

A Brilliant Day!

Dear Families,

I start this newsletter with a massive thank you to all of you for your amazing effort with World Book Day. It really was a great celebration of reading! All of the costumes were fantastic and it was a hard job for the teachers to choose just one winner from their classes. Here are the 14 winners.



RSD	Oliver H	Jack	Jack and The Beanstalk
RBH	Emily S	Flicker	Little Dragon Ten minutes to Bedtime
1CE	Jake S	Mr. Fox	Fantastic Mr. Fox
1SM	Rudy	David Attenborough	Little People Dream Big
2KG	Arlo	Zog	Zog
2KA	Riley G.	Dogman	Dogman
3AH	Annie W	Coco Chanelle	Great woman that changed the world
3PT	Lillie-Mae H	Book Fairy	Project Fairy
4BM	Mirabelle N	Mirabelle	Mirabelle Gets into Mischief
4MC	Charley S	Charley S	The Footballing Journey of Charley S
5RA	Emily T	Nezuko	Demon Slave
5TS	Grace W	Ratburger	Ratburger
6LR	Harrison F	Iorek Byrnison	Northern Lights
6TM	Farrah	Runaway Robot	The Runaway Robot

Assessment Week and Mock SATs Week

This week has been assessment week for Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. This is the termly time to take stock and look at the children's progress since December. I am looking forward to seeing the data and how the children have progressed this term.

Next week will be mock Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) week for Year 6. Here is the timetable for the mock SATs, which will be exactly the same as the real SATs week starting Monday 13th May.

Monday 11 th March	Tuesday 12 th March	Wednesday 13 th March	Thursday 14 th March
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 1) Spelling (Paper 2)	English Reading Paper	Maths Paper 1 – Arithmetic Maths Paper 2 - Reasoning	Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning

It is important that the children attend school on time and have a good breakfast before coming to school. Remember we have a breakfast club costing £2 starting at 8 am if that would work better for your family.

SATs Meeting for Year 6 Parents and Carers

It is important that parents and carers understand the process for SATs and the kind of papers the children will be taking. There is a meeting for parents and carers of Year 6 children on **Monday 18th March at 2:30pm**. Please arrive at the front of the school at 2:25pm to be taken through to the Year 6 classroom. Miss Radcliffe and Mrs Michelmores will be leading the session and it is your opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

New Local Leadership Partner (LLP)

Our work with Debbie Allen has now finished and we have a new LLP called Tim Walters. He will be joining us in school next Wednesday. We are using a book that he has published called from Roots to Roses to help us with our Growth Mindset and positive belief work. We are looking forward to working with him.



Shorts and Sock Sale

Our Sports Crew will be selling spare Umbro and Nike shorts and socks on **Friday 22nd March** straight after school. This will be £3.00 for the shorts and £1.00 for socks.





Eco Schools



Arrangements are going well for our School Eco day on Friday May 24th; we have a number of visitors who will be coming to school on the day to talk to the children. Let's help to make the world a better place; talk to your children about Sustainability – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Did you know?

Composting at home for just one year can save global warming gases equivalent to all the CO₂ your kettle produces annually, or your washing machine generates in three months?



Eco Tip!

Save money by making your own compost. You can add any material to your compost heap that was once living but never meat or cooked foods. A mixture of carbon rich material such as cardboard or paper and nitrogen rich material such as grass and vegetable peelings are good for composting. You can then use your compost on recycled pots and containers to start seeds and seedlings. Happy growing!



Benji Blog

It has been a while since we have written about what Benji has been up to. He continues to be super helpful around the school and works a lot with the children when they need some TLC.

He is also very good at making sure the Year 6's concentrate fully on their computing skills - here he is making sure that Elayna E in 6LR is pressing all the correct keys and keeping her motivated!

Benji spends most of his time with either Miss Radcliffe (his owner), Mrs Jeffers (our Family Liaison Officer) or in mine and Mr Chubb's office. We have recently had some new chairs in our office so Benji has been learning not to climb on them - so he sat on a plastic one in protest!



Working together for a successful future

Out and About

On Tuesday morning our **Reception** Out and About group visited Ventnor Botanic Garden, on the hunt for signs of Spring. The children enjoyed walking around the garden, looking out for plants in bud and those already flowering. The children saw beautiful magnolias, camellias, primroses, and daffodils. They used maps to find the play park, where they had fun playing together, listening to a Spring story, and drinking hot chocolate!

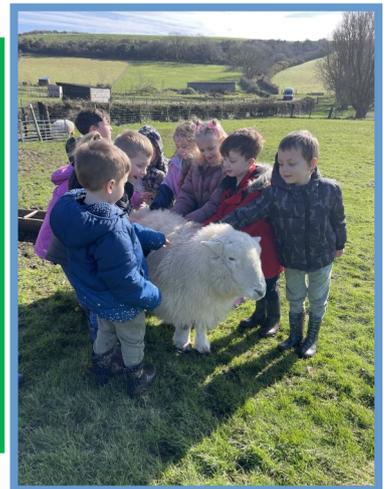
“We went to see some flowers. We saw some daffodils. We were learning about Spring. I liked playing in the park and going on the big slide. It was really fast!” Quinn RSD

“We saw lots of flowers. We learnt about Spring. My favourite bit was having a hot chocolate in the park. We had a story about a squirrel who saw Spring flowers.” Remi-Rose RSD



The children in **Year 1** are learning about animals this half term. The **1SM** Out and About team visited Nettlecombe Farm on Wednesday morning. The children were able to hand feed lots of animals, including sheep, chickens, goats, alpacas and donkeys. They asked the farmer, Tallulah some brilliant questions to help them to learn more about each animal and draw comparisons.

“We went to Nettlecombe Farm, it was really fun. I really liked the alpacas. I learnt that sheep only have bottom so they licked it (the food) off our hands. The chicken don't bite you, they have a beak and a little tongue so they pecked it out of our hands. It tickled! The goats were cute, they just had bottom teeth. I learnt that the goats have different shaped pupils in their eyes, they are like lines. I also learnt that sheep can have horns and the men sheep, rams, can use their horns to attack!” Sadie 1SM



Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears suitable warm play clothes (that can get muddy), and they bring a warm coat, hat, scarf, gloves and wellies (warm socks to go in wellies are also highly recommended!).

Tuesday am - Reception

Monkey Haven

All of RSD

*Please wear school clothes and bring a warm, waterproof coat.

Wednesday am- Year 1

Nettlecombe Farm

Ellis, Roman, Matteo, Declan, Alfred, Daniel, Jake, Luke, Amelia, Imogen, Penny, Neahve, Lexie-Mai and Sophie

*Please note children must wear wellies on the farm. If your child does not have any, please let us know and will try and loan them some for the session.

Next week swimming lessons for Year 3 on Tuesdays and Year 5 on Wednesdays

Lesson 9 of 10

*Please note that although we aim to get back to school by approximately 3.15pm, we may be a little late due to high levels of traffic and road closures around the Ryde area. Apologies in advance.

Another week of swimming lessons for Year 3 and Year 5. It's fantastic to see the children challenging themselves and striving to improve week on week!

This week our Superstar Swimming Awards go to...

Y3: Eve, Daisy, Lillie-Mae, Max, George, Bonnie, Juniper and Annie

Y5: Jonny, Grace, Elvis, Rosie, Guy, Parinith, Evie H, Halle and Brooke.

Cookery

Your child in **Year 6** has cookery on **Tuesday**. Please can they bring in a container suitable for Spaghetti Bolognese.

Logan, Harrison, Max, Freddie, Charlie S, George, Amber, Emily, Lilly, Chloe St, Bella WF, Grace, Farrah and Bongeka.

Your child in **Year 2** has cookery on **Tuesday**. Please can they bring in a container.

No cookery due to MOCK SATS.

Your child in **Year 4** has cookery on **Wednesday**. Please bring in a container suitable for Udon Noodles.

Ashton, Maddie, Bella, Toby, Destiny, Hannah, Teddy, Jack, Logan, Jesse, Charley, Oscar S, Tommy, Elliott and Kyle.

Your child in **Year 1** has cookery on **Wednesday**. Please bring in a container.

No cookery due to MOCK SATS.

If your child attends **Cookery Club** on either **Tuesday** or **Wednesday** please bring in a container every week.



What's for dinner next week?

(Remember all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Free School dinners.)



		Monday	tuesday	Wednesday	THURSDAY	Friday
AUTUMN/WINTER 2023 HOT SPECIALS		Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Turkey Con Chili Served with Wholegrain Rice	Roast Beef Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	See Special menu below	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
		Sweet potato Curry Served with whole grain rice y	Macaroni Cheese	Cheesy Leek and Carrot Crumble Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy		Crispy Vegan Nuggets 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 and basil sauce with penne pasta						
All Main Meals are served with two vegetables						
Dessert		Apple Crumble with Custard	Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit	Chocolate and Vanilla Marble Cake	Carrot Cake	Strawberry Ice Cream

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 95.23%

Whole School Attendance this week is 96.47%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KA with 98.8%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 4BM with 100%

Queensgate vs National Absence rates

By school type, the absence rates across the week commencing 19 February 2024 were:

- 5.2% in state-funded primary schools (3.6% authorised and 1.6% unauthorised) or 94.8% Queensgate for week ending 23rd February = 94.94% (+0.14%)

By school type, the absence rates across the academic year 2023/24 to date were:

- 5.4% in state-funded primary schools (4.0% authorised and 1.4% unauthorised) or 94.6% Queensgate since the start of term to Friday 23rd February = 95.23% (+0.63%)

Mental Health Support Team

Have you been...

- **sad and low in mood?**
- **afraid to go to certain places?**
- **anxious, worried or panicked?**
- **feeling angry a lot of the time?**
- **struggling with your sleep?**
- **stressed about exams?**
- **scared about something? E.G. spiders, heights or busy crowds?**
- **worrying about certain things? E.G. your health, appearance, relationships?**

Please speak to a member of staff at school who can refer you to meet with an Education Mental Health Practitioner.

You can also visit youngminds.org.uk for online support
Text THEMIX to 85258 for free, anonymous confidential support
For urgent mental health support, please contact 111
For medical emergencies, please call 999



The Mental Health Support Team is a collaboration between the Isle of Wight NHS Trust, Barnardo's and the Isle of Wight Youth Trust.

Your MHST Team



The Isle of Wight Mental Health Support Team (IOW MHST) – is a collaboration between the Youth Trust, Barnardo's, and the NHS – and is a team of Education Mental Health Practitioners (EMHPs), working in your Primary school. Many primary-school aged children can experience anxiety, worries, common phobias, and challenging behaviours – these are all problems that can be treated successfully through parent-led, Self-help, Low Intensity Cognitive Behavioural Therapies (LI CBT). We offer group and one-to-one interventions for parents, as well as whole school approach, emotional resilience workshops, and assemblies for young children. (Aged 5 to 11)
To make a referral to the MHST service, please contact your Designated Mental Health Lead (DMHL) in your school or call 0300 365 4010. (Please note, this is not a mental health crisis line.)



If you feel like you can't cope or are worried about how you are feeling:

- Text **THEMIX** to **85258** (24/7) or call **0800 808 4994** (4pm-11pm)
- Call Childline on **0800 1111**
- Visit **Young Minds** youngminds.org.uk
- Contact **Youth Trust** on **01983 529569**
- Contact **Samaritans** on **116 123** or email jo@samaritans.org

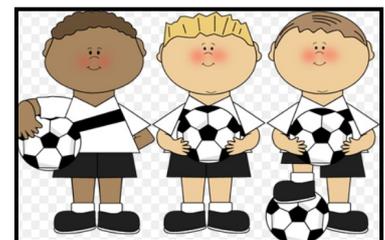
For urgent mental health support, please contact the NHS service on 111.
In an emergency, please contact 999.



If you would like to speak to the MHST team about your child, then please contact either Miss Jeffers or Mr Chubb in the first instance.

Sports Report

On Monday, the Year 4 boys had their Cup semi-final match against Gurnard. Having previously played Gurnard in the league, the team knew they were in for a tough game. The game kicked off and it was very scrappy to begin with from both sides. However, as the game progressed deeper into the first half, the boys started to chain a series of passes together and began creating a few chances. After a few small chances from both sides, the half time whistle blew. At half time we



decided to go with a slightly more attacking formation by playing two up front instead of just the one. The second half began and the boys were quick to put Gurnard under pressure. The team created several opportunities throughout the half but unfortunately, they just couldn't score. Gurnard also had their own chances, but our defence was quick to intercept them. The full-time whistle blew and the game went on to penalties. The boys took some strong penalties and Tommy W was fierce in goal. Fortunately, we went on to win the shoot-out 4-2. The team will now play in the Cup final that will be held at Cowes 3G on the 15th of March. Well done boys!

Netball

On Wednesday 6th, some of Year 6 went to play a netball tournament at Seaclose Park. Overall, we came 6th out of 7 schools but we all tried our best. We all improved as the afternoon went on and it was a really fun experience. - Felicity H

Young Carers

Our young carers got together with Mrs Jeffers and Lauren Fry, from MYTIME young carers, this week. They discussed the Young Carers community and took part in a craft activity. These will be put up on a display in time for next week's Young Carers Action day.



By definition, a young carer is someone under the age of 18 who looks after a family member or friend who has a physical or mental health condition, or misuses drugs or alcohol. They may also look after brothers, sisters or elderly relatives too. If you think your child has caring responsibilities or is impacted by a sibling with additional needs please get in contact with Mrs Jeffers to discuss how we can support them.

<https://carers.org/downloads/a4-ycad-posteryoung-people-v3.pdf>



Lost Property



Here are some of the clothes that have been left outside after break and lunchtimes and which are not named. If any parents recognise any item please enquire at the school office or contact lostproperty@queensgateprimary.co.uk.

It is so much easier to reunite clothing, water bottles and lunchboxes if they are clearly named. Thank you.



Best wishes,

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Samantha Sillito

Headteacher





Book now for free Easter activity spaces for eligible children and young people

Children and young people will once again be able to enjoy a varied programme of free activities during the upcoming Easter holidays.

Organisations across the Island are coming together to offer activities for five to 16-year-olds as part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, which also guarantees a nutritious meal.

Free places are available for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals and on a paid-for basis as well. [Some places are also available for other vulnerable families.](#)

But with limited spaces for many of the activities, families should book soon to avoid disappointment.

The Easter programme has a fantastic range of activities on offer including horse riding, tennis and football coaching, multi-sport games, animal care, theatre skills and arts and crafts.

Full details including booking information can be found on the [Isle of Wight Family Information Hub webpage](#).

Councillor Jonathan Bacon, Cabinet member for children's services, said: "We want to enable children and young people to try new things and make new friends and we know it is a welcome support for many families during the school holidays.

"We know that families are facing — and will continue to face — increasing pressure and the dedication of organisations to supporting families in this way means such a lot to so many."

For more information about eligibility, [please see the council's newly updated holiday activities webpages](#).

The Easter HAF scheme is funded by the Department for Education.





Children's Easter Half Term Offer

Examination and Fluoride Application £20.00
With our Therpists Debbie and Laura

For under 12s
Free brushing pack

St James Clinic
Tel 01983822220
www.stjamesclinic.com

JJ's Parties & Events

EASTER

half term

Inflate-a-Days!

FREE
Entry for parents/
carers & FREE parking!

Racetrack **Obstacle Course**

Ride-On's **Ball Pool** **6 Slides**

10th & 11th April @ Rew Valley Sports Centre
4 x 90 minute sessions per day
Azi disco sessions available
Easter Egg Hunt - Meet Bouncer the Bunny - loads of fun inflatables

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