



# Queensgate Newsletter

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



## Assessment week done - just Mock SATs to go!

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Dear Families,

I would like to congratulate our children from Year 1 to Year 5 for completing their assessments this week. This is just internal data to show the teachers how well they have progressed from the Autumn term and to check that they are on track for their individual targets at the end of the year. Well done everyone and I look forward to seeing how you are all doing when we carry out Pupil Progress Meetings in a couple of weeks time.

Next week is the turn of Year 6 who will have Mock SATs. This will entail the Year 6's carrying out prior SATs papers across the week in the environment that they will find themselves in May. The staff will read instructions out to them as per the correct method just so the children know what to expect in May. The results will be analysed and any gaps identified which will be worked on from next week until the real SATs. Good luck Year 6's - you've got this!

## Film Club

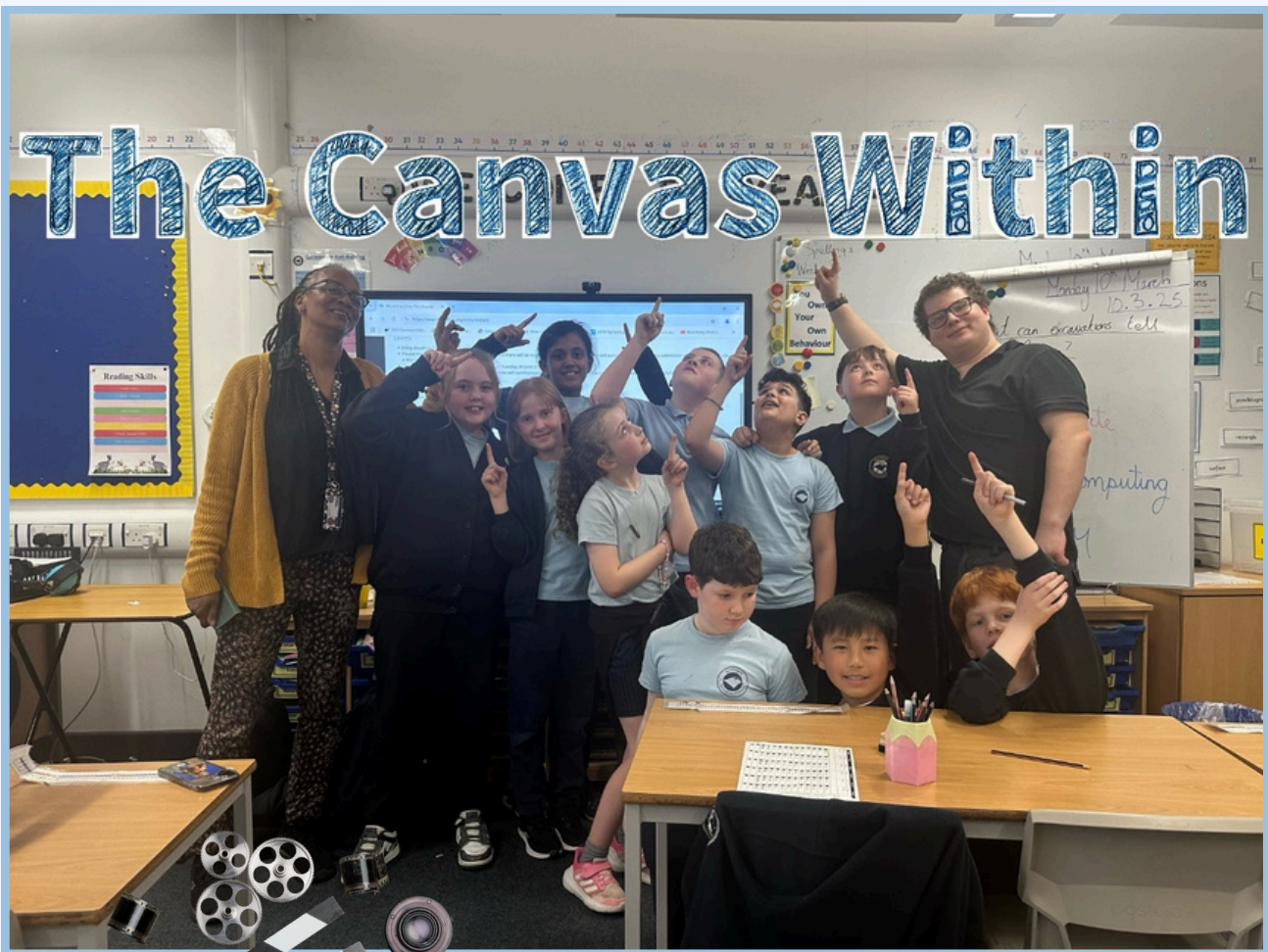
We are thrilled to share some fantastic news from our Film Club! Last week, we celebrated the completion of our very first film, *The Canvas Within*. It has been an incredible journey, and we couldn't be more proud of all the hard work and dedication from our talented young filmmakers. Huge congratulations to every child involved in bringing this project to life!

But that's not all! This week, we received the exciting confirmation that *The Canvas Within* has successfully passed all of its checks and has officially been entered into a pool of films to be shortlisted for the prestigious Into Film Awards. We can't express how proud we are of this achievement and how excited we are to see where this journey takes us. We'll be eagerly awaiting the announcement at the end of March or early April to find out if we've been nominated for any awards!

In the meantime, the creative energy is far from over. Our film club members are already hard at work on their own group entries. We can't wait to see what amazing projects they will bring to the table as they continue to explore their filmmaking talents.

Once again, congratulations to all the children involved in *The Canvas Within*. We look forward to celebrating more creative successes with you all in the future. Stay tuned for more updates!

Happy filmmaking! 🎬🎉





# Queensgate Out & About

On Tuesday morning, our **Reception** Out and About team visited the Donkey Sanctuary, in Wroxall. The children had a tour of the sanctuary and met some of the different herds. They learnt about what donkeys eat and how they are cared for. The children helped to mix up some special grass porridge for the older donkeys. They then climbed on board the donkey 'minibus', used for transporting donkeys to care homes, community events and to mainland Vets surgeries. The children all enjoyed their visit and are keen to return with their families to show them around!

"We went to the Donkey Sanctuary. We learnt about feeding them and what they like to eat. They eat grass and hay. One of the ponies had a blue coat and he only had 3 teeth! We had to mix him some special porridge. I liked making the porridge." Elliot

"Andy was my favourite donkey because my best friend is called Andy! I liked it when we stroked the donkey called Daphne and I liked the little pony that only had 3 teeth!" Ernest

"I just loved stroking the donkey. It felt really soft! Donkeys have very long ears. My favourite donkey was Andy too!" Isaac



The **Year 4** Out and About group had a great adventure on Wednesday. The children learnt about the history of Bembridge windmill (in readiness for next term's learning about wind power) and had fun taking part in some sketching challenges. They learnt how to use a compass then embarked on a hike to Whitecliff Bay. The children were in awe of the beautiful view as they walked down to the bay!

"We went to Bembridge. The sea was glittering and shining, the cliffs looked good. There were boats in the water and the sun was shining on the sea. It was just the best view! The walk was really good, everyone was worn out but I could have just kept on walking!" Ollie

"We sketched the windmill. It was quite hard as we couldn't take our pencil off the paper. We walked through the forest and then down a really steep path to the beach. We had a biscuit. I was chasing the waves and got water in my wellies!" Peyton



# Queensgate Out & About

Another super week of swimming from our **Year 3** and **Year 5** children. We are so proud of the all the children's hard work and determination. Only two more weeks of lessons to go!

This week our swimming superstar awards go to...

**Year 3:** Ella, William, Caleb, Charlie, Hannah, Lexi, Harry and Joe.

**Year 5:** Tyler, Toby, Olivia, Toby, Tayla and Harry.



Out and About next week

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.

**Tuesday 18th March am - RJB**

Monkey Haven trip

Whole Class

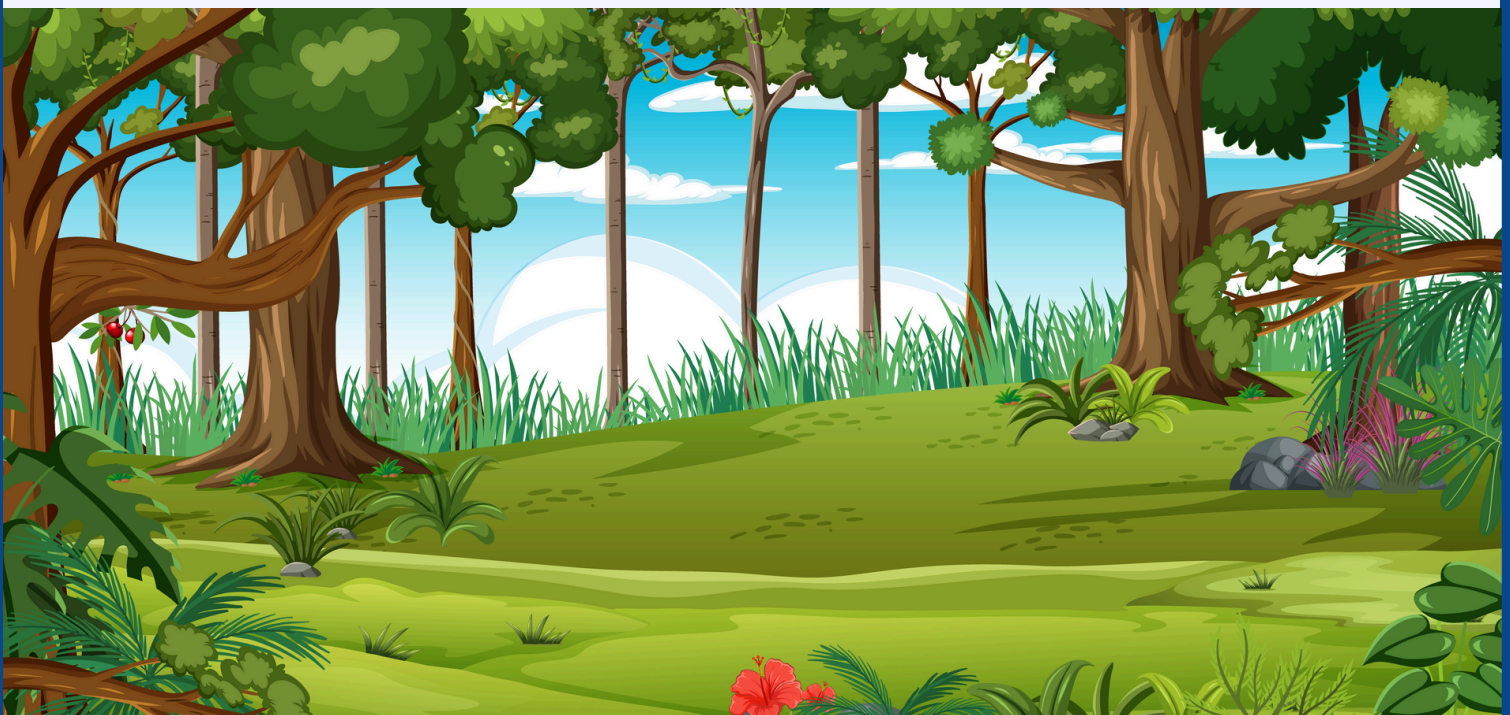
\*Wear school uniform and bring a warm/ waterproof coat depending on the weather.

**Wednesday 19th March am - Year 4**

Bembridge Windmill hike

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

\*Please bring wellies as the route can be very muddy!





## Neurodiversity Team launches new online initiative

### 'Navigating Neurodiversity'

IOW Neurodiversity Service is excited to announce the launch of its new initiative, 'Navigating Neurodiversity', aimed at providing support, guidance and resources to families across the Island. This initiative is designed to help parents and caregivers navigate the challenges and delights of raising neurodivergent children and young people.

#### *Key Feature*

**Peer to Peer support groups** – regular meetings for parents-caregivers to share experiences, seek advice and build supportive networks

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 11am

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10am

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 10am

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 10am

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 10am

Sessions will be open for an hour with time built in for 1:1 support

Please email [mitch.burson@iow.ov.uk](mailto:mitch.burson@iow.ov.uk) or [Katrina.austin1@iow.gov.uk](mailto:Katrina.austin1@iow.gov.uk) for details.

#### **General enquiries and bookings**



**IOW Neurodiversity Multidisciplinary Team**



# What's for lunch next week ...



		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 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 🍊

## Hampshire Qualifiers Netball tournament

On Friday 7th March, a team from **Year 6** travelled over to Ryde school to compete in a netball tournament. First we faced three schools in our group, finishing 2nd with two wins and a draw. Next, we played against Binstead in the semi finals, this was a tough game in which we unfortunately lost 4-0 however, all was not lost as we had the chance to compete for 3rd place. This was the most intense game against Ryde school. As the final whistle was blown the score was 1-1, this meant we had to play an additional 2 minutes. After the additional time the score was still tied, which meant we had to play until the next goal was scored. Our team kept possession and the game ended with Rosie scoring a brilliant goal and giving our team the win and securing us 3rd place! Although we just missed out on representing the island in the Hampshire finals, we still have a chance to qualify for the island finals when we host a tournament on 20th March. Well done, Queensgate.





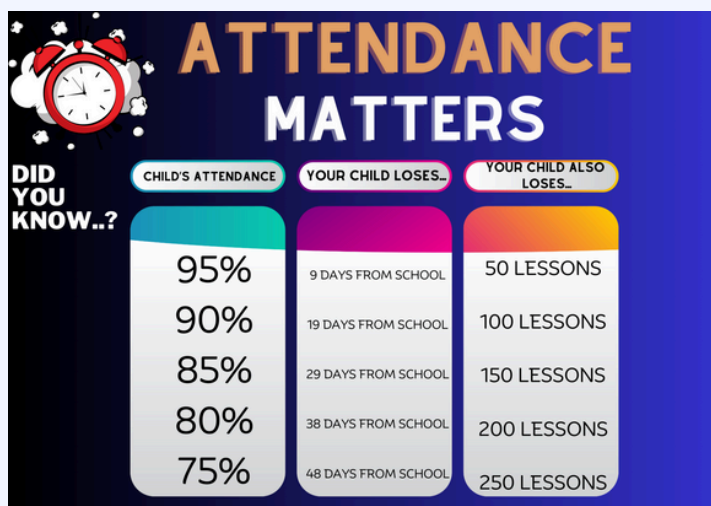
## Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 94.18%

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.20%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KG with 99.26%

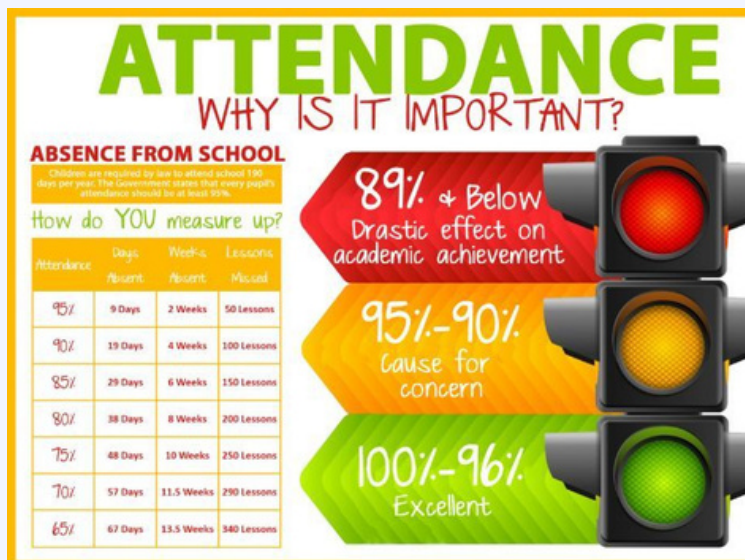
KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 6LR with 98.89%



### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**DID YOU KNOW...?**

CHILD'S ATTENDANCE	YOUR CHILD LOSES...	YOUR CHILD ALSO LOSES...
95%	9 DAYS FROM SCHOOL	50 LESSONS
90%	19 DAYS FROM SCHOOL	100 LESSONS
85%	29 DAYS FROM SCHOOL	150 LESSONS
80%	38 DAYS FROM SCHOOL	200 LESSONS
75%	48 DAYS FROM SCHOOL	250 LESSONS



### ATTENDANCE

#### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

**ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**  
Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 89%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

**89% & Below**  
Drastic effect on academic achievement

**95% - 90%**  
Cause for concern

**100% - 96%**  
Excellent

Chat

READ

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 humorous 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](http://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: [psscLtd@gmail.com](mailto:psscLtd@gmail.com)

OR Scan the QR for the registration form



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 – [psscLtd@gmail.com](mailto:psscLtd@gmail.com) or phone/text 07970009509



## Spring 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK  
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



Schools can now buy a **FACE School Annual Membership** which means **ALL** parents and **ALL** staff get unlimited **FREE** access to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday  
24th April  
19:00 - 20:00  
**FREE**



**Responding to Angry Behaviour**  
What can we do in the moment?

Tuesday  
18th March  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24



**Anxiety Explained**  
Anxiety, especially in our young is rising. This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Thursday  
3rd April  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24



**Supporting a Child with ADHD**  
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday  
3rd April  
19:00 - 20:30  
£24



**Improving Family Communication**  
How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



## 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**

