAIL JUNIOR HANDLER (under 16 must accompanied by an 6. adult) **BEST RESCUE STORY** 7. 8. **BEST SAUSAGE CATCHER sausage provided** MOST APPEALING EYES 9. 10. **BEST FANSY DRESS of your choice** 11 RESERVE BEST IN SHOW * PRIZE * 12. **BEST IN SHOW** * PRIZE *

ALL FIRST'S FROM EACH CLASS TO ENTER FOR BEST IN SHOW. Rosettes for 1st to 3rd in each class

£2 Per Class or £5 for 3 Classes, Entry's 12.00 - 1.00 Judging Starts at 1.15

A fun entertaining afternoon for all the family,



Saturday 17 May 2025

10:00am - 4:00pm

All welcome. Bring the family. Many activities. Refreshments. Parking £5 per car. Free entry. Sorry, no unaccompanied children & no dogs (except assistance dogs).









Silat

Wednesday 21" May 9.30-11.30am



Included in your entrance or all 4 story times for £22

