



# Queensgate Newsletter

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



## Better Attendance means Better Attainment

Dear Families,

As you know we encourage good attendance at Queensgate. I have been looking at our attendance data. This year we are running at 94.7%. National attendance is at 94.8. This is 0.1% better than ours.

One area we do less well in is with our persistent absentees. If your child's attendance is below 90% they are labelled as Persistently Absent (PA). Over a full year this would be in excess of 20 days – that is four weeks or a whole month off school. Absence at this level could cause considerable damage to the child's educational prospects and extreme risk of under achievement. Notably research shows that good attendance promotes positive mental health and resilience as well as academic ability.

- Pupils with higher attainment at KS2 and KS4 had lower levels of absence over the key stage compared to those with lower attainment.

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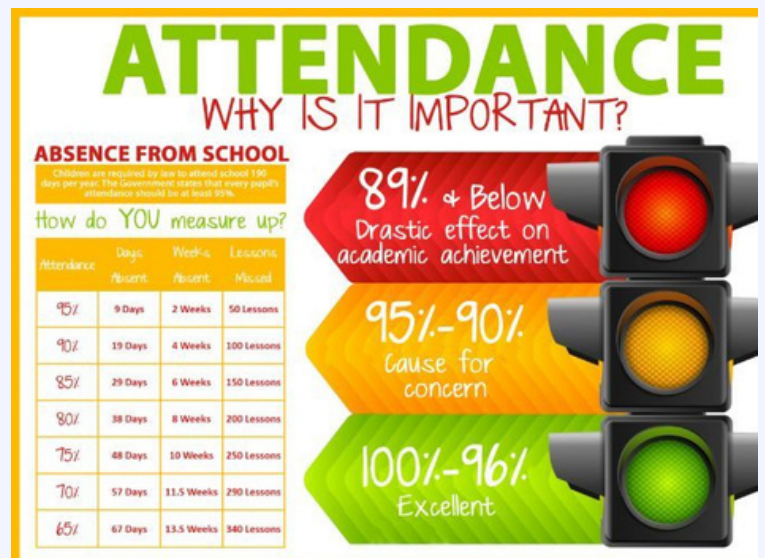
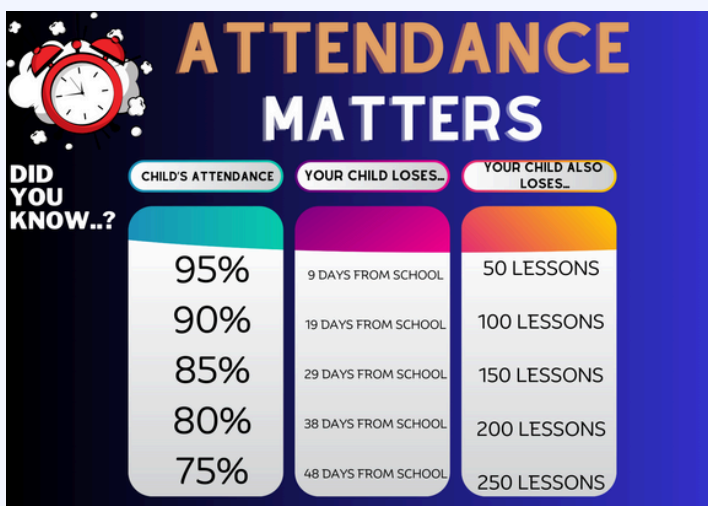
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- Pupils who did not achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths in 2019 had an overall absence rate of 4.7% over the key stage, compared with 3.5% among pupils who achieved the expected standard and 2.7% among those who achieved the higher standard.
- Pupils who did not achieve grade 9 to 4 in English and maths GCSEs in 2019 had an overall absence rate of 8.8% over the key stage, compared with 5.2% among pupils who achieved a grade 4 and 3.7% among pupils who achieved grade 9 to 5 in both English and maths.
- Generally, the higher the percentage of sessions missed across the key stage at KS2 and KS4, the lower the level of attainment at the end of the key stage.
  - Among pupils with no missed sessions over KS2, 83.9% achieved the expected standard compared to 40.2% of pupils who were persistently absent.
  - Among pupils with no missed sessions over KS4, 83.7% achieved grades 9 to 4 in English and maths compared to 35.6% of pupils who were persistently absent.



## Compass APP update

You will now be able to see our whole school attendance in the Compass App. When you log into the APP, the attendance percentage for this school year displays under their student information as shown in the example. Your own child's attendance will be in the attendance tab.

Dashboard | Chronicle | Assessm... | Attendance | Reports

**Adelle Roop**  
Female - 5 Years (02/06/2019)  
Groups: Orion, Earhart, Year 1  
Student IDs: AADE21

**Attendance**  
School: 97%

Adelle-Roop@compass.email

Attendance note | Send email

Thu, Feb 27 2025

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM  
KS1Y1\_EARHART - (Year 1) - ART2 - SO'KANE ZDUBELIER

1:15 PM - 2:00 PM  
KS1Y1\_EARHART - (Year 1) - SO'KANE



## Parking outside Queensgate

On a Tuesday and a Wednesday, we have children attending swimming lessons and the coach full of children gets back at about 3:15pm. Week after week the swimming bus cannot pull up at the Bus Parking space outside the school, forcing the coach into the road, so children disembark into the road. This is not acceptable. Please refrain from parking in this space.

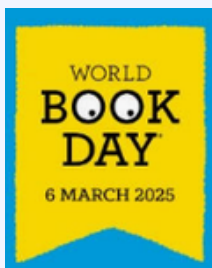
“The blue badge is not a licence to park anywhere. Like other road users, you must obey the rules of the road, as laid out in the Highway Code. Blue Badge holders cannot park on pedestrian crossings (Zebra, pelican, toucan and puffin crossings) including areas marked by zig-zag lines.” The Blue Badge Scheme: rights and responsibilities in England.

If you see any vehicles parked in this area please join us and report it here.

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/forms/form/start-page?pubKey=rtvacontravention>

## World Book Day

We had an excellent World Book Day. The children looked brilliant in their costumes. Here are the costume winners. The most important thing about World Book Day is to encourage the children to read as many diverse books as possible.



## School Readers email and television clip

We received this email from School Readers, an organisation we work closely with;

We would like to say a huge thank you and congratulations for an excellent piece on BBC Politics South on Sunday. We were so pleased to get a fantastic mention and the interviews were all fantastic at illustrating just what School readers is about. It was great to see some of the brilliant work going on at Queensgate Primary - and brilliant to see some of the children we read with were able to provide such glowing reviews! Many thanks again for all of your effort in setting up and conducting such a brilliant piece for us.

Best wishes,  
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You can watch the full clip on our Youtube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9G6hQDTeHAY>

# Queensgate Out & About

On Tuesday morning, our **Reception** Out and About group (from Mrs Muncaster's class) visited the Donkey Sanctuary. The children enjoyed a tour led by Terri, learning about what donkeys eat, their teeth and how they are cared for at the sanctuary. They helped mix up some special donkey porridge for the older herd and listened to a donkey story. It had been a frosty morning and the children discovered that the donkeys water troughs had frozen. They loved exploring the ice and trying to break it up! The children got to climb inside the donkey minibus and then went into the stable to meet two Jennys, Dolly and Hannah.

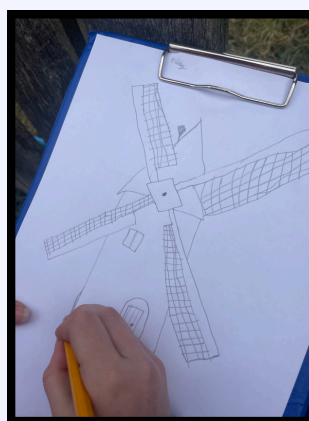
A huge thank you on behalf of the Donkey Sanctuary for the kind donations. Any donations go towards the cost of food and veterinary care as well as the overall running of the sanctuary (to care for the 106 donkeys and 10 ponies that live there)!



Next term, our **Year 4** children will be learning about wind power and energy. In readiness, this week's Year 4 Out and About group visited Bembridge Windmill. After sketching the windmill, the group set off on an adventure, walking to Whitecliff Bay and then back to the minibus. The children used compasses and maps to work out their direction of travel. They all demonstrated great enthusiasm and fitness as we hiked the hilly route. Well done!

*"We went to Bembridge Windmill and we walked through muddy paths and I saw a red squirrel. I really enjoyed sketching the windmill and we were challenged to draw without taking our pencil off the paper!"* Luna

*"Today was really fun in Out and About. We found some cool rocks on Whitecliff Bay. We sketched Bembridge Windmill which is over 300 years old. It was used as a lookout in World War II."* Samuel





# Queensgate Out & About

Another super week of swimming from our **Year 3** and **Year 5** children! All of the children are showing great determination to improve each week. We only have three more sessions to go and are hoping the children can really show off in their final assessment week at the end.

Our swimming certificates this week are awarded to...

**Year 3:** Paisley G, Paisley T, Jesse, Mia, Eli and Tyler

**Year 5:** Reuben, Ben, Fletcher, Jesse, Harvey and Jacob



## 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.

### Tuesday 11th March am-

Reception **RLM**

Donkey Sanctuary

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

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

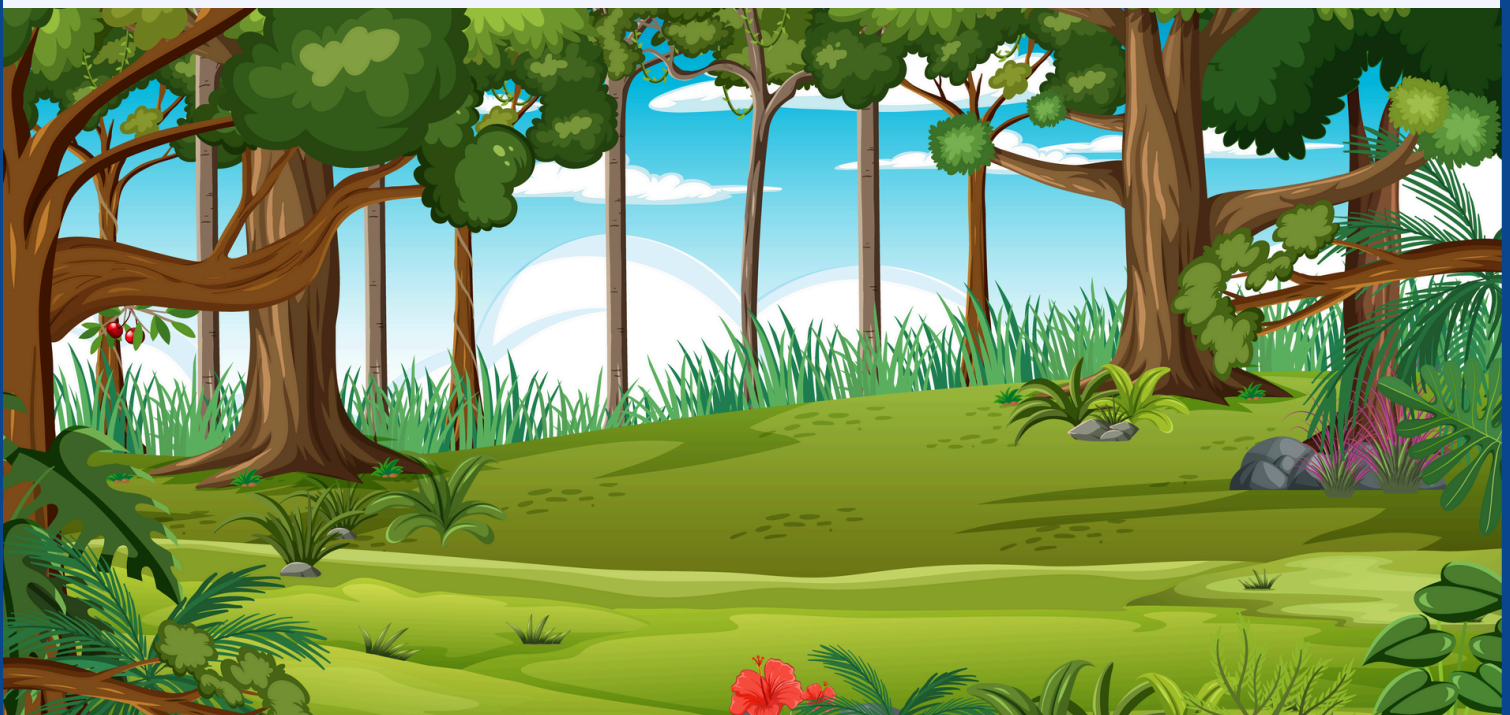
### Wednesday 12th March am-

**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



## Cross Country

Another trophy! This time our Year 6 boys won the Team event at the recent cross country event. Another brilliant team effort - well done to the whole team.

## Year 6 SATs

Year 6 will be sitting their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) in May. In preparation for this and their mock exams there will be a parents' and carers' meeting on Monday 10th March at 2:30pm. Please come to the front office and you will be escorted to 6TM where the meeting will be. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the SATs and have a look at previous papers.

Mock SATs week for Year 6 is week beginning Monday 17th March. Here is the timetable.



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

## Film and Photo Week

We are working behind the scenes on a new Queensgate website which, all being well, will go live on 1st September 2025. Next week we have three people in school helping us build the content for the new website. Mike Harris will be doing some filming; Doug Cox will be taking photos and Martin Edmonds will visit with his Drone. The aim of this is to capture the essence of Queensgate whilst the children are learning.





## New Mud Kitchen

Mrs Johnson has very kindly donated a mud kitchen from her home for the Patch. The old kitchen was looking very worn, whereas now it looks amazing. Mrs Johnson and her husband replaced the kitchen last weekend so it was ready for RJB's visit on Monday. There were a few spare pallets so a new bug hotel is taking shape! A big thank you to Mrs Johnson for doing all of this.



## Author Visit In

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were visited by Rosie Button, author of many books including her character the 'Kangarillapig'. She read some of her books and got the children up and moving to interact with the story.



Please visit Rosie's website here [www.kangarillapig.com](http://www.kangarillapig.com) where you can order and purchase a copy of her books.



# What's for lunch next week ...



		Chartwells Schools				
		WEEK 1				
		W/C: 04/11, 25/11, 16/12, 20/01, 10/02, 10/03, 31/03				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2024	HOT SPECIALS	Macaroni Cheese	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Plain Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
		Cheesy Bean Burrito	Quorn Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza Served with Plain Pasta	Veggie Fingers 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 including Salmon Mayonnaise	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		Flapjack with Fruit	Apple Crumble with Custard	Rice Pudding with Jam or Chocolate Spread	Raspberry Jelly	Chocolate Brownie

## Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 94.23%

Whole School Attendance this week is 93.21%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is RLM with 99.15%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 5RA with 95.60%







**Chat**

**READ**

**play**

Have a lovely weekend!  
Best wishes,

*Sillito*

Samantha Sillito  
Headteacher

