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**Queensgate Foundation
Primary School**



Maths Workshop Friday 20th January at 9.15am

Dear Families,

Adult Learning opportunities in maths for the parents, grandparents and carers of all Queensgate pupils!

Do you want to support your children with their maths work but are unsure of where to start?

Multiply



How confident are you when you need to apply maths skills in the workplace?

Help is at hand, with the **Multiply** programme, a new initiative aimed at improving the numeracy skills of adults.

The team at Adult Community Learning is pleased to be working alongside your child's primary school, to offer an exciting way to help you support your children with their learning, while at the same time developing your own skills in mathematics.

Details of this **FREE** opportunity can be found below:



Does the thought of needing to do maths at work or at home make you anxious?

Are you interested in free flexible courses to help improve your numeracy skills?

Multiply is a new government funded programme offering you free and easy-to-access courses and initiatives to help you brush up on your numeracy skills in the friendly and familiar surroundings of Queensgate Foundation Primary School.

All the sessions will be run in a relaxed and informal way, by Dee Swallow an experienced tutor from Community Learning tutors in Queensgate Primary School's training room.

9.15am Friday 20th January

For further details, speak to the school admin team on **(01983) 292872** or email

enquiries@queensgateprimary.co.uk

Attendance

Whole School Attendance this week is 93.79%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is RSD with 98.77%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3PT with 99.33%

Reception Class next September

Are you a parent of a child looking to start school in September 2023? Do you know a parent that has a child due to start school in September 2023? There is still time to apply for a place at Queensgate Foundation Primary School as the closing date is this Sunday (15th January).

Why Queensgate? You child will benefit from the following:

- A school that has achieved three 'Good' OFSTED ratings in a row
- A modern, purpose built building
- Fantastic play equipment and playgrounds
- One of largest playing fields for any primary school on the Island
- A mix of experienced and newly qualified teachers
- An exciting, broad curriculum providing your child with a well rounded view of education - this includes Queensgate's Out & About Curriculum, music and sports opportunities as well as a modern cookery suite.
- Two minibuses to make sure that your child gets opportunities to learn off site without having to pay for the cost of hiring a coach.
- A Forest school trained member of staff with a forest school environment area (The Patch).
- Benji, the school dog to assist those children that need some canine therapy!
- An active Parent Teacher Friends Association (PTFA) that organises exciting events throughout the year, raising money that is recycled back into school to benefit the children further.
- A visible and active Senior Leadership team - The Head, Deputy Head and Inclusion Manager all available first thing in the morning.
- The Den - a nurture based room for those children requiring extra support and care.
- Breakfast club in the mornings and exciting clubs after school.

Mrs Sillito, Head teacher, is more than happy to give any prospective parent a tour of the school. Please call the office on (01983) 292872 to arrange a visit.

Census Day

On Thursday it is census day for schools, please encourage your child to have a school meal that day as this is how we are funded. The menu is below.



THE ALL AMERICAN

MAINS

Burger in a bun OR Quorn Hot Dog

SIDES

Chips, Peas and Baked Beans

DESSERTS

**Strawberry Jelly, Honey Cookie
and Vanilla Ice Cream**





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	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Burger in a Bun Served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans	Fishfingers served with Chips and Two Vegetables
Vegetarian Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Two Vegetables	Vegan Sausage Casserole Served with Two Vegetables	Quorn Hot Dog Served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans	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	Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta
Vanilla Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge	Oak Cookie Served with Fruit Slices	Strawberry Jelly, Honie Cookie and Vanilla Ice Cream	Lemon Slice

It's census day on Thursday - Please have a school dinner that day it is how we get funded.

Out & About

On Tuesday morning our first **Reception** Out and About group visited the Donkey Sanctuary at Wroxall. The children were all very excited for their first trip out on the minibus! Despite the rain, we had a fantastic time meeting the donkeys and learning all about them. We found out that female donkeys are called Jennys (they were wearing yellow collars) and male donkeys are called Jacks (they were wearing red collars). We learnt about what they eat and how they are cared for at the sanctuary. The children all enjoyed listening to some donkey stories and getting to stroke Whizzy, one of the miniature donkeys. The children were all brilliantly behaved and a credit to Queensgate! The Donkey Sanctuary would like to pass on their thanks to the parents and children for their kind donations too.



Later this half term, the Year 1 classes are going to be learning about how we can look after our planet. On Wednesday morning the **1CE** Out and About team went to Freshwater Bay to take part in a beach clean. We read the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts and talked about reducing, reusing, refusing and recycling plastic. The children were keen to help stop plastic waste in our seas and oceans, to help protect sea creatures and wildlife. They used litter pickers to gather plastic waste that had washed up on the shoreline and found that it was predominantly bottle tops and lids. It was a great team effort and they demonstrated real enthusiasm. Well done 1CE!



Out and About next week...

Please send your child to school in warm play clothes, with a waterproof/warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves and wellies in a named bag.

Tuesday 17th January - RAB

Donkey Sanctuary- Please bring some loose change in a named envelope if you would like to make a donation.

Jacob, Daenerys, Titan, George, Jaxson, Vienna, Declan, Isabelle, Holly, Jake, Poppy, Nathan and Sully.

Wednesday 18th January - 1CE

Beach Clean- Compton Bay

Lacey, Lorenzo, Lexi, Seb, Pippa, Brody, Eli, Charlie, Paisley, Ella-Rose, Clara, AJ, Kendall and Henry.

Year 3 and Year 5 Swimming Lessons

Please ensure your child has a swimming costume/swim shorts, towel and goggles (if possible) in a named bag.

Make sure all items of uniform and swim kit are named to avoid losing anything in the changing rooms or clothes getting muddled up (some of our Year 3 boys did end up with the wrong trousers!).

A huge well done to all of our swimmers this week that completed their initial assessments. The children all seemed really positive afterwards and excited for next week. We are looking forward to starting lessons properly next week in our allocated groups.

Please note, we will return to school later than usual and aim to be back by approximately 3.10pm depending on traffic.

And finally...

Its been a great week, have a lovely weekend and remember to chat, read and play with your children! Please read on for more important information from outside of our school including the NHS.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Sillito'.

Samantha Sillito
Headteacher

Host an EF student

Be part of our EF Community. Host an international student during summer. With EF's 55 years of experience in hosting, you will be in good hands. As an EF host you can now benefit from our Loyalty Programme.

EF offers

- 24h support
- Join the EF Host Loyalty Programme and collect & redeem points
- As part of the EF Community you benefit from local discounts
- Flexible hosting dates
- Host in summer
- Students are from more than 15 different countries
- Host up to 4 students at the same time
- Guaranteed weekly payments

Hosts provide

- Minimum 2-week hosting commitment
- A welcoming and comfortable home
- Breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal

EF Accommodation Office Isle of Wight
Unit 2, 15 Holyrood Street, Newport, PO30 5AU
01983 821133 / accommodation.isleofwight@ef.com



Sign up today!



Interested in cricket? In School Years 2, 3 or 4?

FREE Junior Coaching Every Friday (term time only)

at Ryde Private School Sports Hall
Booking is **ESSENTIAL** as places are limited.

WHEN: First session Friday 13th January

TIME: 5.30pm-6.30pm

COST: FREE

To book and more information please contact Andrew Jasper at admin@isleofwightcricket.co.uk

The coaching will be delivered by the Isle of Wight County coaches who are qualified, and DBS checked.



Dear Parents and Carers,

A happy new year to you all! It was great hosting Reception children and staff at **East Cowes Community Library** last term. We hope they enjoyed their visit and their Book Trust 'Time to Read' book and told you about the library.

Using the library regularly supports learning and provides all children with a never-ending supply of books to foster their interests and love of reading.

Joining is free and (for children) ordering books from other libraries is too. Books may be borrowed from, or returned to, any Island library on their library card. Books are borrowed for three weeks, but may be renewed in person, online or by phone. Late return fees are **not charged** on the Island at present.

There is no lower or upper age restriction. We have a selection of baby board books, picture books, yellow label junior fiction for early independent readers and white label junior fiction for confident, older readers. There is also a junior non-fiction section, covering all subjects from dinosaurs, art and craft, hobbies, sport, history, places, cookery, pets, wild animals, vehicles and much more! Do pop in and join up... we can replace lost cards and change registration details too. **We look forward to seeing you and the children again soon!**

EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



We are now open in the East Side Curve. This new community hub is beside the Town Hall in York Avenue. Do pop in to view our new building and meet the staff and volunteers.

Opening Times
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
Saturday 9am to 1pm

We look forward to offering our community

- adult and children's books to browse and borrow
- books to request from stock or library service order
- monthly reading group and creative writing group
- weekly Rhyme Time and Story Time
- bus pass applications, printing and copying
- free wifi and laptop computer access
- help with enquiries, information and onward support
- a comfortable area to read newspapers and relax
- a winter 'Warm Space' with free coffee, tea or soup

Email: library@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk
Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, PO32 6RU
Phone: 01983 299082 (option 5)

EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



East Side Curve
Tuesday afternoons 4pm

Why not change your library books before or after the stories?



Come and join us to enjoy an informal story session from 4pm to 4.30pm every Tuesday afternoon.

Stories aimed at 7 and unders.

Free to attend, no need to book. All welcome!

Email: library@eastcowestowncouncil.co.uk
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Stay in control of your child's health

NHS

Healthier Together is a website and mobile app that has been developed by healthcare professionals to provide comprehensive advice for parents, young people and pregnant women.

"It's like a mini doctor for you at home."

Using an easy-to-follow traffic light system, you'll find clear information on common childhood illnesses, including advice on what signs to look out for, when and where to seek help if required, what you should do to keep your child comfortable and how long your child's symptoms are likely to last.



"Brilliant. Simple, reassuring and helpful. Thank you!"



Scan the QR code with a smart phone to visit **what0-18.nhs.uk**

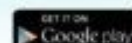


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Download the free 'Healthier Together' app



ADULT LEARNING

Spring 2023

All classes take place at
The Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde,
PO33 1QS unless otherwise stated.

*Concessionary rates are offered to learners who are in receipt of specific means tested benefits.



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For more information on Multiply courses being offered on the Island and to see if you qualify, please visit: www.iow.gov.uk/multiply



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FREE ONLINE COURSES

A wide range of short courses are on offer through the Equal Learning Platform. New modules include:

Keeping Young People Safe Online, Stalking and Harassment Awareness, Suicide Awareness and Prevention, Menopause Awareness, Knife Crime Awareness and Understanding the Power of the Influencer.

For more details, please contact ad@iow.gov.uk

All classes are
for adults (19+ years old)

For more information
and to book your place
please get in touch.



iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses



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IOT

Computers for Beginners

6 week course > Thursday 5 January to 9 February > 1pm to 4pm > Free

Computers for Beginners

East Side Curve, East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes, PO32 6RU
6 week course > Wednesday 22 February to 29 March > 9.30am to 12.30pm > Free

Essential Digital Skills For Life Level Entry 3

12 week course > Thursday 5 January to 30 March > 9.30am to 12pm > Free

Essential Digital Skills For Work Level 1

10 week course > Monday 9 January to 20 March > 9.30am to 12.30pm > Free

ICDL Word Processing Level 1 and 2

6 week course > Tuesday 3 January to 7 February > 9.30am to 12.30pm > Free

ICDL Spreadsheets Level 1 and 2

6 week course > Thursday 23 February to 30 March > 1pm to 4pm > Free



ART

Drawing Skills

3 week course > Monday 23 January to 6 February > 10am to 1pm > £55/£32*

Drawing with Pastels

3 week course > Monday 20 February to 6 March > 6pm to 8.30pm > £48/£28*

Watercolour Still Life

Workshop > Wednesday 22 February > 10am to 3pm > £35/£22*

From Reality to Abstraction

3 week course > Thursday 9 to 23 March > 6 to 8pm > £40/£25*

Landscapes using Acrylic Paint

Workshop > Wednesday 29 March > 10am to 3pm > £35/£22*

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Introduction to Crystals and Dowsing

Workshop > Saturday 18 March > 10am to 12pm > £10/£5*

Indian Head Massage

Workshop > Sunday 22 January > 10am to 1pm > £15/£8*

All classes are
for adults (19+
years old)

FREE CAREERS APPOINTMENTS

Advice and guidance to enable you to realise your potential, so that you can confidently take the next step into learning or employment.

For more details, please contact
ad@iow.gov.uk

CRAFT

Embroidery for Beginners

2 week course > Thursday 19 to 26 January > 6pm to 8.30pm > £35/£22*

Knitted Ear Warmer

Workshop > Sunday 29 January > 10am to 2pm > £25/£15*

Weaving with Wire

Workshop > Saturday 25 February > 10am to 3pm > £35/£22*

Interior Design – Planning your Next Project

5 week course > Wednesday 1 to 29 March > 6pm to 8pm > £55/£30*

Applique Funky Tote Bag

2 week course > Friday 10 to 17 March > 10am to 2pm > £50/£30*

Crochet for Beginners

3 week course > Monday 13 to 27 March > 6pm to 8pm > £40/£25*

Natural Woven Wall or Window Decoration

Workshop > Wednesday 15 March > 10am to 3pm > £35/£22*

Island Life in Lino Printing

2 day course > Saturday 18 March and Sunday 19 March > 10am to 2pm > £50/£30*

Recycled Flower Wreath

Workshop > Friday 24 March > 10am to 3pm > £35/£22*

For more information
and to book your place
please get in touch.

iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses

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WORKSHOP MORNING

£10/£5*

Workshop > Sunday 5 February > 10am to 12pm

Macrame Keyring

Produce a beautiful keyring using simple macrame knots.

Painting with Tissue Paper

Explore ways of bleeding tissue paper to produce art that looks like a watercolour.

Needle Felted Mini Picture

Create a mini landscape picture using merino fibres and needle felting techniques.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WORKSHOPS

£10/£5*

Workshop > Sunday 5 March > 10am to 12pm

Open to adults 19+ with one accompanied child over 10yrs

Weaved Wall Art

Make a woven wall hanging using mixed media and personal items.

Springtime Wreath

Discover your creative skills and create your very own seasonal wreath.

Felt Keyring

Create a colourful keyring and you'll never lose your keys again (hopefully).



Dear Parent/Carer,



[Height and weight checks for children in Year 1 and Year 6](#)

Every year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Your child's primary school took part in the programme last year.

Height and weight measurements are used to calculate weight status. We collect this information because it is in the public interest to understand how many children are overweight, healthy weight or underweight.

This year NCMP is taking part in a research project run by Newcastle University called MapMe. The MapMe project aims to support parental knowledge and awareness of child weight status and look at how child weight status changes over time. To do this, children now in Year 1 and Year 7 (those who were in Reception and Year 6 last school year) will be measured again.

We will share de-personalised data with the project team, including your child's date of birth, date of measurement, age, sex, height, weight, weight category, ethnicity, and publicly available information about the wider postcode that you live in, for research use.

If you would like more information on the MapMe project you can contact The 0-19 Public Health Nursing Team on 0300 123 5224.

Maintaining the well-being of children

As you may recall, the checks are carried out by trained health care workers in the school nursing team. Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils. As this measurement is part of the research project to look at weight changes over time individual results are not shared with you, your child, or their school.

Full study results will also be published on the MapMe study website at the end of the project in 2024.

The information we collect and what it is used for is listed below:

- your child's date of measurement, sex and date of birth are used to calculate your child's weight category.
- your child's name, date of birth and NHS Number are used to link your child's measurements in Reception and Year 6. Other data sets may also be linked such as your child's dental survey results or any visits to hospital they may have had. Linking your child's information in this way helps us to understand how and why the weight status of children is changing, and how this affects children's health.
- your child's ethnicity and address are used to help understand some of the reasons for the difference and changes in child weight across England.

How the data is used

The information collected from all schools in the area will be gathered together and held securely by the Isle of Wight Council. We will store your child's information as part of their local child health record on the NHS's child health information database and share it with their GP.

Withdrawing your child from the Year 1 and Year 7 height and weight checks

If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything.

If you do not want your child's height and weight to be checked, please let us know using the contact details provided below:

Telephone :0300 123 5224

E-mail: snhs.iowschoolnursing@nhs.net

Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Bryant
Director of Public Health
Isle of Wight Council