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Queensgate Foundation
Primary School



The Final Week...

Dear Families,

Huge thanks

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity sending in chocolate and general tombola, as well as cakes and mince pies. As I am writing this newsletter preparations for the Christmas Fair are in full swing.

Thanks to our PTFA for all their hard work preparing it all. A special mention for Holly Irwin who has been co-ordinating the whole event.

The neon disco was a huge success on Wednesday. AJ the DJ commented to me that he loved coming to Queensgate as the children are great fun and so well mannered! The children loved the entertainment. We have booked AJ for Thursday 20th July for the Year 6 Leavers' Disco too. Thanks to all the staff and PTFA who helped to make it such a successful event.

100% Attendance – Roll of Honour

Huge Congratulations to all of these children and families



Ryan A	Tayla D	Joseph L	Jesse R
Arthur B	Archie D	Charlotte L	Chloe S
William B	James D	Leo L	Joe S
Christopher B	Joshua D	Ava M	Malachi S
Daisy B	Elijah F	Isabella M	Zachary S
Harrison B	Bonnie F	Olivia M	Owen S
Sadie B	George F	Mirabelle N	Juniper S
Maya B	Jack F	Harrison P	Thomas S R
Louis B-S	Paisley G	Robert P	Jamie S
Mia-Rose C	Toby G	Jack P	Thea T
Jude C	Harvey H	Nimalan P	Gracie T
Kaydee C	Lily-Fawn H-D	Jack P	Peyton W
Jacob C	Arthur H	Mckenzie R-S	Liam W
Lily C	Cooper H-P	Logan R	Tommy W
Rose C	Henry H	Brody R	Leon Y A
Daenerys C	Roxy J	Harvey R	Clay Y
Oscar C	Tilly J	Alfie R	Young, James

Giving without money...

This week in our assemblies we watched the clip from The Grinch where his heart grows big. The children had a think about gifts they could give that cost no money. This is what they came up with. Things you can give: hugs, love, smile, helpfulness, singing, acting, dancing, respect, planting a tree, crafts, a letter, nice wishes, happiness, a kiss, sleep and time with your family. I think the children have the right idea!

Monday 12th December

Attendance Assembly – celebrating the children that have achieved 100% in their attendance this term. Mrs Cade and Tammy Vincent, from the Local Authority will be presenting the awards. We are aiming to have the whole school together for this event – a bit of a squash, but lovely! We will also be celebrating those with 99% i.e. half a day off and those with 98% which is one day off. These are also great achievements!

There won't be any Focus Learners next week.

Tuesday 13th December

Dress Rehearsal of The Big Big Story – Reception's Nativity Show to Seashells and Years 1, 2 and 3 of the school.

Carol service in the hall for RSD, 1SG, 2EC, 3AH, 4MC, 5RA and 6LR.

Wednesday 14th December

9:30am Reception parents to join us for our Nativity Show – The Big Big Story. There is no charge for the show, but there will be an opportunity to give donations. The money given will be used for extra resources within the Reception classes.

Carol service in the hall for RAB, 1CE, 2KA, 3PT, 4BM, 5TS and 6TM.

Thursday 15th December

All children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school if they would like to.

Christmas Lunch will be served to the children.

Children will have the opportunity to watch an online pantomime called Jack and the Beanstalk.



Friday 16th December

Queensgate children will be off timetable on this day. The children are welcome to wear their own clothes and their class will be having a party at some point on this day. School finishes at 3.00pm as normal.

Tuesday 3rd January

This will be an In-Service Training Day for the staff. The school will be closed to children



Wednesday 4th January

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school at 8:40am.



Out & About

On Tuesday morning the **2EC** Out and About children visited the Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival hosted by Isle of Wight Pearl. The children loved seeing all the beautifully decorated trees and finding out about the charities that were represented. They each had some pennies to donate to their chosen charity/favourite tree and had to think carefully about which tree they liked the best and why. The most votes went to the tree in aid of Cats Protection as the children liked posting their coin to make the five bells ring. After visiting the tree festival, the children popped down to the beach and were challenged to make a sandman-snowman using natural materials (and carrots for their noses!).



The **3PT** Out and About team enjoyed hunting for Iguanodon foot casts on the beach at Brook on Tuesday afternoon. The children have been learning about rocks, soils and fossils in Science recently. When Out and About, we talked about how casts, moulds and fossils are created. The impressions left in the ground by Iguanodons footprints (over 100 million years ago) filled with sediment, which later formed into rock, creating the casts we saw. We were also lucky enough to bump into a real palaeontologist at work. She explained to the group that she was studying the cliffs, painting and identifying the different layers of sedimentary rocks. She also gave the children a piece of 130 million year old fossilised wood that she had just found on the shoreline!



Working together for a successful future

On Wednesday, all of our **Year 4** and **Year 1** children had the opportunity to visit Osborne House to take part in special Christmas workshops. The children learnt lots about how the royal family celebrated Christmas at Osborne and the influence they had on traditions we still have and enjoy today. They all took part in a craft session to make either a cracker or angel decoration to take home, as well as having a quick tour of the house (looking out for signs of Victorian Christmas traditions and counting the many decorated Christmas trees!). The children have been practising a variety of carols with Mrs Webb in their music lessons and were honoured to perform these in the Durbar Room to members of the public. A huge well done to Mrs Webb, our amazing volunteers, staff and all of the children for taking part. What a fantastic experience!



Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child is wearing warm, old play clothes (nothing new or special), waterproof coat (pack waterproof trousers too if they have some) and wellies in a named bag. As the temperature is dropping please send your child with a hat, scarf and gloves.

Tuesday 13th December am - **2EC** (IOW Pearl Christmas Tree Festival)

Tylan, Oliver, Henley, Ralph, Ayrton, Amber-Rose, Peyton, Kamahlie, Jack, George, Ebony, Danielle and Darcie.

Tuesday 13th December pm - **3PT** (Brook Beach)

Edward, Paloma, Adhvika, Jack Logan, Harvey, Jesse, Fletcher, Charley, Oscar S, Oscar H, Tula, River, Rhys and Elliott.

Wednesday 13th December am - **All Year 4** (No Out and About)

We will be making Christmas decorations and thinking about how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

Wednesday 13th December pm - **1SG** Bella-Louise, Sophie, Harry D, Dèva-Mae, Elijah, Lena, Charlie, Paisley, Riley G, Jesse, Figgy, Harry H, Rory, Jack and Clay.



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
Macaroni Cheese Served with Two Vegetables	Chicken Pie Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Two Vegetables	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and Gravy	Golden Fish Fingers Served with Chips and Two Vegetables
Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Two Vegetables	Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholemeal	Quorn Roast Slice Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and Gravy	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips and Two Vegetables
Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta		Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta
Chocolate Sponge	Vanilla Ice Cream	Oat Cookie Served with Fruit Slices	Chocolate Orange Muffin and Festive Shortbread	Lemon Slice

Please note that all meals are subject to change due to availability of produce.

Please note that lunches now costs £2.37 each.

French at Queensgate

Coco La pomme

Bonjour!

Je m'appelle Coco et je suis une pomme.

Each week I will share with you a French word



Joyeux Noël! (jh-oy-uh no-ell) Merry Christmas!

Joyeuses fêtes de fin d'année! (jh-oy-yus fet de fan dannee) Happy Holidays!

Traditionally in France, children put shoes (instead of stockings) out on Christmas Eve ready for **Le Père Noël** to deliver presents!

Or you might be visited by **Saint Nicholas** on 6th December with gifts of sweets and fruits!



Attendance

It is hugely important that the children come to school everyday as the lessons build on from each other. If your child is not well, please remember to call the school when your child is absent (if we haven't heard from you by 9.15am we will contact you). It is important that you follow up this phone call with a written reason for the absence when your child returns to school to office@queensgateprimary.co.uk



If you would like leave of absence for an alternative reason to illness you must complete a leave of absence form (at least 14 days in advance of absence), these can be found in the school foyer.

Remember that good attendance will help your child to succeed at school.



Whole School Attendance this week is 94%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KA with 94.5%

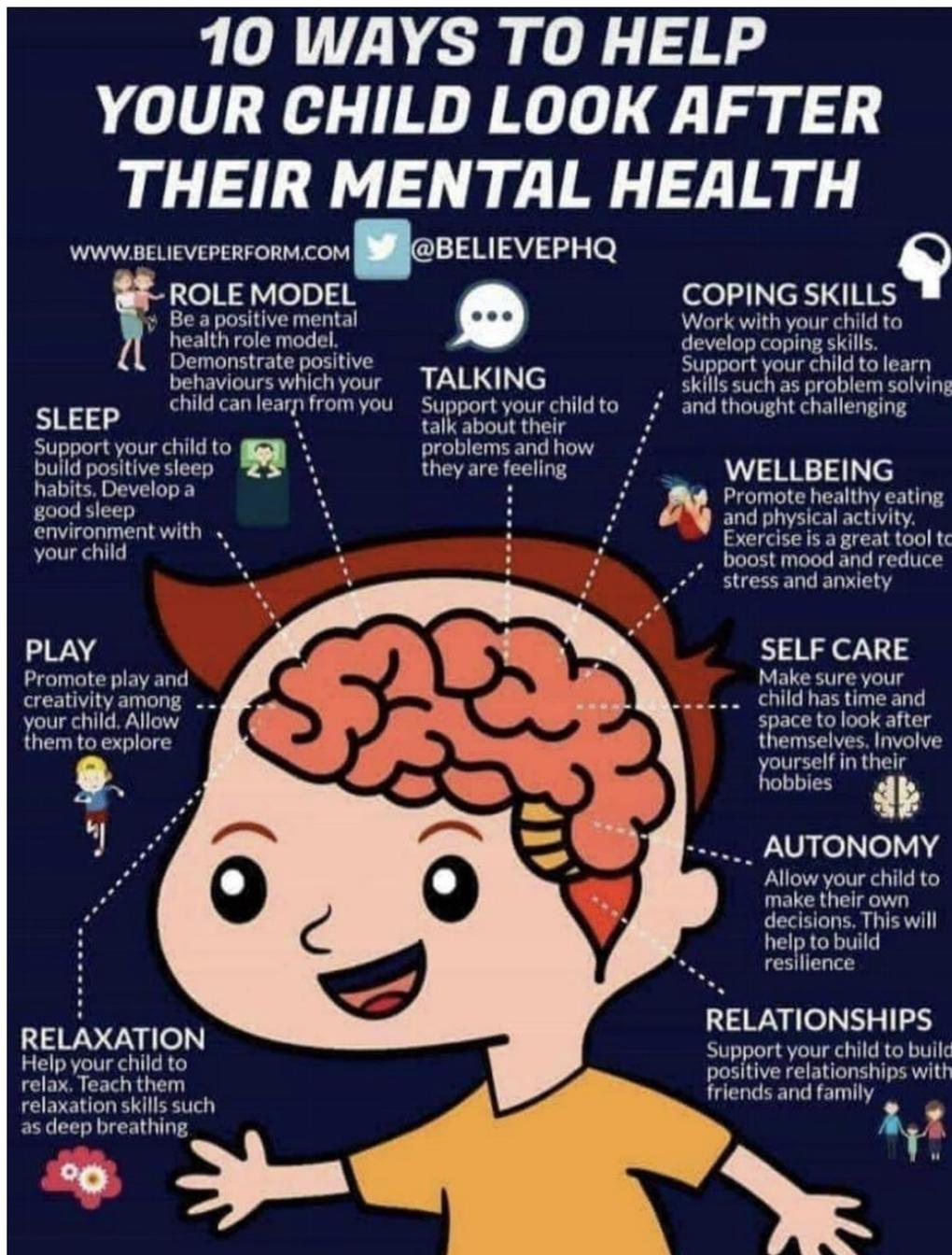
KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 5TS with 95.12%

**Queensgate Foundation
Primary School
November 2022**



Attendance = 94.41

**55 people late = 2,067
minutes learning lost,
equivalent to 34.45 hours.
Nearly 8 days of learning**



Please find below some links to some very useful sites around supporting children with their mental health and well-being:

[Parents Mental Health Support | Advice for Your Child | YoungMinds](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/) <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

[Parents and Careers | Advice and Guidance | Anna Freud Centre](https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/) <https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/>

[Advice for parents - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/) <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/>

[Advice for parents and guardians - Mental Health UK \(mentalhealth-uk.org\)](https://mentalhealth-uk.org/help-and-information/advice-for-parents-and-guardians/) <https://mentalhealth-uk.org/help-and-information/advice-for-parents-and-guardians/>

[BBC Headroom - Parents' tips for mental health - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zy44bqt) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zy44bqt>

A Victorian School Experience in Year 1

Our Day started with the school bell ringing. Our teachers checked that our hands and faces were clean and our hair free of lice! Our Teachers were very strict and made us chant our times tables and write the alphabet onto chalk boards. We had to stand up if an adult came into the room and were only allowed to speak when asked to do so. We played some Victorian playground games and had to wash our hands with smelly, carbolic soap. The day gave us an insight into what it must have been like to be a child in Victorian times. A BIG thank you to our Year 1 parents for providing the children with Victorian clothes.



Sports Reports

On Tuesday, the Year 5 boys team travelled to Ryde to take on Greenmount in the league. Unfortunately, due to illness the squad were not at full strength but the team were still positive going into the game. The game began and Greenmount started fast, dominating much of the ball. Although the boys defended brilliantly, Greenmount were strong in their attack and managed to score three goals before half time. The team went into the break deflated but showed great perseverance going into the second half. Despite this, Greenmount proved too strong, going on to win the game 7-0. Even though the boys lost the game they all produced some brilliant football and fought until the very end. A special mention to Teddy B, from Year 4, who stepped up last minute and played a fantastic game against the older boys!



Year 4 Egyptian Museum

Thank you to all the family members that turned up to the Egyptian museum on Thursday to make it such a success. Thanks also to the Year 4 team and children for setting it all up!



Working together for a successful future

Strep A and Scarlet Fever

Your child will be coming home with a letter from the public health team at the Local Authority. Here is a copy of the letter in case it didn't make it out of the book bag!

'Strep A' infections

You may be aware of news in the media regarding group A streptococcus (GAS) bacterial infections, 'Strep A', among children. There is a higher number of these infections than is normally seen at this time of year. We are sending out this communication to provide further information on this national situation and **guidance on the actions you can take to help reduce the spread of this infection.**

Group A streptococcus is a bacterium that can be found in the throat and on the skin and survives for long enough to allow easy spread between people through sneezing and skin contact. People who are currently carrying the bacteria may have symptoms of illness or they may have no symptoms and feel fine. In both cases, these bacteria can be passed on to others.

What to look out for

Most GAS illnesses are relatively mild, with symptoms including a sore throat ("strep throat"), scarlet fever or a skin infection, such as impetigo. The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it will still feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth. Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others.

Though uncommon, GAS can cause other severe and sometimes life-threatening diseases, including invasive Group A Streptococcus (iGAS) infection. This can occur if the bacteria get into parts of the body where bacteria are not usually found. **As a parent, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement:**

What to do

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A & E

- your child is very tired or irritable
- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

Further information on GAS infections is provided in the following blog that is being updated by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), the lead agency responding to this national situation: Group A Strep - What you need to know - UK Health Security Agency (blog.gov.uk).

urge all parents and carers to:

- remind children of the importance of good respiratory and hand hygiene – by this we mean teaching your child how to wash their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, and how to use a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, disposing of the tissue after use, and washing hands thereafter
- keep children off school should they feel unwell
- ensure that any child diagnosed with a GAS infection stays off school for the recommended period after starting antibiotics, that is, at least 24hrs after starting antibiotics for strep throat or 48hrs for impetigo, and is well enough to attend an early years or school setting thereafter
- remain vigilant to the signs and symptoms of GAS infection and any deterioration in your child's condition, seeking early medical help as necessary
- ensure your child is up to date with their immunisations, especially the seasonal flu vaccine as we know that flu can predispose children to more severe illness with GAS.

The higher number of GAS infections is country-wide. Nevertheless, instances of iGAS are uncommon and most infections can be managed with antibiotics.

Please be assured that we continue to liaise with the Council's Public Health team and will provide any further important updates to parents and carers as these become available. Should we suspect an outbreak of GAS infection in our setting, we will follow national guidance and work with the UKHSA health protection team to manage the situation. Where necessary, we will provide information to carers and parents to advise on any specific actions to take around any outbreaks. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

And finally...

Thank you to Mrs Jacobs, Mrs Tilling and little helpers for decorating our Christmas tree this year!



Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sillito".

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



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Other Sources of Support

Depending on your situation, the following agencies and organisations may be able to provide additional support.

The National DV Helpline	0808 2000 247
The Survivors Trust	0808 801 0818
Rape Crisis Helpline	0808 802 9999
Respect Perpetrators	0808 802 4040
Respect Men's Advice	0808 801 0327
Galop LGBT Domestic Abuse	0800 999 5428

IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 999

How Can I Contact PARAGON?

Please contact us on:

Hampshire	0800 916 9878
Dorset	0800 032 5204
Isle of Wight	0800 234 6266
Somerset	0800 694 9999
Sussex	01403 229 017



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CHRISTMAS BARN
Sunday 4th, 11th & 18th December

KIDZONE
Track down the 10 snowmen to claim your chocolate
Make tree decoration £4.25
Please book this activity on our website before 8.30am of the day

Family Entry
optional donation

Gift Shop
Mulled Apple Juice
Beansies
Wildflower seeds
Christmas Decorations
Cards, coasters & scented candles

MORE INFO'
www.naturezones.org.uk
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Jingle all the Way
with **Mountbatten**

A registered charity

Sunday 18 December
Ventnor Botanic Garden
From 3pm
mountbatten.org.uk/jingle

45 years of kindness
Mountbatten



Council supports food and activity schemes this Christmas

Enriching experiences and a nutritious lunch are available throughout the Christmas holidays for the children and young people of families receiving income-related free school meals.

Funded by the Department for Education, the Christmas Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme enables local authorities to coordinate free holiday scheme access locally.

The programme will be delivered on the Island by eight approved holiday scheme providers and is co-ordinated by the Isle of Wight Council.

Full details of the free activities on offer can be found here: [Events \(iow.gov.uk\)](https://www.iow.gov.uk/events)

All participating holiday schemes will offer a nutritious meal and a variety of fun, enriching experiences such as sports, games, cooking and play opportunities.

Councillor Debbie Andre, Cabinet member for children's services, said: "I wish to say a huge thank you to all of the providers who have worked with us to support families by arranging fun and exciting activities for children and young people and also providing them with a nutritious meal.

"It is great to see both the continued support of our existing providers as well as several new providers who are joining the programme for the first time.

"The HAF programme continues to be a real success in providing a range of quality activities for children and young people who might not otherwise have had the chance to attend a holiday club or an activity day."

The aim of the scheme is to make free places available to eligible children for the equivalent of at least four hours a day, four days a week and for six weeks a year.

For more information about the Holiday Activity Fund, please [click here](https://www.hants.gov.uk/haf). [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme | Children and Families | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/haf)

A film produced during the summer HAF is also available to view on the council's YouTube channel here: <https://youtu.be/Tg7rivKhJRO>



Get Into Golf

With the recent success of us coming into the school and teaching a small percentage of the year groups. We would like to extend the opportunity to every pupil in the school, by inviting them along to get involved with our 4 week introduction to golf course of lessons at Westridge Golf Centre.

This opportunity gives your child an insight into golf and gives them the chance to sample a new sport. These courses start on the first Saturday of each month at 9am, with the 4 week course only costing £20 normally. However, you will find a special school offer below where you will have the opportunity to receive even better value! All the golf clubs and golf balls are provided for you and each session lasts 45 minutes.

£5 OFF

**Per Person
on our
Introduction
to Golf 4
Week Course**

* single use only

To redeem this voucher, please print off or show us the voucher on your mobile device at point of payment.

Christmas Junior Festival Fun day

The junior academy coaches at Westridge Golf Centre will be hosting a Christmas Junior Festival Fun Day on Wednesday 21st December 10am - 2pm. We only have 20 spaces available, so act fast if you would like your child to get involved.

The festival will be held by two of our junior academy coaches, which will involve lots of fun skills games, coaching, prizes to be won, lunch and refreshments.

The cost for the day is £25 per child, which includes all the above, plus the club hire and all the golf balls needed for the day!

We only have 20 spaces available, so act fast if you would like your child to get involved. If you would like to book your child onto our Christmas Fun Day, then please contact the golf centre on 01983 613131.

SANDOWN SOCCER

at The Bay CE Secondary

For children aged 5-11

20th - 22nd December
3 days of football fun!

Mini-Soccer camp for children. Aiming to provide a **fun and enjoyable** environment whilst **developing** and **improving** players footballing ability!

10AM - 3PM £12 a day

- Fully FA Qualified coaches -
- ★ With First Aid, Safeguarding children and DBS checked.
- ★ Skill development and games!
- Win medals and trophies throughout the week with our
- ★ Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar and Speed Champion competitions as well as Most Improved, Best Attitude and Future Star awards!
- ★ Finish the week with a Sandown Soccer World Cup where one team will become World Champions!