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## Jubilee Choir Success

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Choir

Our school choir has had a really successful year – winning the music festival, being invited to sing at the Platinum Jubilee Service at Newport Minster and, just this week, being part of the celebration at the Osborne Junior Prom. We are so proud of our children for all the hard work they have put in, for the dedication shown in putting in the extra rehearsal time and for being great ambassadors for Queensgate Primary with their joyous enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour. We are now taking a break until next term and Mrs Webb would like to thank all parents who have supported the choir and to Mr Chubb and Mrs Sillito for accompanying us to the Minster. Special thanks also to Mrs Kingsbury who has given up her time every week since January to help run the choir. A real team effort. Well done! We also received some compliments which I have shared with you below.



*Just wanted to say that I was at the Jubilee service at the church last night in Newport and thought that the choir from Queensgate did so well. The children were amazing, and it was absolutely beautiful. They did the most amazing job, and they should be so very proud of themselves. A real credit to the school without a doubt.*

*Kind regards*

*Charmain Garrard,*

*Community Early Help Worker,  
Barnardo's Family Centre North  
East*



*Dear Queensgate Primary school  
Choir, (and teacher)*

*Just to say a huge and enormous  
well done, on the beautiful  
performance at this evenings  
Queen's Platinum Jubilee service at  
the Minster.*

*You so deserve winning at the IW  
Music, Dance and Drama Festival.  
Outstanding.*

*Thank you to staff and parents and  
children for taking the time out of  
their bank holiday to show us their  
beautiful voices.*

*Sincere thanks and well done,*

*Lora Peacey Wilcox*

*IW & Town Cllr Cowes Medina*

*Leader IW Council*



## Out & About

This half term the Reception classes are learning about the seaside. The RAB Out and About group went to Bembridge Lifeboat Station. The children learnt all about seaside safety and what the RNLI do to help look after people at sea. The children loved seeing the big lifeboat in the boathouse and what the lifeboat crew have to wear when they go on rescues. All of the children were extremely well behaved and engaged on our visit - a credit to Queensgate!



On Tuesday afternoon the 6LR Out and About children went orienteering in Firestone Copse. The children were brilliant at using their maps and compasses to navigate to different markers, finding a total of 12 across the forest. They worked well as a team to help each other across the streams and through some very muddy pathways.



The 5PG Out and About team visited the Planetarium at Fort Victoria on Wednesday morning, to tie in with their topic this half term. The children were absolutely fantastic! They listened carefully to the astronomer, Paul, as he explained to them how the earth orbits the sun, how and why we have seasons and the different phases of the moon. The children confidently asked and answered questions. Well done 5PG!



Working together for a successful future

On Wednesday afternoon the 4AH Out and About group visited Seagrove Bay. The children are learning about tourism on the Island during the Victorian era. They looked at historic images of the Seagrove beach with changing huts, wooden boats and people dressed smartly. The children discussed how it has changed and why. They enjoyed sketching the bay and then had fun taking part in races on the sand.



### **Out and About next week...**

Please ensure your child wears suitable play clothes (including jumper), comfortable walking boots / trainers and a waterproof coat or sun hat depending on the forecast.

Tuesday 14th June am - RSJ

Bembridge Lifeboat Station. Please bring a small donation if possible.

Ellis, Amelia-Lily, Joe, Marleigh-Rose, Macie, Ava, Harry N, Edward, Arlo, Amelia, Logan, Clay, Kaiya and Isabelle.

Tuesday 14th June pm - 6TS

Orienteering

\*Please bring wellies, walking boots or old trainers as it may be muddy!

Nash, Samson, Jake, Archie, Jimmy, Charlie, Oliver, Fraser, Felix, Riley, Esmae, Tianna, Marika and Alexis.

Wednesday 15th June am - Year 5

Group music session. No Out and About.

Wednesday 15th June pm - 4AH

Seaside sketching

Su, Harrison, Sophie, Max, Mason, Jacob, Vincent, Maya, Zoe, Sarah, Tommy, Amelia, Sadie, Jude and Grace.



## QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP

**Handball;** Year 5/6 handball team played against schools from across the Island. They came second in their first group of matches and went on to finish 6<sup>th</sup> out of 15 teams. All players gave 100% and showed good improvement throughout the competition.



**Cricket;** contrasting fortunes in the U-11 Cricket. The girls team played their IOW quarter final at Newchurch and lost despite some spirited batting and fielding. However, the open/boys team played at The Bay and racked up 303 for just 1 wicket. In reply, The Bay started brightly but some excellent bowling, fielding and catching restricted them to 263-6, so a 40 run win. They are now home to Newchurch or Carisbrooke in the semi-final.

Some Year 6 pupils took part in Sports Slam 2022 last month. Sports Slam is a new way of introducing sports to children from Sports Direct. The children completed a range of sporting challenges - some easier than others. For participating in the event, Queensgate have been given a selection of sports equipment so that other children can also have the opportunity to have a go at the challenges. Over the next few weeks, some Year 6 children will lead play sessions at lunchtimes teaching younger pupils the skills they have learnt.



### **Year 4 trip to Osborne House**

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, Year 4 had a fantastic day drawing and exploring Osborne House and its grounds to kick start their 'Victorian Circus' topic. The children had a tour of the house, learning about how Queen Victoria and her family lived in East Cowes. They also chose aspects of the house and grounds to sketch - the statues proved popular subjects!



# Love reading?

Then try this....

Max in 4AH has been reading Charlie Bone and the Hidden King by Jenny Nimmo.

Charlie Bone is a kid with magical powers and he goes to a magic school. He is a really good guy and uses his magical powers to defeat enemies and keep the school safe. The school that Charlie goes to has lots of pets, including dogs, cats and cheetahs!



The story reminds Max of Harry Potter which he loves, so if you're a Harry Potter fan, these books might be for you.

There are eight books in this series and Max loved The Hidden King so much that he's now reading the next book! All of the books are in our brilliant school library for you to borrow. Be quick though because they're going fast!

We'd love to know what you are reading at home. If you have any reading recommendations, please let us know so we can share them here.

## Mardi Gras

Would you like to take part in the Mardi Gras carnival in Ryde on the afternoon of Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> 2022?

You must be available on the afternoon and be able to get to Ryde and be collected from the esplanade at the end of the parade. We will be representing "Green and Active Travel" so some of you could be on bikes and scooters others will be on foot but it will be lots of fun. This year we are being joined by a special guest and there are some other surprises too.

We will need you to help but only one session will be after school and will not impact on any show rehearsals.

If you are in Years 4, 5 or 6 and are interested please give your name to Mrs Norsworthy in 5PG.



## PTFA Krispy Kreme Sale

Pre orders have been open for two weeks, they will close this evening at 5pm on classlist.

£10 for tray of 12 - Pre orders only

£5.5 for tray of 6 - Pre orders only

£1 single doughnut on the day only (maximum of 4 per customer)



## Tesco Community Grant for Queensgate Sensory Garden



Don't forget, the Queensgate Sensory garden project is currently up against other community projects in stores across the Island.

Until **30th June**, people shopping will be given a token and asked to put it in one of the project boxes. The winning project (the one with the most tokens) will get a £1,500 grant, 2nd place will get £1,000 and 3rd place £500. Obviously, we would love to win the £1,500.

So if you shop in Tesco or know anyone who does, then spread the word, that until 30th June, please put the token into the Queensgate container!



Every little helps!



## 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	Chinese Chicken Noodles	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips
Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Veggie Balls in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Butternut Squash and Potato Pastry Slice with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	BBQ Veggie Burger with Chips
Peas and Carrots	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans and Peas
Oatie Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Fruity Flapjack Bar	Strawberry Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Crispy Crackle Bar

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

### Bike and Scooter Helmets

Please can we remind all parents how important it is for your children to wear helmets if riding to school on bikes or scooters. Beatrice Avenue and surrounding roads are all busy roads and care needs to be taken. A helmet can and will help protect from serious injury as opposed to not wearing one. Please encourage your children to wear one and talk about the benefits of doing so. Thank you.

## Family Support

Would you like to help make a positive difference to a family in your local community? Can you spare a couple of hours a week? Home-Start IOW is looking to add to our team of fabulous home visiting volunteers.

We are looking for people with parenting/caring experience who can spare a couple of hours each week to visit a family in their local community to help parents cope with the challenges of family life. In these uncertain time parents need us more than ever and we are working hard to ensure that we can safely provide support that can make a world of difference.

All volunteers are DBS checked and full training and support is given. Our new look volunteer training combines face to face sessions with online learning which means that training is more flexible to fit around you and your other commitments.

To find out more please contact us by email on [admin@homestartiom.org](mailto:admin@homestartiom.org) or via our website [www.homestartisleofwight.org.uk](http://www.homestartisleofwight.org.uk)

We would love to hear from you.



The website is based on the three-episode **Jessie & Friends** animated series, which aims to equip 4 - 7 year olds with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to stay safer online. It is intended to be used by 4-7 year olds alongside their parents and carers, or within education settings as a learning tool.

The new interactive website encourages 4-7s to engage safely online by helping them to recognise worrying, upsetting or scary situations and reinforcing the key message that they should 'Tell A Grown Up' in these instances.

The website is divided into sections for 4-5 and 6-7 year olds and features relevant and age-appropriate games for the chosen age bracket. Each game focuses on one of four topics:

- watching videos
- chatting online
- sharing pictures
- gaming online

The Jessie & Friends episodes are also available to watch on the new website to enhance understanding. [New Website](#)

Click [here](#) for a parents guide.

## Benji Blog

One of Benji's jobs in school is to support a smooth transition for any new children.

Here he is impressing some children with his skills and helping them with their language skills.



### Attendance

Coming home this evening is a leaflet about attendance.

Please read it carefully and ensure that you follow the procedure. Children can only make good progress if they attend school every day.

### Multiplication Check

Years 1 and 2 have completed their phonics screen this week. Next week it is the turn of Year 4, who will be sitting their Multiplication Check.

### INSET Day

A reminder that school will be closed for children on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Please note Beatrice Avenue will be a one-way system on that day too as people queue for the ferry following the festival.

### Diary Dates

On the next page please see a list of all dates for the rest of the summer term. There will be further dates added but individual classes and future newsletter will inform you of these.

### Final Call for Instrument Tuition in September

This week is the last week for emailing Mrs Webb if you are interested in your child having small group or individual instrument tuition in September.

We are trying to offer piano, guitar and drums if there are enough interested children.

You can choose either: a) 20 min group lesson (£5 per week) b) 15 min individual lesson (£9 per week) or c) 20 min individual lesson (£12 per week). Children will come out of class lessons for these sessions.

Please email Mrs Webb - [wwebb@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:wwebb@queensgateprimary.co.uk) – with your child's name, class, preferred instrument and choice of a, b or c.

### Jubilee MUFTI Day

Thank you for your kind donations, we raised **£157** on the last day of term. This will be put towards ongoing school projects.

### And Finally...

Please have a lovely weekend. Try to get Out and About as much as you can and don't forget to Chat, Read and Play with your children!

**Whole school attendance 93.74%.**

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

**This week 3PT achieved 99.26% attendance! Well done.**

**Thank you for your support.**

**Best wishes,**

**Samantha Sillito**

**Headteacher**

## Diary Dates for Summer Term 2

Monday 20th June - INSET Day  
Wednesday 22nd June - Science Day  
Monday 27th June - Class photos  
Monday 27th June - PEACH games at Freshwater  
Monday 27th June - Jo Rudd from Cowes Enterprise College in to speak to Year 6's going there  
Wednesday 29th June - Transition day for pre-schools to Reception classes  
Wednesday 29th June - Year 2 trip to Carisbrooke Castle  
Wednesday 29th June - Year 1, 3, 4 & 5 watch dress rehearsal of Year 6 show  
Thursday 30th June - Year 6 Show Day (1.30 Matinee performance, 6pm evening performance)  
Friday 1st July - Transition day for pre-schools to Reception classes  
Friday 1st July - Noel Turner Science Festival at Cowes Enterprise College (Year 5)  
Monday 4th July - Year 6 residential to Runways End, Aldershot  
Monday 4th July - Home visits by reception team to new parents  
Monday 4th July - Governors (Year 5 School council reps to attend)  
Tuesday 5th July - Year 6s at Residential  
Tuesday 5th July - Home visits by reception team to new parents  
Tuesday 5th July - Quad kids at Holy Cross (some Year 4)  
Wednesday 6th July - Last day of Year 6 residential  
Wednesday 6th July - Helen Goodman mosaic art session with Year 3 class  
Thursday 7th July - PTFA school discos  
Friday 8th July - Home visits by reception team to new parents  
Monday 11th July - Year 3 trip to Brading Roman Villa  
Monday 11th July - Swim Safe Program (Some Year 6s)  
Wednesday 13th July - Secondary Transfer Day  
Wednesday 13th July - Move up morning @ Queensgate  
Wednesday 13th July - Showcase evening - school open to all parents and prospective parents  
Thursday 14th July - School Council Meeting  
Friday 15th July - Year 5 trip to Robin Hill  
Saturday 16th July - School Summer Fayre  
Tuesday 19th July - 9.15am Key Stage 1 Sports Morning  
Wednesday 20th July - 9.15am Key Stage 2 Sports Morning  
Wednesday 20th July - Year 4 / 5 Drama Club show - 'Thursday Child' to parents  
Thursday 21st July - Year 6 water fight and BBQ  
Friday 22nd July - Last Day of Term  
Friday 22nd July - Year 6 Leavers assembly (1.15pm)  
Monday 25th July to Wednesday 31st August - Summer Holidays  
Thursday 1st September - INSET Day 1 for staff only  
Friday 2nd September - INSET Day 2 for staff only  
Monday 5th September - Children in school for start of Autumn term 1

## **Privilege Seat Application Window – Academic Year 2022/2023**

This notice applies to those parents of current Year 6 students who are moving up to secondary school next year and wish to apply for a place on a Council-contracted school bus service.

Dear Parent/Guardian

The dates for the privilege seat application window for academic year 2022 have been finalised. Should you wish to apply for a privilege seat for your child to use the school bus service you will need to apply between **9am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and 4pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022**. Please note that the online form will only be live between the above times and that applications received outside of this window will not be accepted.

Further information on the privilege seat process can be found online, here:

<https://www.iwight.com/Council/OtherServices/School-Transport/Privilege-Seat-on-School-Transport>.

Please also note the FAQs, Code of Good Practice and Ticket Terms and Conditions sections available via this webpage.

If you scroll to the bottom of the above webpage you will see the bus services for which you can apply. **This information will be live from 9am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. Should the service you require not be listed you will not be able to apply for that service at this time.

Do bear in mind that making an application for a privilege seat does not guarantee a seat on the school bus.

Privilege seat ticket prices are set costs as follows.

Up to a full term £130.00

Up to half a term £65.00

Up to a full term AM or PM only £65.00

Up to half a term AM or PM only £32.50

Should you have any queries please contact the Transport Team at the Council via email: [transport.info@iow.gov.uk](mailto:transport.info@iow.gov.uk) or telephone: 823780.

### **Important Points to Note**

- There will only be 1 application window before the start of the academic year so please ensure you apply during this window for your child to be considered for a seat.
- Information on bus services that can be offered will be available on the website from **9am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**.
- We may not be able to provide an update on the number of seats available before the application window opens but please be aware seats availability will be very limited.
- There is a strict payment deadline for making payment. Should you miss this deadline, the seat offered to your child will be offered to the next child on the waiting list (should one exist) and your application will be cancelled.
- Once applications have been processed by the Transport Team you will be able to see the status of your application online as well as make payment without having to contact the Council.

## Notice to Parents/Carers about Applying for Secondary School Transport Starting from Academic Year 2022/23

Upcoming Deadline: **26<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

Dear Parent/Carer

If you think your child is eligible for free Home to School Transport, please complete the relevant application form 'Application for Free Home to School Transport' or 'Application for Free Home to School Transport - Low income' in order to have transport in place for your child for the start of the new academic year 2022/23. Please complete your form by the deadline of **26<sup>th</sup> June 2022.** Should your application be received after this date, transport may not be in place for the start of the new year.

The forms are available online here:

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/Council/OtherServices/School-Admissions/Tasks>.

If you would like to check your eligibility or would prefer a paper application form to be posted to you, please telephone School Admissions on 01983 823455 or email [school.admissions@iow.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@iow.gov.uk). Please be aware that paper applications must also be received by School Admissions by the deadline of **26th June 2022.**

The Home to School Transport Policy is available to read at

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.



**FOOTBALL FUN NIGHTS**  
**@**  
**RYDE ACADEMY - RYDE**

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & 2	5-6PM
YEARS 3,4,5 & 6	6-7PM

**6 WEEK TERM £30**  
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