



Queensgate Newsletter

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



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Mufti Day Next Friday

Dear Families,

Support for Arlo

Next **Friday 14th February** we are holding a mufti day to raise money for Arlo. The theme is Wear What makes you happy.

Arlo is a 16-year-old from the Isle of Wight, diagnosed with a grade 4 brain tumour. His positivity serves as a beacon of hope for all. When asked about his cancer journey, he simply said, "I don't want people to be sad. I just want to be happy in the here and now, because that is all there is."

Here is a message from the organisers:

"Parents can donate straight to the [JustGiving page](#) referencing the school, and send their own personal message to Arlo (he reads them all)." See QR code on next page.



Chartwells, who are our school lunch providers, are baking vanilla and chocolate cookies, which will be on sale for 25p each next Friday. Some of our Year 6 children will be selling them. The funds raised will also go towards Arlo's treatment.



Rainbow Raffle

Our PTFA are, once again, organising a rainbow raffle. Please see below the colours for each year group. Please can the children bring an item of that colour into school that can be put into a hamper. The PTFA will then sell raffle tickets online and the raffle will be called on Friday 28th February.

Reception - **Purple**

Year 1 - **Blue**

Year 2 - **Green**

Year 3 - **Yellow**

Year 4 - **Orange**

Year 5 - **Red**

Year 6 - **Pink**



Most recent Books bought by the PTFA

The PTFA does a brilliant job raising funds for the children of Queensgate. Recently, they gave us £300. Here are the books that were bought for our school library.



The PTFA have also donated £500.00 to our EYFS for their outdoor learning environment; £250.00 for browsing boxes in the library; £50.00 for flowers for the school and £100.00 for board games. Huge thanks to everyone involved in raising extra funds for the children to have these extras.



Skipping Workshops

Next week Queensgate is, once again, hosting skipping workshops. On Monday 10th February the following classes **2KA, 2KG, 3AH, 3PT, 5RA, 6TM** and **6LR** will be taking part in workshops and need to be in their school PE kit. Long hair needs to be tied back as usual and stud earrings either taken out or covered. Likewise, on Tuesday 11th February the following classes will need to be in PE kit: **RLM, RJB, 1CE, 1SC, 4BM, 4MC** and **5TS**.

Parents' Evenings

Next week on Tuesday 11th February from 3:10 pm – 4:50pm and Thursday 13th February 3:30pm – 7:00pm we are holding parent/teacher consultations. These are really important. They are designed to give you feedback about how your child is doing and school and what progress they are making. Children make better progress when home and school work collaboratively together. We aim to see every parent or carer. Please could you make sure you have signed up for an appointment through the Compass App?

Lockdown Procedure

As you know we have a fire alarm practise termly. Sometime between half term and the Easter break we will be having a practise of our lockdown procedure. I will tell the children about this in assembly before we do it, so they know what to expect.

Dance Live

At the time of writing our Dance Live Team are at Portsmouth Guildhall performing Invisible String. They did a dress rehearsal to the school on Monday, which was absolutely fantastic. We are very proud of the children and staff. I will let you know through socials and the next newsletter how we got on.



Queensgate Out & About

Our **RLM** Out and About group had an amazing time visiting Nettlecombe Farm on Tuesday morning. The children loved meeting and hand feeding the sheep, alpacas, donkeys and chickens. They especially enjoyed seeing the young reindeer and having sheep cuddles with Oreo and Fern! The children were so confident around the animals and a great help on the farm.



On Wednesday morning our **Year 4** Out and About team visited Appley Beach to create some artwork on the sand. Inspired by the work of sculptor and land artist, Andy Goldsworthy, the children worked in pairs to create their own land art using stones and shells of varying colours and sizes. The group loved exploring the shoreline and hunting for scallop shells, whelk shells and slipper limpets to incorporate into their designs.



Out and About

Please send your child to school wearing warm, old play-clothes and bring wellies (extra socks), a warm and 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.

Queensgate Out & About

Tuesday 11th February am - Reception RJB Donkey Sanctuary

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

Ethan, Rafferty, Zia, Loui, James, Alex, Oscar, Clover, Cece, Darcie, Rosie and Ada.

Wednesday 12th February am - Year 4 Beach Sculptures

Albi, Lillie-Mai, Archie, Jack, Oliver C, Harlan, Evie, Milana, Kingsley, Theo, Nimalan, Benjamin, Lilly F, Amber-Rose and Chloe.

Tuesday 25th February am - Reception RJB Donkey Sanctuary

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

Toby, Jaxon, George, Jack, William, Noah, Mavrick, Tilly, Marcy, Chikaima, Elysia and Flora.

Wednesday 26th January am - Year 4 Bembridge walk

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

Swimming- Year 3 and Year 5

The children in both year groups have demonstrated great enthusiasm and commitment, working so hard each week to improve their swimming. A huge well done to our 'swimming superstars' this week...

Year 3: Tyler, Daisy, Edward, Jack, Oliver and Ellis.

Year 5: Tula, Connor, Hannah, Mia-Rose, Tilly and Logan R.



We have received news that the Waterside pool will be renovating their changing rooms and work will commence on 24th February. Swimming lessons won't be impacted and there will be temporary changing facilities.

A reminder that children need to wear their PE kit with navy joggers or leggings and bring a separate bag to school with their swimming costume/swim-shorts, towel and goggles (if they have a pair).

Please ensure all uniform and swim kit is named to avoid any confusion in the changing rooms.

Please note, children won't return to school, on the coach or minibus, until approximately 3.20pm each week. Children in Year 3 will need to collect their belongings in school before being dismissed at the side door, as normal

School Council Trip to WildHeart Sanctuary

On Friday 17th January, members of the School Council visited the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary in Sandown. We are holding a mufti day in the Summer to raise money for Benji and Balu, the bears who are being rescued from Azerbaijan. Zeb, who works at the Sanctuary, showed us the bear enclosure and explained all the different parts of it. They have built two pools for the bears, one is 6ft deep and other is 12ft deep so the bears can dive in deep water!

There is going to be a viewing area for the public to view the bears, they are making this out of shipping containers. The Sanctuary has also built tunnels and caves for the bears to sleep outside in. They are hoping the bears might go into torpor in the caves next Winter, torpor is a bit like hibernation.

Whilst at the Sanctuary we also learnt how to say hello to the tigers by saying 'ffffff' round in a circle and that the cockatiels like ACDC Thunderstruck and Encanto songs! Keep an eye out for more information about our mufti day. We would like to raise as much money as possible to help rescue and look after the bears.



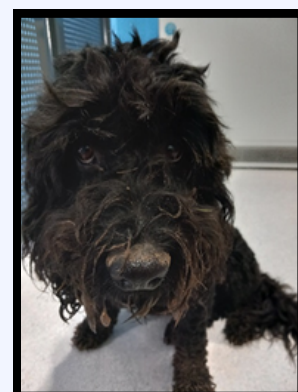
PEACH Games

On Monday a group of children from Year 3 and 4 took part in a PEACH games basketball festival over at The Bay. They were given the opportunity to practice their dribbling, shooting and passing skills before playing a five a side game. The children had a great time focusing on their skills and when it was time to play their match, Queensgate came away with a clear 3-0 win! Well done Queensgate.



Biodiversity at Queensgate

Before Christmas a group of **Year 6** children began researching ways to increase the biodiversity of our school site. They have now been given a National Education Nature Park grant to put their plans into action. Our first task is to make the sensory area as biodiverse as possible. Some of the biodiversity group have already started work on this – even Benji enjoyed helping out with some digging. We are looking forward to working with staff from Care in the Garden later in the year who will be supporting us with the project.





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
	JACKET POTATO	Vegetable Fajita 🌶️ Served with Wholegrain Rice	Chinese Vegetable Noodles 🍜	Winter Vegetable Hotpot 🍲 Served with Gravy	Macaroni Cheese 🍝	Quorn Dippers 🍷 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
	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	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
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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 94.35%

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.99%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1CE with 97.69%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 6LR with 97.41%

**MINDSET IS WHAT
SEPARATES THE BEST
FROM THE REST.**

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Uniform

Here's a photo of the ABAs in their new uniform.

What do you think? They loved them



Half Term Holiday

There is a half term holiday from Monday 17th February until Friday 21st February.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 24th February at 8:40am



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Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Sillito

Samantha Sillito
Headteacher



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- 10am to last entry 2pm
- Wednesday 19 February
- Friday 21 February
- £1 per person

- 10am to 1pm
- Tuesday 18 February
- Thursday 20 February
- £1 per person

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Isle of Wight Council

Events organised by the Isle of Wight Heritage Service

ISLE OF WIGHT ATHLETICS CLUB QUADKIDS AND SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

Spring 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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