



Queensgate Newsletter

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



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To Help you through the Last Two Weeks!

Dear Families,

Thank you

I would like to start with a huge thank you for all the chocolate and toiletries you sent in to support our Christmas Fair.



Thank you also for all the wonderful jars you have sent in for the jar tombola. I really appreciate your generosity!

So, you know what is going on in the last two weeks of term!

Here is a rundown of what is going on in school over the next two weeks.

Sunday 8th December

The Queensgate choir will be singing at St James' Church at 4:00pm. The children need to arrive at 3:30pm please and be in full school uniform with long hair plaited – looking their best for the performance. It would be lovely to see you there – the more the merrier!

Tuesday 10th December

There are PTFA discos after school on Tuesday. Here are the times for the discos:

Year Group	Time
Reception	3.15pm - 3.45pm
Years 1, 2 & 3	4pm - 5.15pm
Years 4, 5 & 6	5.30pm - 6.45pm

The cost is £2 for Reception children and £2.50 for everyone else. This is to be paid in cash on the evening. All children must be picked up from the disco by an adult.

Monday 16th December

Reception classes will be performing their Nativity to the rest of the school – can't wait!

Tuesday 17th December

Reception nativity to their families. The show starts at 9:30am. There is no charge, but there will be a donations box. Any monies collected will go back into Reception to buy resources.

The school choir will be singing at Kynance.

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas jumper day – swap your school sweatshirt for a Christmas jumper.

Christmas Dinner will be served.

Online pantomime in the afternoon.

Attendance and thank you assembly.



Thursday 19th December

Party Day – The children can wear their own clothes. Please make sure they are suitable for a school day.

Friday 20th December

Last day of term – children back in school uniform please. Carol service in the school hall.

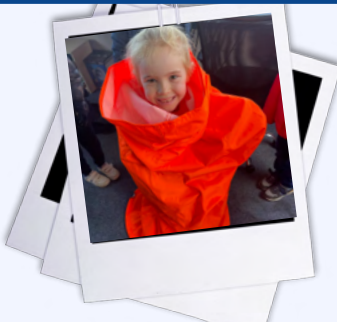
Interspersed with these dates we will be carrying out Progress Meetings where the senior leaders of the school will discuss the progress of every child in the school and be making plans for the Spring term.

Queensgate Out & About

Our **Year 2** Out and about group had the opportunity to visit Bembridge Airport on Tuesday morning, in readiness for their next topic on Flight. The children learnt about how pilots communicate with air traffic control on the ground, different features of aeroplanes (bi-planes and monoplanes) and the key parts of a plane (ailerons, elevators, tail, rudder, wings, propellers). The children were allowed to sit in a real plane and explore the controls, learning how a plane would be flown. The group got to watch a 1930s Tiger Moth take off from the airport and see a small monoplane land too.

"We went to Bembridge Airport. My favourite bit was when I went inside the wind sock! I did like sitting in the plane but we didn't take off!" Evelyn 2KA

"I liked looking at the planes. I really like the one we got to sit in. I sat in the pilot's seat and steered to make the ailerons on the wing move. We got to see a Tiger Moth fly!" Rudy 2KA



On Tuesday afternoon, our **Year 5** children followed a trail across the Causeway at St Helens and around the Duver. They followed the clues and used their compasses to guide them. The children found where they were on an OS map and practised working out the six-figure grid reference for different locations.

"We went to St Helens and had really nice walk. We got to go on the beach and the scenery was really lovely." Mia-Rose 5RA

"We had an activity sheet and we had to follow it by working out compass directions. I had a lot of fun!" Hannah 5RA



Queensgate Out & About Continued

The **ICE** Out and About team hunted for a lost teddy around the Old Barracks and Puckpool Park. The group looked for clues and took turns in reading messages to help them to find the missing toy. Once they'd found the toy, the children all enjoyed warming up with a hot chocolate and playing in the park together!



This half term, our **Year 6** children have been Geocaching during their Out and About sessions. The aim was to introduce the children to an active hobby that they may like to take part in outside of school, with family and friends. This week's group, from 6TM, found five caches around the Merstone cycle path and surrounding farmland. The team were particularly excited to find some 'swappable' caches!



Queensgate Out & About Next Week

Out and About next week...

Tuesday 10th December am - 2KA Bembridge Airport

Milly, Jacob, Amelia, Titan, Freddie, Rosie, Ace, Rainie, Bodhi, Inara, Verbena, Nathan, Naomi and Penny.

Tuesday 10th December pm - 5RA

St Helens Duver

Chris, Harley B, Lily, Zayn, Tayla, Logan E, Toby G, Scarlett, Keian, Jacob, Georgia, Toby, Oscar S, Alfie and Adhvika.

Wednesday 11th December am - 1CE

Puckpool Park

Yazan, Layton, Felicity, Remi-Rose, Mayleigh, Leo, Mia-Rose, Alfie, Rhue, Freddie, Denis, Charlie and Joshua.

Wednesday 11th December pm - 6TM Geocaching

Connor, Eliana, Maizy, Brody, Evelyn, Tyson, Tom, Evie, Ellie, Amy, Liam, Zachary, Harry, Emily B and Denys.

Out and About the following week...

Tuesday 16th December am - 2KG Location TBC

George, Sadie, Louis, George F, Imogen, Elijah, Olivia, Lenny, Holly, Archie, Lexie-Mai, Neahve, Harrison, Luke and Raemarnie.

Tuesday 16th December pm - 5TS

Location TBC

Maddie, Kyle, Bella, Dylan C, Logan F, Oscar G, Tilly, Vincent, Teddy, Paloma, Charley, Tula, Harley T, River, Olivia and Flynn.

Wednesday 17th December am - 1SC Location TBC

Antonia, Finley, Chloe, Quinn, Ezra, Thomas, Nithya, Joshua M, Jovi, Romeo, Luca, Ananya and Theo WF.

Wednesday 17th December pm - 6LR Location TBC

Ryan, Artem, Adrianna, Abigail, Bradley, Brooke, Emily, George, Grace, Halle, Jack, Leon, Lucas, Sophia-Leigh and Léon.



Did you know?

Christmas is nearly here! We can all continue to be Eco friendly over the Christmas period. Christmas time brings an abundance of waste! Have a look at our tips below; challenge yourself and family to see if you can make a difference!

Eco Tips!



- Buying gifts? Try to find presents which come with as little packaging as possible
 - Quality over quantity? You don't have to buy presents for everyone if you decide to run a Secret Santa instead; maybe consider using charity shops or second-hand websites
 - Make a gift – the ideas are endless: fudge, biscuits, cakes, candles
 - Adopt an animal as a gift
 - Buy sustainable products
 - Still have last year's Christmas cards? Recycle them and make your own
 - Use vintage brown wrapping paper, paper tape or use ribbon and string – get creative!
 - Avoid sellotape and glittery paper – it's not recyclable
 - Avoid over-buying food; plan your meals to avoid waste
 - Shop local to avoid those food miles. Local markets are a great way of avoiding the additional plastic wrapped fruit and veg
 - Don't forget to use those Christmas leftovers – tasty meals await
 - Try to cut down on meat and dairy; meat has the biggest carbon footprint
 - Decorations – avoid tinsel. Get the family together to make homemade decorations
Quality family time with an end product
 - Consider buying a Christmas tree in a pot – replant it after the festivities are over
- Turn off your Christmas lights overnight and when you are out of the house to save energy



Inspiring children to contribute to a greener environment and world is something we could and should do

Sports Reports

Year 6 indoor athletics

On Thursday 14th November a team of children from **Year 6** travelled over to Medina to take part in an indoor athletics event. The children competed in a field event each as well as two running events. After all their hard work, Queensgate came 2nd overall, meaning we have qualified for the Island finals. Well done Year 6.



Year 4 indoor athletics

On Thursday 28th November a team from **Year 4** took part in an indoor athletics event over at Ryde school. The children competed in two running events as well as a field event each including; triple jump, long jump, chest push and speed bounce. A great afternoon of competition was enjoyed with Queensgate coming 7th overall. Well done Year 4.

Year 4 girls football

On Tuesday 3rd December, our **Year 4** girls hosted Lanesend Primary school for a football match. Queensgate dominated the first half, scoring two great goals. In the second half the opposition came back strong, however our girls managed to keep the score 2-0 when the final whistle was blown. Well done year 4!



Fencing

For the rest of this term, until our own foils and protective clothing come, some of the KS2 fencers have been fortunate enough to borrow some equipment from PGL based in Wootton. The KS 1 children enjoyed trying on the equipment and striking some posses but are a little too small to use it for fencing. Thanks to PGL for lending us the equipment - the children loved using it and said it felt like they were real fencers.



What's for lunch next week ...



Chartwells Schools

WEEK 2

W/C: 11/11, 02/12, 06/01, 27/01, 24/02, 17/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2024	HOT SPECIALS Veggie Supreme Pizza 🌱🍷 Served with Plain Pasta	Beef Bolognese 🍷🍷 Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Pie Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Crispy Chicken Burger Served with Chips
	Vegetable Fajita 🌱🍷🍷 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Chinese Vegetable Noodles 🌱	Roast Quorn 🌱 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese 🌱	Quorn Dippers 🌱 Served with Chips
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Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta 🌱🍷					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Custard 🌱	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Chocolate Cookie	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Pudding 🌱

And the week after...

Chartwells Schools

WEEK 3

W/C: 18/11, 09/12, 13/01, 03/02, 03/03, 24/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2024	HOT SPECIALS Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🌱🍷 Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Christmas dinner Day pre-ordered through Compass	Chicken and Vegetable Korma 🍷🍷 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	BBQ Quorn Fillet 🌱🍷🍷 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Sausages 🌱 Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy		Tomato and Sweetcorn Pasta 🌱🍷🍷	Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette 🌱 Served with Chips
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DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie with Orange Slices 🌱	Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard	Oat Cookie with Fruit 🌱	Lemon Shortbread	Vanilla Ice Cream

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 94.91%

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.81%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KG with 98.33%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3AH with 98%



Newsletter

This will be the last newsletter of this term. What a term it has been! So many successes – our Ofsted inspection was of particular note, but also the musical, artistic and sporting successes have been amazing. As always, I am hugely grateful to the wonderful staff at Queensgate for their hard work and unwavering commitment to the brilliant children.

Please watch out for messages through the Compass App and keep up to date with our socials

I end as I started with a huge thank you to all of you for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas with your children. See you all on Tuesday 7th January at 8:40am.

Chat

READ

play

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

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Samantha Sillito
Headteacher



Dear Queensgate Community,
 What a pleasure it was for me to have an outreach library session with each Reception class! Your children were so engaged and behaved beautifully for our story and book talk.

I also reminded them all that our community library is a great resource that is free to join and use from birth. Under 16s can order books for free, so if they have a favourite story character, author or non-fiction subject come and see us to ask for this service. We will give you a call when your book comes in. (For adults it usually costs 60p to order a book in from another branch.)

There's lots going on, so do pop in!
 We will be closed from 5pm on 24.12.24 until 9am 2.1.25.

Kind regards,
 Library volunteer Angie Mathews

EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



We are based in the East Side Curve, our community hub beside the Town Hall in York Avenue.

Do pop in to see us, use our facilities and meet the staff and volunteers.

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
Saturday 9am to 1pm

- books for adults and children to browse and borrow
- books to request from stock or library service order
- monthly reading, arts and creative writing groups
- weekly Rhyme Time, Tots Time and games
- bus pass applications, printing and copying
- free wifi, laptop computer access and charging points
- help with enquiries, information and onward support
- a comfortable area to read newspapers and relax
- a 'Warm, Welcome and Safe Space'
- a cafe area with free coffee, tea, soup & chilled water

For more information go to:

www.eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk/community-events/#intro

Email: library@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk

Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, PO32 6RU

Phone: 01983 299082 (option 5)

The East Side Curve

MONDAY

10am—12 noon Tots Time

1.30pm—3.30pm Senior Moments Afternoon Tea Group —Weekly

TUESDAY

10am to 12 noon Charity Coffee Mornings (Monthly 2nd Tuesday)

11am—1pm Creative Writing (Fortnightly)

1.30pm—3.15pm Games Club for Adults —Weekly

4.30pm—5.45pm Reading Group (Monthly 1st Tuesday)

7pm—9.30pm Women's Institute (Monthly 1st Tuesday)

WEDNESDAY

10.15am—10.45am Under 5's Rhyme Time

10.30am—11.30am Barnardo's (Monthly 2nd Wednesday)

THURSDAY

9am—3pm Adult Community Learning (Term time)

7.30pm—9.30pm Book Club (Monthly 1st Thursday)

FRIDAY

10.00am—12 noon East Cowes Together (Monthly 2nd Friday)

2pm—5pm Careless Solicitors (Twice a month 1st and 3rd Friday)

7.30pm—8.30pm Bingo —Weekly

The Town Hall

MONDAY

9.30am—12.30pm East Cowes Crafters

2.00pm—3.30pm Line Dancing

TUESDAY

2.00pm—4.00pm Alzheimer's Café (Monthly 1st Tuesday)

7.00pm—9.00pm IOW Canine Association (Training nights)

6.30pm—10.00pm IOW Canine Association (Match nights 3rd Tuesday)

WEDNESDAY

9.45am—12.15pm Short Mat Bowls

7.00pm—9.00pm Bingo

THURSDAY

2.00pm—4.00pm SingAbout

6.00pm—9.00pm Full Council Meetings (3rd Thursday of the month)

FRIDAY

9.45am—12.15pm Short Mat Bowls

SATURDAY

10am—11am Badminton

10am—2pm Community Market (Monthly 2nd Saturday)

6.45pm Community Cinema (Monthly 2nd Saturday)





We're very excited to let you know that Home-Start IOW is taking part in the Big Give's Christmas Challenge 2024.

That means that every donation made to our campaign during the week of 3-10th December will be doubled. That's right - DOUBLED.

So whatever you can give, no matter the size, your donation will make double the difference.

What can you do now?

Add a calendar reminder to your diary for 3rd December, including this link Supporting Families - because childhood can't wait or QR code here:



The donate button will appear on this page when the campaign starts at 12pm (midday).

We'd doubly appreciate it if you could share the campaign with your friends, family or social networks - anyone who may be interested in having their donation doubled!

SQUASHBOX THEATRE PRESENT...



The Christmassy Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmasness! @ Quay Arts Centre, Newport

Saturday 30th November

Onstage from 11am / 2pm

£10.50 (+Booking Fee)

Coming to Quay Arts on 30th November as part of our Christmas Cracker Weekend we have Squashbox Theatre with 'The Christmassy Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmasness!'. This show is a celebration of EVERYTHING Christmas, from fir trees, fairy lights, sleigh bells, carols, snowflakes to crackers.

This show is an over-stuffed stocking of seasonal surprises crammed with a snowman who lives in a fridge, playing hunt the brussels sprout, songs, puppets, quizzes, comedy and much more! The perfect family show that's sure to get everyone in the festive spirit.

Booking is recommended - to get your tickets please visit www.quayarts.org or call Quay Arts Box Office on 01983 822490.



Wildheart Wonderland

Join us for a magical experience this December!

Santa needs your help with an urgent mission... Come and join his team of Elves this Christmas at the Sanctuary to help to save Christmas!

Selected dates
14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd December 2024

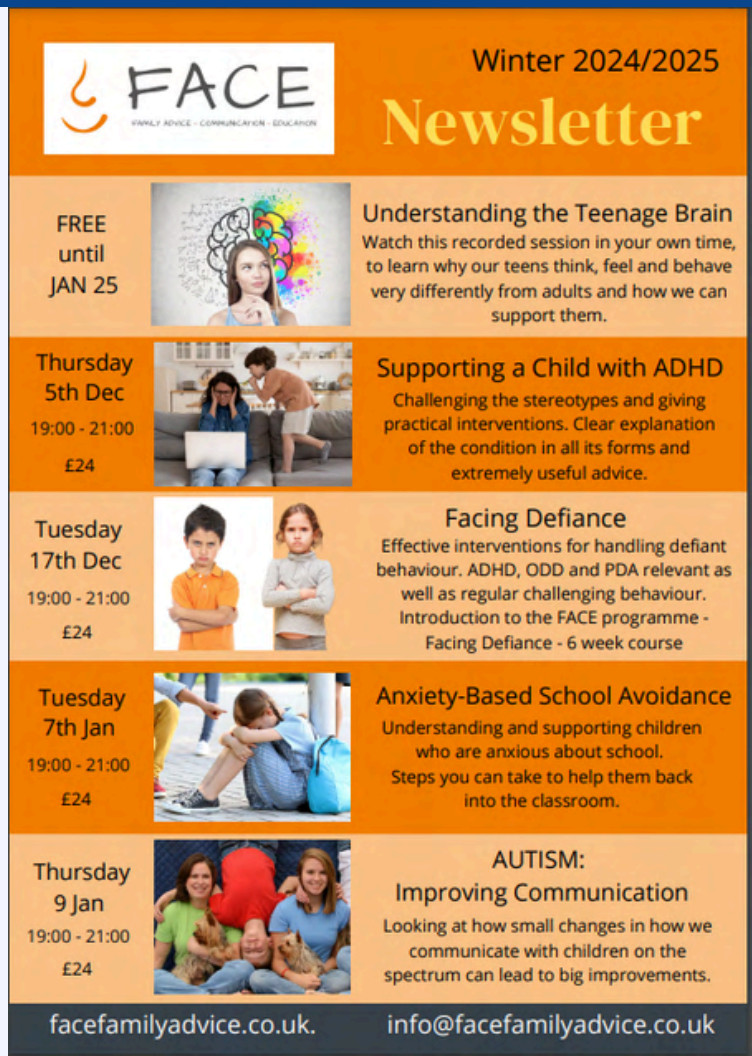
Daily start times
10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 13:00, 13:30, 14:00, 14:30

Each Wildheart Wonderland experience is approximately 1 hour long, and the price also includes entry into the Sanctuary for the rest of the day.
This event is suitable for children aged 3+

Tickets
Children £20 | £15 each for accompanying adults.
Members: Children £16 | £11 for accompanying adults.

Book your tickets today!
wildheartanimalsanctuary.org

In collaboration with Enchanted Isle.

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Understanding the Teenage Brain
Watch this recorded session in your own time, to learn why our teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

Thursday 5th Dec 19:00 - 21:00 £24

Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday 17th Dec 19:00 - 21:00 £24

Facing Defiance
Effective interventions for handling defiant behaviour. ADHD, ODD and PDA relevant as well as regular challenging behaviour. Introduction to the FACE programme - Facing Defiance - 6 week course

Tuesday 7th Jan 19:00 - 21:00 £24

Anxiety-Based School Avoidance
Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Thursday 9 Jan 19:00 - 21:00 £24

AUTISM: Improving Communication
Looking at how small changes in how we communicate with children on the spectrum can lead to big improvements.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



EXPLORE SOUTHAMPTON'S SNOW WINDOWS TRAIL

29TH NOV – 31ST DEC

Magical snow scenes for you to discover!
OPEN 10AM – 5PM (CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY AND BOXING DAY)

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For more information visit: visitsouthampton.co.uk/christmas



CAODS TRINITY THEATRE 2024 *noda* (inspired by omnibus theatre)

Trinity Theatre, Cowes present

DRACULA

The Pantomime

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Fri 6th Dec 7:30pm **Fri 13th Dec 7:30pm**
Sat 7th Dec 2:30pm **Sat 14th Dec 2:30pm**
Sun 8th Dec 2:30pm **Sun 15th Dec 2:30pm**

Adults £10 | Under 16 £7 | Family (2A+2C) £30
Bookings: www.caods.org.uk | 01983 295229



Please join us for a Waitrose Christmas experience on Thursday 12th December
16:00-19:30

Come along and enjoy some festive fun with your friends and family whilst shopping.

Things to enjoy during the evening.....

Delicious tastings throughout the store
Elf on the shelf treasure map
Christmas carolling
Santa on a till

New Carnival Presents
Merry & Bright
Festival of Light

Lantern Parade 6-7pm
Fri 6th Dec 5-8pm
RYDE TOWN

FREE Entertainment
Music
Performance
Illuminations
Craft Market
Digital Graffiti
Games
Craft Activities

