



Queensgate Newsletter

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



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World Book Day next Thursday 6th March

Dear Families,

It has been great to welcome the children back after the half term holiday.

We have decided to go back to a weekly newsletter. There seems to be too much news for every other week!

BBC Visit

This week the BBC visited our school and observed some children reading with our School Readers; they filmed 2KA being taught reading and looked at our library. The programme they were filming for was Politics South and it will go out on Sunday 2nd March at 10 am on BBC1. Maybe you would like to watch it?

World Book Day

On Thursday 6th March, Queensgate will be celebrating World Book Day. We ask that the children dress up as one of their favourite book characters and bring the book into school to show which book their character is from. There will be a prize per class for the best costume.

Assessment Week

Over the next couple of weeks, the children will be carrying out tests and exams to see how they are progressing. Our Year 6 children will be carrying out their mock SATs week beginning Monday 17th March. Here is their timetable which replicates their actual SATs timetable which is in the week beginning Monday 12th May.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English Grammar, punctuation and spelling	Reading	Maths Paper 1 and Paper 2	Maths Paper 3	No exams

Assemblies

As well as World Book Day the children will be having Walk the Wight assemblies next week.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd March

Year 1 trip to Amazon World
Young Carers meeting with Lauren Fry
Eco Council meeting
KS2 Walk the Wight Assembly

Tuesday 4th March

Cross Country Hampshire
Year 3 swimming session 7
KS1 Walk the Wight Assembly

Wednesday 5th March

Rosie Button (author) in with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Year 5 swimming session 7

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day
U10 boys football at Greenmount

Friday 7th March

U11 boys football home to Ryde

Monday 10th March

2.30pm Sats meeting for Year 6 parents

Tuesday 11th March

Year 3 swimming session 8

Wednesday 12th March

Year 5 swimming session 8
Anti-bullying ambassadors meeting

Thursday 13th March

NHS live stream careers for Year 6

Friday 14th March

Drone in school for filming for new website

Monday 17th March

SATs meeting

Tuesday 18th March

Year 3 swimming session 9

Wednesday 19th March

Year 5 swimming session 9

Monday 24th March

Pupil Progress Meetings all week

Tuesday 25th March

Year 3 swimming session 10

Wednesday 26th March

Year 5 swimming session 10
Anti-bullying ambassador meeting

Monday 31st March

Eco council meeting

Thursday 3rd April

School council meeting

Friday 4th April

Bunny hop day
Mrs Sillito's last day

Monday 7th April to Tuesday 22nd April

Easter Holidays

Queensgate Out & About

On Tuesday morning, our **Reception** Out and About team visited the Donkey Sanctuary in Wroxall. The children had a fantastic time learning all about how the donkeys are cared for and what they eat. They helped to mix up some special porridge for the older donkeys, looked at where hay comes from (from seed, to green grass, then dried, cut and baled), listened to the story *The Wonky Donkey* and met the different herds. The children really loved meeting one of the Jacks called Thomas, who is often chosen to go out in the community on the donkey minibus!

"We went to see the donkeys. One was called Rosie! He felt soft." Rosie



We had a slight change of plan for our **Year 4** Out and About group on Wednesday morning as we didn't think they'd be able to sketch well in the heavy rain! The children enjoyed a muddy adventure in Parkhurst Forest instead. They learnt how to use compasses and had a go at orienteering around the woods. The children all enjoyed warming up in the squirrel hide with a hot chocolate and biscuit. A huge well done to the children for embracing the wet weather.

'We went to Parkhurst Forest and I got my foot stuck then fell to my knees in the mud! Then we went to a squirrel hide and had hot chocolate and biscuits.' Maddie

'We had so much fun on our muddy adventure. I wish we could do it all again!' Adeline

'I had lots of fun because I like mud! It was the best day of my life as I got to help all my friends when they got stuck in the mud. Mrs Johnson and Mrs Jacob's cafe was 10/10!' Layla



Queensgate Out & About

Our **Year 3** and **Year 5** children are continuing to make great progress within their swimming lessons. They only have four more lessons to go and are really starting to demonstrate such determination to improve their swimming skills. Mrs Sillito joined our Year 5 children this week and was impressed with everyone's enthusiasm and effort within the pool.



Our swimming certificates this week are awarded to...

Year 3: Noah, Amelia-Lily, Pippa, Bella and Abel.

Year 5: Charley, Flynn, Harvey D, Logan E, Oscar H, Rory, Logan F, Mirabelle, Maisy, Caiden and Jack.

Out and About

Please send your child to school wearing warm, old play-clothes and bring wellies (extra socks), a warm, waterproof coat, hat, scarf and gloves. We will be going out whatever the weather so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Tuesday 4th March am-

Reception **RLM**

Donkey Sanctuary

Ryder, Evie, Ráfe, Freddie, Alf, Aurelia, Myah, Nia, Stanley, Teddi, Finley, Freya and Alfie K.

*If your child would like to bring some loose change to make a donation to the Donkey Sanctuary, it will be greatly appreciated.

Wednesday 5th March am-

Year 4

Bembridge walk

Arlo, Max, Mia, Albi, Ellie, Kamahlie, Leo, Samuel, Corey, Daisy, Esmae, Luna and Darcie.

*It will be very muddy, please bring wellies!

Tuesday 11th March am-

Reception **RLM**

Donkey Sanctuary

Albie, Luna, Harvey, Jessie, Isaac, Ellisa, Marley, Raiyn, Demi, Dexter, Andy, Elliot and Ernest.

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Wednesday 12th March am-

Year 4

Bembridge walk

Ollie, Callum, Freddie, Dexter, Peyton, Danielle, Tylan, Bayley, Ayrton, Ralph, Bonnie and Juniper.

*It will be very muddy, please bring wellies

Basketball Finals

On Wednesday 11th February a team of children from **Year 6** travelled over to West Wight Sports Centre to take part in the Island basketball finals. The afternoon turned out to be a very successful one with the children winning all four of their group games, putting us into the semi-final. There, we faced Godshill Primary school, winning this match 4-2 and getting us a place in the final. Our last match was against The Bay Primary school. The children were all very excited and played to the very best of their ability. Their hard work paid off as they won the match 4-0. Winning gold medals and a trophy for first place and guaranteeing Queensgate a spot in the Hampshire finals.

A word from the children;

"I liked the area and how everyone was so kind and nice. There was very good sportsmanship." - Sophia

"I enjoyed playing basketball with all of my friends. I am so happy about winning because we all tried really hard." - Lucas



Year 6 boys football

On Thursday 13th February, the **Year 6** boys hosted Lanesend Primary for a cup game semi-final. The boys were full of nervous energy before the match but ready to take them on as a team. The boys started strong, finding the back of the net early on. The goals kept coming and by the final whistle the score line sat at a healthy 6-0 to Queensgate. This means the boys are through to the final and will face either Barton or Greenmount. Well done Queensgate!



Year 4 & Year 6 Cross Country

On Tuesday 25th February, two teams from **Year 4** and **Year 6** travelled to Carisbrooke Primary school to take part in the cross country island qualifiers. Both teams had to dig deep, up against some tough competition. Every child made their own personal records and all finished their races.

For the **Year 6** team, this was an opportunity to qualify for the Hampshire cross country competition, with the top 6 boys and 6 girls being invited to the mainland to compete. Amazingly, three of our children qualified for Hampshire; Artem who came 5th, Denys who came 3rd earning him a bronze medal and Halle who came in 7th in the girls. The children and Miss Young will be travelling over to the mainland to represent Queensgate next Tuesday, well done everyone!



Skipping Workshops

Just before half term we invited Lizzie back in from Skipping Workshop (www.skipping-workshops.co.uk) to work with all the children over two days. As always the children participated fully and enjoyed the exercise. Each day culminated with an assembly where the children who had either beaten their personal best or set a record demonstrated their skills. It has been lovely to see the children skipping outside in the playground too!





What's for lunch next week ...



		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	World Book Day Menu - See below	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		Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette Served with Chips
		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
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta 🍷						
All main meals are served with two vegetables						
DESSERT		Chocolate Brownie with Orange Slices 🍫	Pancakes	Oat Cookie with Fruit 🍪	Lemon Shortbread	Vanilla Ice Cream

World Book Day

MAINS
Hot Dog

VEGETARIAN
Veggie Hot Dog

SIDES
Chips
Baked Beans and Peas

DESSERT
Rocky Road

*Menus may be subject to change

IT'S PANCAKE TIME!

American Pancakes served with

Lemon and Sugar
or
Chocolate Spread
or
Golden Syrup

*Menus may be subject to change

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 94.28%

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.39%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is RLM with 98.72%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 4BM with 95.32%

COMING TOGETHER
IS A BEGINNING.

KEEPING TOGETHER
IS PROGRESS.

WORKING TOGETHER IS
SUCCESS.



Chat

READ

play

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Sillito

Samantha Sillito
Headteacher



PARENTS AND CARERS TOGETHER

Parenting Support & Getting Ready for School

Free Event!

Please take part in our simple survey. Every response matters!



Weds 19th March 2025
10am-12pm
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Ryde
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Lisa Guile - Barnardo's

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THE HILARIOUS COMEDY PLAY!

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

BY ALAN BENNETT

ADAPTED FROM THE BOOK BY KENNETH GRAHAME

SHANKLIN THEATRE
6TH - 8TH MARCH
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DINOSAUR ISLE FUN DAY


SUNDAY 2 MARCH 10AM TO 4PM



Get ready for an exciting day that the whole family will enjoy!

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