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Queensgate Foundation  
Primary School



## Remember Monday is an INSET Day

Dear Families,

### INSET Day

If you are heading to Festival I hope you have a wonderful time. Queensgate will be closed on Monday and there will be a one-way system in operation outside the school. All the teachers will be busy writing end of year reports, other staff will be completing online training and other work related activities. This is an INSET day and not an extra day's holiday for the staff!

### Assessments

Our Year 1 phonics and Year 4 multiplication tests are all now complete. Please keep practising at home though so these skills can be maintained and built on further.

### INSET Days and Term Dates for Next Academic Year

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September is an INSET day as is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

The children start back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8:40. There is a slight change here. Door open and lessons will start at 8:40. The register will be completed by 8:55. Anyone arriving after the register has closed will have an unauthorised late mark.

New Reception children will be in school 8:40 – 11:30 on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September and then 8:40 – 12:15 on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Here are the dates of the holidays for the next academic year.

Autumn Half Term Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Christmas Holidays Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January is an INSET day.

Spring half Term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Easter Holidays Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Summer Half Term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

The end of the summer term next academic year is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024.



# TERM DATES

## We are Recruiting!

As I said last week we have two vacancies at the moment to join our team for September. Here is the advert in case you or someone you know is interested.



## Queensgate Foundation Primary School



Queensgate Foundation Primary School is a thriving two-form entry primary school in East Cowes. The school has had three consecutive "Good" Ofsted inspections since opening.

***We are so excited to announce an expansion to our staff with a variety of roles on offer!  
This is your opportunity to join our team and help make a difference to our children's lives.  
Grow your career – Grow yourself***

We are looking for an

- Early Years Teaching Assistant - 30 hours per week Scale point 5  
Actual salary £15,101.38 (Pay Award pending)
- 1:1 Teaching Assistant - 30 hours per week Scale Point 5  
Actual salary £15,101.38 (Pay Award pending)

***Feel you have something to offer but it's not the above? Contact us and talk through your ideas – we are willing to listen to what you can offer***

We are looking for someone who:

- who has a belief that all children can succeed
- is reliable with a track record of excellent attendance
- has a child centred ethos
- has the ability to build great relationships
- is self-motivated and able to use own initiative

We can offer:

- a very supportive, cheerful and positive staff team
- a leadership team, which keeps children at the heart of their decision making
- wonderful children!
- support with CPD opportunities to help you grow and become the person you dreamed of

**Sound like you? We can't wait to meet you!**

**You are warmly welcome to visit the school. Please phone us on 01983 292872 to visit the school and meet the Headteacher, Mrs. Sillito**

To apply please check the Vacancies section on our school website:  
[www.queensgateprimary.co.uk](http://www.queensgateprimary.co.uk) and send your application to: [admin@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@queensgateprimary.co.uk)

Closing date: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – 12 noon  
Interview date: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

***The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children. The successful applicant will require an enhanced DBS clearance.  
The school is committed to equal opportunities.***

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## Out & About

The **RSD** Out and About group visited Bembridge Lifeboat Station on Tuesday morning. This half term the children are learning about the seaside. They had a special talk led by one of the RNLI volunteers about how to keep safe at the seaside. The children walked to the boathouse where the offshore Tamar lifeboat is stored. They all sat beautifully and listened to Lesley explain what to take to the beach and what to do in the event of an emergency. The group also learnt about the role of the lifeboat crew and how quickly they have to attend a call out. A huge thank you to the parents and families that sent in a donation to the RNLI. The children enjoyed putting their coins in the charity boxes. Heading back along the walkway, the children were fascinated to see lots of jellyfish in the clear waters below!



On Tuesday afternoon the **Year 5** Out and About team walked from Alum Bay carpark up to the High Down. The children have been learning about Space this term. They visited the New Battery and High Down testing site to learn more about how and why it was used during the 1950s-1970s. The Black Knight and Black Arrow rockets were both built in East Cowes and tested at the site in Totland, designed to launch satellites in Space. The children demonstrated great enthusiasm, completing their steep hike in great time!



In History, the children in **Year 4** have been studying Queen Victoria's impact on the Island. The Out and About group visited Freshwater Bay on Wednesday morning and took on the challenge of walking up to the top of Tennyson Down. The children learnt about other influential people that lived on the Isle of Wight during the Victorian period, including Julia Margaret Cameron (the most famous and influential portrait photographer of the time) and Alfred Lord Tennyson (poet laureate). The children were amazing at hiking to the monument and were stunned by the beautiful views!



## Out and About Continued

This week's **Year 6** Out and About group used compasses and maps to complete an orienteering course around East Cowes. The children used maps and compasses to hunt for orienteering flag markers. They each had a control card and had to work as a team to locate all 10 markers, punching /stamping their card at each flag. Some of the children showed fantastic map reading skills and were able to quickly navigate the group to the next point.



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

Please wear play clothes and trainers/comfortable shoes. Bring a sun hat, water bottle and apply sun cream before school.

### Tuesday 20th June am RSD

St Helens Beach

Arthur, Peyton, Harry, Daniel, Amelia, Mollie, Sophie, Marley, Matteo, Naomi, George A, Neahve, Harrison and Inhara.

### Tuesday 20th June pm Year 5

Culver Down

\*Parents please note we are likely to return back to school late (approx 3:10pm)

Emily, Charlotte, James M, Chyna, Chloe Sh, Grace, Farrah, Theo, Su, Vincent, Olivia, Brooke, Hollie, Gracie and McKenzie.

### Wednesday 21st June am Year 4

Tennyson Down

Guy, Emily B, Levi, Brody, Harry, Rosie, George, Jamie, Parinith, Evie, Brooke, Riley, Elvis and Hayley.

### Wednesday 21st June pm Year 6

Orienteering in the local area

Toby, Jaylen, Thea, Jaydon, Isabelle, Roxy, Lacey, Leo W, Leo L, Rose, Katie, Megan, Jada, Olivia-Mai and Jack.

## Attendance

**Whole School Attendance since September is 93.69%**

**Whole School Attendance this week is 95.51%**

**KS1 Class with best attendance this week is RSD with 98.41%**

**KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 5RA with 98.89%**



10 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 95%

20 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 90%

40 days of absence during the school year causes your child's attendance to drop to 80%

If your child's attendance falls below 90% they are classed as persistently absent



## 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
Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Butter Chicken Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy and two vegetables	Cottage Pie Served with wo vegetables	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips and two vegetables
Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta	Tomato Vegetable Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Cheesy Ploughman's Picnic Plate Served with Bread	Macaroni Cheese Served with two vegetables	Vegetarian Dippers Served with Chips
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
Berry Flapjack with Fruit	Shortbread	Chocolate Brownie with Fruit	Ice Cream	Pineapple Upside Down Cake

## Year 6 Residential

Last week most of the Year 6's went on their residential to Runways End Activity Centre, Aldershot. They had a great time and staff report that they were well behaved. Most children gave the activities a good go and pushed themselves out of their comfort zone. The nice weather helped! Here are a selection of photos from the residential:



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See o page for photos of the Year 6's that didn't go on residential...

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## Year 6 Non-Residential

For those children that didn't go on the residential, they had fun activities at school and Out and About:



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## Reception Palaeontologist Visit

On Wednesday the Reception classes had a very interesting visit from a palaeontologist who happened to be Daniel and Maya Gill's Grandmother, Pam. The children were able to hold some fascinating pieces of history, some of which were found on the shores of the Isle of Wight. Huge thank you to Pam for her time and knowledge. What a fantastic visitor to Queensgate.



# Real life wow!

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