



Queensgate Newsletter

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



Many Thanks!

Dear Families,

Ofsted Inspection

I would like to start with a huge thank you to everyone who filled in the parent questionnaire for Ofsted. We had a good turn out and I would like to thank you for the lovely comments that you wrote about us. Thank you for the good wishes and chocolates too – very much appreciated.

The report will come back to me in eight days for checking, following this process it will be published and I will be able to let you know how we got on.

Harvest

Our Harvest Festival last Friday was brilliant. Queensgate sang well and listened to James Pontin speak. It was a pleasure to hear our choir. Another huge thank you to all of you. As always I was blown away by your generosity and donations for the Food Pantry. Thank you to Jane for coming along to the assembly and picking up the food for the pantry.



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Choir singing at Prestigious Service

The Queensgate choir has been asked, once again, to sing at The Minster in Newport. On **Monday 14th October** they will be singing at the Prestigious Legal Service. The High Sheriff Mr Graham Biss, who is the king's representative on the Isle of Wight invited us, which is a great honour. In return we invited him to our Key Stage 2 assembly this week. The children asked him brilliant questions and were very impressed with his sword that he brought along as part of his High Sheriff uniform. It is a great honour to be asked to join the Legal Service. All choir children need to be in full logoed school uniform on Monday and all long hair needs plaiting please. I am eager that the children look their best and are aware of the gravitas of the occasion.



Family Holidays in Term Time

Just a reminder that we are always striving for all of the children to be at school all of the time so that they do not miss any of their learning. That is why we do not authorise family holidays in term time. We do, however, have a two-week half term holiday break coming up from Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November. The children need to be back at school on Monday 4th October at 8.40am.

Flu Immunisations

Just a reminder that Flu immunisations are taking place next Tuesday 15th October for all Year groups. If you have not completed the NHS consent form, your child will not receive the immunisation.

PTFA

Next meeting **9am Wednesday 16th October**.

Please sign up to Classlist and the PTFA Facebook page so you can stay up to date with events. Here are the links:

<https://www.facebook.com> and

<https://classlist.page.link/EJBLPr29w15xSVh3A>



Halloween Sale

If you have any Halloween costumes that your child has grown out of please bring them in to school. The PTFA will be selling costumes on the second parents' evening on Thursday 17th October between 3:00 and 5:00. This will work out much cheaper for you than buying new – also better to re-use and re-cycle!

Treat not Trick

Hope Church have given the children a small gift called treat not trick. These will be coming home next Friday.

Tips for Hearing your child read

Please remember to hear your child read every day if possible. A little and often works best.

1. Choose a quiet time

Set aside a quiet time with no distractions. Ten minutes is long enough.

2. Make reading enjoyable

Make reading an enjoyable experience. Sit with your child. Little and often works best and keeps your child motivated. If your child is reluctant, try using 'now and next' – 'now' we will read, 'next' you can play with your Lego.

3. Maintain the flow

If your child mispronounces a word do not interrupt immediately. Instead allow opportunity for self-correction. It is better to tell a child some unknown words to maintain the flow rather than insisting on trying to build them all up from the sounds of the letters. If your child does try to 'sound out' words, encourage the use of letter sounds rather than 'alphabet names'.

4. Be positive

If your child says something nearly right to start with that is fine. Don't say 'No. That's wrong,' but 'Let's read it together' and point to the words as you say them. Boost your child's confidence with constant praise for even the smallest achievement.

5. Regular practice

Try to read with your child every day if possible.

6. Communicate

Your child has a reading diary, please sign this when your child has read. Your child will then know that you are interested in their progress and that you value reading.

7. Talk about the books

There is more to being a good reader than just being able to read the words accurately. Just as important is being able to understand what has been read. Always talk to your child about the book; about the pictures, the characters, how they think the story will end, their favourite part. You will then be able to see how well they have understood and you will help them to develop good comprehension skills.



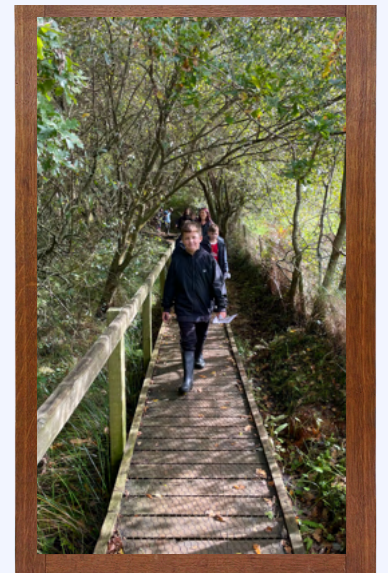
Queensgate Out & About

Our **Year 2** children have been sharing stories about dragons recently. On Tuesday morning, our Year 2 children visited the Dragon Tree in Brighstone and heard the tale of how local people slayed the dragon and it turned into a tree! The children then learnt about what living things need to survive. They designed their own mythical creatures using clay, explaining what they would need to survive; what they would eat, where they would sleep, their predators and what habitat they would live in.

"We went to the Dragon Tree and learnt about what animals need to survive. They need food, water, oxygen and shelter. We made our own clay creatures. We had a paddle in the stream and played pooh-sticks. It was really fun." Sadie 2KA



As part of our **Year 5** Geography curriculum, the children have been learning how to use a compass and find six figure grid references on an OS map. On Tuesday afternoon, the children used maps and compasses to follow a loop trail, visiting Alverstone Nature Reserve. They enjoyed looking out for wildlife at the bird hide and walking along the boardwalk.



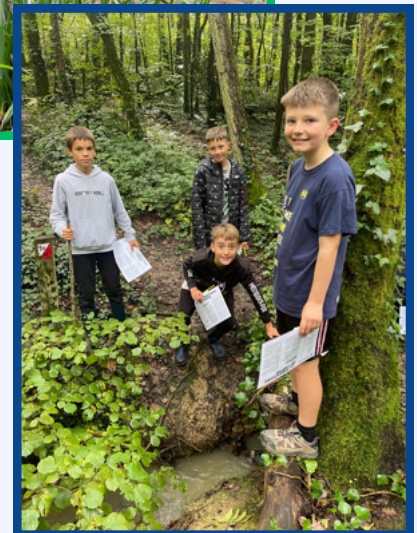
Queensgate Out & About Continued

In **Year 1**, the children have been learning about the five senses. This week, the Out and About group visited Borthwood Copse to explore their senses and look out for signs of Autumn. The children worked in pairs to gather leaves and natural objects to create a collage of a face. They described how the items felt and why they had chosen them. The children enjoyed listening to the story *The Leaf Thief* by Alice Hemming it's about a squirrel that discovers what happens in the Autumn. After the story, the children spotted a real red squirrel climbing a tree nearby!

"We went to the woods and talked about the five senses; touch, taste, smell, see and hear. Then we made a face using leaves and acorns and had a story about a squirrel who lost his leaves. In the Autumn the leaves change colour and they fall off the trees!" Theo WF 1SC



The **Year 6** Out and About team went orienteering in Firestone Copse on Wednesday afternoon. The children were amazingly energetic and loved the mud! They managed to locate 10 orienteering markers across the forest in just over an hour, recording the letters on their control cards. Well done team!



Queensgate Out & About Next Week

Out and About next week...

Children to wear play clothes (nothing new or special) and wellies. We will be getting muddy! Please check the forecast and bring a raincoat (and waterproof trousers if you have them).

Tuesday 15th October am - 2KG Brighstone Dragon Tree

Ellis, Alfred, Freya, Roman, RJ, Mollie, Matteo, Cassidy, Sophie, Poppy, Peyton, Marley, Charlie and Sully.

Tuesday 17th October pm - 5TS Alverstone Nature Reserve

Tyler B, Caiden, Joshua, Harvey D, Maisy, Mirabelle, Ruben, Logan R, Ella R, Ryan, Ella and Rhys.

Wednesday 18th October am - 1SC Borthwood Copse

Jacob, Ronney, Nova, Blake, Riley, Harper-May, Clayton, Dylan, Hunter, Archer, Emily, Niamh and Eliza.

Wednesday 18th October pm - 6LR

Firestone Copse

Xachary, Acacia, Amelia, Arthur, Braiden, David, Emmie, Evie, Guy, Hayley, Jake, Jonny, Levi, Maya and Rosie.

Out and About after half term...

Tuesday 5th November am - 2KA Brighstone Dragon Tree

Bowie, Jasper, Rudy, Marnie-Rae, Evelyn, Jack, Max, Daniel, Vienna, Declan, Arthur, Isabelle, Jake, Elsie-Mae and Harry.

Tuesday 5th November pm - 5RA Alverstone Nature Reserve

Ashton, Benjamin, Mia-Rose, Harry, Oscar H, Destiny-Grace, Katelyn, Hannah, Connor, Jack, Harvey R, Freddie, Elliott, James and Tommy.

Wednesday 6th November am - 1CE Borthwood Copse

Jason, Kaden, Owen, Eden, Rosey, Amelia, Coen, Elizabeth, Molly, Theo, Lyla, Reggie-Ray and Louie.

Wednesday 6th November pm - 6TM Firestone Copse

Teddy, Matthew, Skyla, Harley, Marley, Elsie, Ava, Paranith, Logan, Riley, Elvis, Emily T, Bella, Florence and Archie.



Wheelie Good Fun!

Gary Butler came to talk to Year 6 about wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby. He then shared a few training activities with them. All the children were keen to be involved and asked really good, sensible questions.

*"It was really fun. We did it in groups and had a race. We also learnt how to turn so we could do a 360 degree turn and we could spin round really fast!
Acacia (6LR)*



Year 5 Football

Our Year 5 boys travelled over to Hunnyhill Primary School for a football match. The boys played very well, showing great skill and team work, coming away with a well deserved 3 - 0 win.

Well done boys.



Other Sport Fixture results

Queensgate has had an amazing week in our sports fixtures. Our tag rugby team played at Medina College and competed against six other schools, the team won all six games and progressed to the Island finals.

The two football teams both played against Hunnyhill at home, the boys won 5 - 0 and the girls drew 1 - 1.



More Rugby Success



A proud day for Queensgate! On **Thursday 10th October**, Queensgate hosted 12 island schools for the girls tag rugby tournament on behalf of the School Games Organisers.

We entered two teams from across Years 5 and 6, an A team and a B team.

Our B team truly stepped up out of their comfort zone to represent the school and had the best afternoon playing sport.

Our A team had some tough matches, topping their group and having to play a further two matches, however their hard work paid off as the girls qualified (along with the boys team from last week) for the island finals on 17th October.

Well done team Queensgate!

Peter J Murray Visit

Last week we welcomed our special friend, Peter Murray, back to school to talk about his Mokee Joe books.

The children of Key Stage 2 had a wonderful morning listening to Peter talk about his characters and books.

He returned the following day to sign books for children.

It is always a pleasure to have Peter visit the school and he certainly inspires a love of reading to our children here.

You can find out more about Peter and his books at his website:
<https://www.peterjmurray.co.uk/>





Eco Schools



Did you know?

It's time to start our Eco School's Green Flag Award for 2024 – 2025!

Just an update – we have received application forms from some of the pupils who are interested in joining this year's Eco Committee. Mrs Tilling and Mrs Selle will be shortlisting next week so please check the next newsletter for further details.

Eco Tips!

Energy prices are in the headlines again! So ...

- Unplug appliances when not in use
- Install smart meters to power them down completely and help you to keep an eye on your expenditure
- Insulate your hot water heater, pipes and ducts
- Use draft excluders to keep the heat in
- It takes more energy to boil a full kettle; only boil what you need
- Bleed radiators as trapped air leaves cold spots at the top
- Avoid putting furniture in front of radiators and blocking heat
- Adjust your thermostat; it can make a big difference and save your energy costs
- Swap halogen, fluorescent or incandescent light bulbs for LED lights – they are the most energy efficient option



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

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



What's your lunch after half term...



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

And week beginning 11th November

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	Winter Vegetable Hotpot Served with Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
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DESSERT	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Custard	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Chocolate Cookie	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Pudding

Attendance

ABOVE NATIONAL!




Whole School Attendance since September is 95.6%

Whole School Attendance this week is 94%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1SC with 99%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 4MC with 98.6%




 **Queensgate Foundation Primary School**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS.

Why is being on time important?
Parents/carers have a duty, under the Education Act, to ensure that their child is in school on time. Every moment in school counts, and late minutes add up quickly. This can effect students' progress and leads to gaps in their learning.

LATENESS
How much time can you loss?
IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR
5 Minutes
Late each day
= 3 days off



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

Please help us promote good attendance throughout our school - you really do play an important role.

Parents and Carers Consultations

Hopefully, you have all been able to sign up for parents' evenings on the Compass App. It is hugely important that you hear how your child is getting on at school and how to support them at home. If you have not been able to book please pop in to the front office and Miss Rorich or Mrs Selle will book you in. Our parents evenings are next week on Tuesday 3:30 - 7:00 and Thursday 3:30 - 5:00.

And Finally...

I wish you all a lovely weekend. As always please remember to:

Chat

READ

Play

Best wishes,

Sillito

Samantha Sillito
Headteacher





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Sandown Soccer - Isle of Wight

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 at The Bay CE Secondary

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11

Week 1
 Monday-Friday (21st-25th October)

Week 2
 Monday-Friday (28th Oct-1st Nov)

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!!!**

ISLE OF WIGHT ATHLETICS CLUB
QUADKIDS AND SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

Autumn Term Quadkids at the Ray Scovell Athletic Centre, Fairway, Sandown



Come and join us every Monday term time for Sportshall Athletics at The Bay CE School, Fairway, Sandown
 Every Monday 5:00pm - 5:50pm



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Yrs 3, 4 and 5 welcome
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 Junior Club operates term time only
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Naturezones
Wise Owl Holiday Club
 8 - 14 yrs

Come and have a great time outdoors! Go on a nature safari, look for wildlife in our ponds, woods and meadows. See if you can charm worms out of the ground. Get creative in our guided art sessions and try some crafts using willow and other natural materials. Play games based around wildlife and tackle a challenge! Various different fun activities during each session.

Dates: Thursday, October 24th and 31st
Cost: £25/session
Time: 10am - 3.30pm
Bring one snack and a packed lunch

MUST BOOK - Limited places
 Full details on booking form

Where: Blackwater
www.naturezones.org.uk

Create Your Own European Brown Bear with Balu and Benji

Hello, we're Benji and Balu!

We're two European Brown Bears from Azerbaijan, which is a country on the border of Europe and Asia. We were separated from our mother and taken from the wild as cubs, and then kept in cages for entertainment at the side of a restaurant.

Our friends at the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary on the Isle of Wight are building us a brand-new home, complete with everything we need to be happy and comfortable. We can't wait to move in!

The Sanctuary has already begun work thanks to the amazing support of the local community, but they still have a little way to go before they reach their fundraising goal of £150,000. From toys and treats to ponds to swim in and mounds to climb, every donation will go towards making our new home perfect.

Thank you for taking part in our competition with Cherry Godfrey and the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary. Colour in your bear and cut it out to bring it to life – we're looking forward to seeing what you make! Instructions for how to make your bear can be found by scanning the QR Code.

To enter the competition, and for the chance to win some cool prizes, make sure to ask your parents or guardian to take a photo of your bear and send it to marketing@cherrygodfrey.com. We're so excited to see them all!



From,
 Benji and Balu 🐻



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YEAR 6 TOURS

BREAKING NEWS

Still undecided in your Secondary School choice?

The College is offering a tour during the half term break on Tuesday 22nd Oct at 10am

Our new Year 7 students for 2025 will be provided with a New School blazer and PE top, paid for by the College.

TAPNELL FARM

STAND-ALONE ALL WEATHER EVENT!

ISLE OF WIGHT

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

28TH - 31ST OCTOBER

MON TO THURS 12-6PM

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14th, 15th,
16th & 17th
October

8:45am or 9:35am

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SENSIBLE ABOUT OUR SENSES – 21st Nov

BUCKET FILLING FOR SELF-ESTEEM – 28th Nov

RELAXING OUR KIDS – 5th Dec



Autumn Term 2024
7th Nov—5th Dec
Thursday evenings
6:00-7:30PM

Booking & enrolment required to secure a place on any or all these sessions.

*enrolment required **just once** (for any number of sessions) per academic year