



Queensgate Newsletter

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



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Dear Families,

Year 6 Mock SATs Week

A huge well done to our Year 6 children for completing their mock SATs with energy and gusto! Well done to the rest of the school for accommodating the silent working environment so well! Just a note for the real thing in May. If children (not in Year 6) arrive late after the exams have started then they will not be able to get through to their classrooms. All children should be in school by 8:40am each morning and that is the time that formal learning starts.

Progress Meetings

Next week Mr Chubb, Mrs Grant and I will be meeting with all the teachers across the school to talk about every child. We will, once again, be checking that every child is making good progress and reaching Age Related Expectations. We will devise action plans for each child that is not quite there yet. We expect our children to do well. We believe all our children can do well!

Working Together for a Successful Future

Staffing News and Arrangements for the Summer Term

We are pleased to announce that Miss Crockford is expecting her second baby. Her baby is due in August, so she will be with us until the end of the summer term.

As you know I am leaving Queensgate on Friday 4th April at the end of term. I am going to work for the Isle of Wight Local Authority as the School Improvement Team Leader. I will still, very much, be involved in education. My role will involve helping all schools to improve their standards and outcomes for children.

Mr Chubb will be taking over as Acting Headteacher for the summer term. Mrs Grant will take over as Acting Deputy Headteacher. Mr Tilling will continue teaching 3PT on a Monday and Tuesday, but will be coming out of class on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to add capacity to the senior leadership team.

3PT will be taught by Rachel Shaw on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Shaw has previously taught at Arreton, Ryde Private, where she was head of English, and East Cowes Primary. She comes with outstanding references.

The Last Day of Term

Friday 4th April is going to be a very busy day!

We start the day with an Attendance and awards assembly.

I have hired two inflatables for the field. The children will be timetabled to go on these. In addition, the PTFA are holding a Bunny Hop event. The children need to bring in £1 each and will run, walk, jump or hop around the school field. All the money will go to the PTFA, who in turn support Queensgate with additional resources for the children. The children will need to come in clothes suitable for playing on inflatables, running and jumping.

Behaviour Reminder

We expect all Queensgate children to follow the Queensgate Code. This is how we keep our behaviour expectations high and children learning and making progress well. Children who do follow the code will not be able to take part in the end of term fun. Please re-iterate this to your children at home. Here is a copy of the code.



Queensgate Out & About

To support our **Reception** children's learning about mini-beasts, **RJB** visited the Monkey Haven on Tuesday. The children had exclusive access to the Haven as it wasn't open to the public! They took part in a workshop, learning about, and handling, mini-beasts (invertebrates) and reptiles (vertebrates). The children were all so brave and asked some super questions to extend their learning. After their workshop, they enjoyed exploring the Haven and looking at the monkeys, gibbons, and owls.

"At the Monkey Haven I stroked a snake! It wasn't slimy, it was smooth. I held a millipede, and it tried climbing up my sleeve. We saw lots of monkeys. I liked the noisy gibbons best." Rosie

"I was brave, and I stroked a snake. I held a beetle, and it held onto my skin, and it wouldn't come off! I held a millipede, and it tickled my hand with all its legs. We had a photo with the big gorilla. We saw lot of monkeys." Loui



The **Year 4** Out and About team visited Bembridge Windmill on Wednesday morning. The group sketched the 300-year-old windmill then set off on a quick hike to Whitecliff Bay. Using OS maps and compasses, the children talked about their direction of travel. They enjoyed a few minutes of playtime on the beach before embarking on their hilly walk back to the minibus.

"We drew a picture of a windmill. Then we went on a big walk, and it made my legs ache. When we got to the beach it was worth it! I enjoyed throwing stones in the sea and running about on the beach." Milana

"We climbed up big hills and marched through muddy forests to get to the beach. I liked the hills! We had to draw the windmill and our challenge was not to take our pencil off the paper." Jack

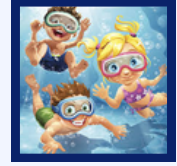
"We climbed up hills to get to the beach. We got 2 biscuits when we got to the beach and got to throw stones into the ocean. When we were walking back up from the beach, we saw a beetle!" Theo



Queensgate Out & About

This week our **Year 3** children had their swimming assessments. They have all worked very hard to improve their swimming skills over the last nine weeks and we are so proud of their progress. The children enjoyed celebrating their hard work with some fun time on the big floats after their assessments. Next week, **Year 3** will be taking part in water safety activities both in the pool and on the poolside.

Year 5 have their final swimming assessments next week and we are looking forward to seeing them show off their best swimming!



This week's swimming certificates are awarded to:

Year 3: Arthur, Macie, Leo, Seb, Poppy, Elijah, Corey, Lacey, Jimmy and Marleigh-Rose

Year 5: Scarlett, Bella, Ashton, Teddy, Rhys, Ella R and Brooklyn.

Out and About

Please send your child to school wearing suitable old play-clothes. Bring wellies (spare dry socks) and a warm/waterproof coat depending on the weather. We will be going out whatever the weather so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Tuesday 25th March am - **RLM**

Monkey Haven

Whole class

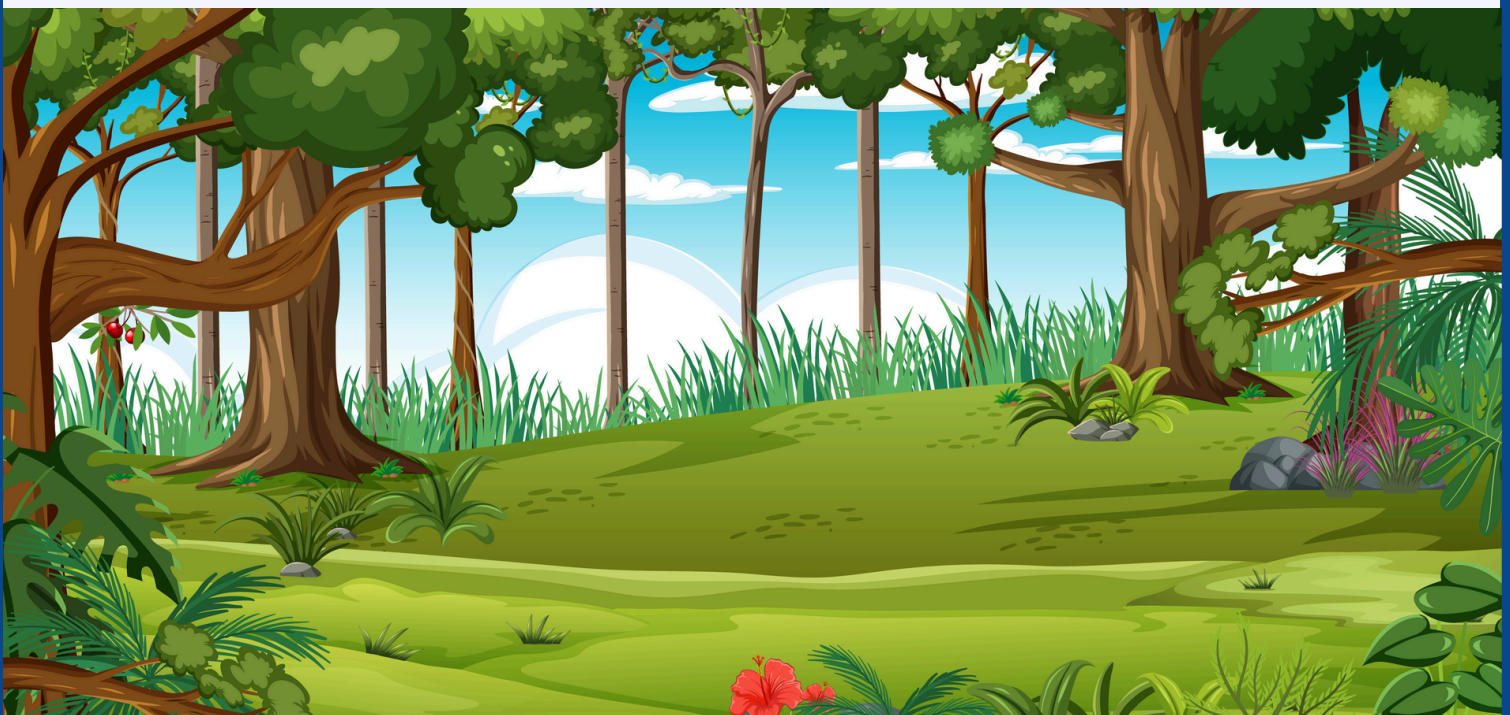
*Please wear school uniform and bring a coat.

Wednesday 26th March am - **Year 4**

Bembridge Walk

Ethan, James, George, Johnny, Luca, Ayia, Annie, Daniel, Jamie, Nathan, Adeline, Layla and Maddie.

*Please bring wellies!





Visit from Wildheart Sanctuary

Last week, Emma from the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary came to visit our Reception and Year 1 children. She taught them all about white-tailed eagles.

The children learnt about their claws, white tails, pointy beaks, what they like to eat, where they live and Emma even showed them how big their wingspan is!

Emma set the children a task of painting some white-tailed eagles!

Year 1 Amazon World trip

This half term, Year 1 are learning about animals. They introduced the topic with a fantastic trip to Amazon World.

The children spent the day meeting with animal carers, learning about what the animals need to be happy, observing the different animals in their enclosures and finished off the day with a fun-filled play in Dino Park.

They all had an amazing day.





What's for lunch next week ...



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	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma 🍛 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	BBQ Quorn Fillet 🍗 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Sausages 🍗 Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice 🍗 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato and Sweetcorn Pasta 🍝 🍅 🍅 🍅	Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette 🍳 Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍟 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
	JACKET POTATO	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta 🍅 🍅 🍅				
		All main meals are served with two vegetables				
DESSERT		Chocolate Brownie with Orange Slices 🍫	Flapjack	Oat Cookie with Fruit 🍪	Lemon Shortbread	Vanilla Ice Cream

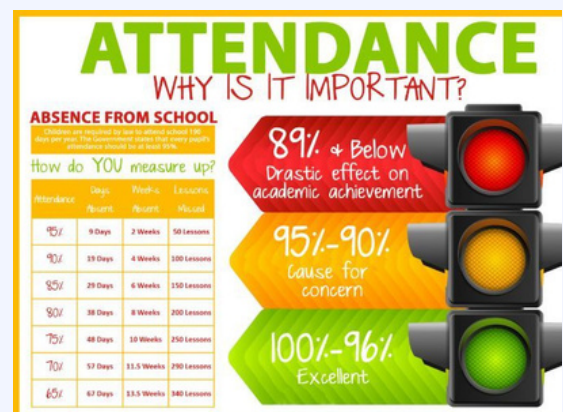
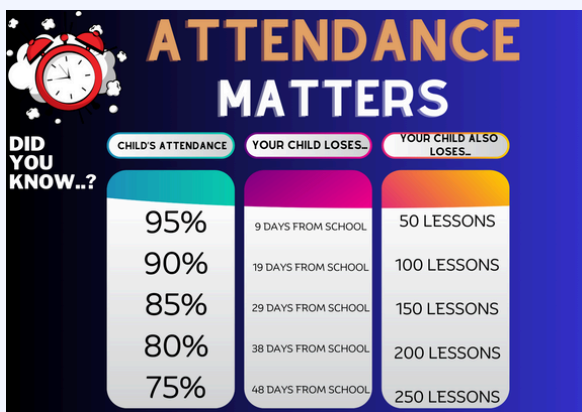
Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 94.29%

Whole School Attendance this week is 93.77%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KA with 93.77%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 6LR with 98.52%





READ

Chat

play

Have a lovely weekend!
Best wishes,

Sillito

Samantha Sillito
Headteacher



Easter holidays events at Quay Arts



Creation - The Bubble Show

Sun 13 April | 2pm | £10.50*

Enjoy the wonder of bubbles in this mesmerising show! A dazzling display of soap and water, featuring fire effects, light displays, music and never before seen bubble masterpieces.

Rabbits Out of the Hat

Sat 19 April | 7pm | £16*

A humourous and heartwarming play about a magic show. Magic Circle magicians present breathtaking magic and circus skills with showstopper songs. Join the Magic & Performance workshop before the show! Ages 5+ can learn magic tricks and movement skills to amaze friends and family.



Book now at www.quayarts.org or call 01983 822490

Easter Sports Activity Days



Premier School Sport Coaching

Dover Park Primary School
Dover Street, Ryde PO33 2BN

Booking is Essential please Email: psscldtd@gmail.com

OR Scan the QR for the registration form



Monday 7th April
Tuesday 8th April
Wednesday 9th April
Thursday 10th April

9.00am till 3.00pm each day.

Cost: £FREE

(if on income related Free School meals) – LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED!!!

Funded by the Department of Education OR

£15 per day

The activity days are for children In Key Stage 2 to have fun, make new friends and enjoy physical activity in a safe and structured environment.

The activities will be a mixture each day of:

Team games - Football, Handball, Basketball, Cricket etc.

Individual sports - Tennis, Athletics, Soft Archery, Tri Golf etc.

Alternative sports - Dodgeball, New Age Kurling, Boccia etc.

There will also be a chill out zone for your child to play board games and relax.

Staffing:

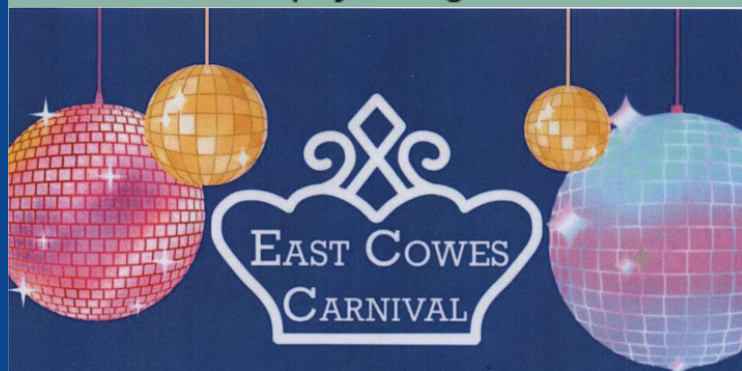
All Coaches are experienced in working in Island Schools, have an enhanced DBS, first aid and attended safeguarding training.

What to Bring:

Plenty to drink
Wear suitable clothing for physical activity.
Warm Clothing for outside activities



For more information and to book Email Andy Day – psscldtd@gmail.com or phone/text 07970009509



ROYALTY SELECTION

SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 2025

DISCO 2PM TILL 5PM

REGISTRATION 2.30PM

JUDGING AT 3PM

MORE INFO ON
EAST COWES CARNIVAL
FACEBOOK PAGE

EAST COWES LIBERAL CLUB

ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE :
OPEN TO ALL AGED BETWEEN 9-17
LIVE IN PO32 POSTCODE AREA

BE AVAILABLE FOR MOST ISLAND CARNIVALS & WORKSHOPS THIS YEAR

PLEASE NOTE : ALL ENTRANTS UNDER 16 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT / GUARDIAN THROUGHOUT

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
Cowes Carnival August 23rd 2025
first time in 30 years!



MARDI GRAS

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



For more info visit our Facebook page or email eastcowescarnival@gmail.com

WINTER CARNIVALS

Come along and
help us design the
float for the
Christmas Carnivals



DATES

27th April - welcome

4, 18 May 1, 15 June - Mardi Gras Making
6, 20 July 7 Sept - Carnival Costumes
21, Sept 5, 19 Oct - Fun Crafts
2, 16 Nov 7, 21 Dec - Christmas Designing
4, 18 Jan 1, 15 Feb 1 March - Fun Crafts

Subject to Change





Sandown Soccer - Isle of Wight

SANDOWN SOCCER

at The Bay CE Secondary

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11

Week 1
Monday - Friday (7th-11th April)
Week 2
Monday - Thursday (14th-17th April)

Mini-Soccer
camp for children. Aiming to
provide a **fun** and enjoyable
environment whilst **developing**
and **improving** players
footballing ability!

10AM - 3PM

★ FA Qualified coaches with
enhanced DBS and up to date first
aid and safeguarding training.

★ Fun football games to develop agility, balance,
coordination and speed!

★ Win medals by becoming Penalty, Keepy-uppy,
Crossbar or Speed Champion as well as our Best
Attitude, Most Improved and Future Star awards!

★ Take part in the Sandown Soccer World Cup where
one team will be crowned **WORLD CHAMPIONS!!!**



Win Player Of
The Day
trophies and
t-shirts!

**5 hours of fun
EVERY day!**

10am - 3pm

**Inclusive
football for ALL
abilities!**

Only £14 a day

Special Discounts!

5 days only £65!

Sibling Discount
available!

Have questions or
would like more
information?

Contact Lewis (Mr Mitchell)
sandownsoccer@yahoo.com

07594 389531

**SANDOWN
SOCCER**

**Children are welcome to come for one day or
for ALL the days!**

**Attend at least 4 out of the 5 days during the
week and win a medal for all of your hard work!**

**To book a place text your child's name, school
year, dates and your name to 07594 389531**

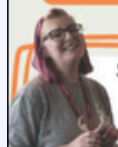


Wild Art Club

**Animal themed art sessions for
young people aged 8 - 14 years old.**

Selected Saturdays
14.00 - 15.30
See our website for
more information
and to book your place

Meet our amazing rescue
animals and new people!
Try out a range of art
techniques that can benefit
mental health and
wellbeing.



Sessions will be guided by
Emma, our brilliant
Learning and
Discovery Assistant!

- Draw, paint and collage our amazing animals
- Have a go at model making
- Create your own animal themed sketch books



**£5 per
person,
per
session**

