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Have a lovely Half Term Break!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing News

Miss Crockford has been with us as a supply teacher since the beginning of September. She has done a brilliant job with 2KA. Huge thanks to Miss Crockford and we wish her well in your next ventures. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Arnell back after the half term break.

Miss Rea will be leaving us on Wednesday 2nd November. She has worked with us for four years in a variety of roles. We wish Miss Rea good luck as she moves forward. I am pleased to say Mrs Daly will join the Queensgate team permanently.

Travel Ambassadors

Mrs Norsworthy has appointed travel ambassadors who are Alfie R, Megan A, Olivia M and Charlotte L. They will be leading the first assembly back after the holiday.



Pebble Painting

As I said in last week's newsletter today has been our pebble painting day. The children used the book Only One You as inspiration. The children have all had the opportunity to paint their own pebble about their unique selves. Each pebble will be used in a sensory path in the sensory area. Here are some pictures of children working hard on their pebbles.



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Some Issues

Issue 1

It has come to my attention that there is a small group of parents who are not setting polite examples to their children and are speaking in a derogatory manner about members of staff. This needs to stop. It is making staff and other parents feel uncomfortable. We have a Queensgate Code which we expect our whole community to follow. Here it is.

I would also like to draw your attention to our Unacceptable Behaviour Policy including habitual or vexatious complainants.

"Unacceptable behaviour may be defined as: behaviour or language that may cause staff to feel afraid, intimidated, threatened or abused. This could include threats of physical violence, derogatory remarks, rudeness, harassment and unsubstantiated allegations."

It also states,

"Features of unreasonable behaviour may include but is not limited to one or more of the following:



- Presenting the same issues repeatedly, but never accepting the explanations and outcomes
- Seeking an unrealistic outcome and persisting until it is reached
- Previously showing patterns of unreasonable persistence
- Making groundless complaints about employees or attempting to use the complaints procedure to pursue a personal vendetta against an employee or team."

The full policy can be read on our website at https://www.queensgateprimary.co.uk/assets/images/branding/Unacceptable-Behaviour-Policy-Dec-2021.pdf

If you have any issues with our school please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. Mr Chubb, Mrs Grant, Mrs Jeffers and I are all also here to listen to you and work together with you. We enjoy a very positive relationship with the vast majority of you. Remember 97% of you said you would recommend Queensgate Foundation Primary School to someone else. We are very proud of this and our school in general.

Issue 2

Please do not allow your children to play on the equipment before school.

Issue 3

Some children, particularly Year 5, are going to the park without an adult supervising before and after school. This means that they are coming to school with a lot of mud on them and bringing problems from the park into school. Staff time is being used to deal with outside of school issues. Although we will support with this I do feel that staff should be teaching and facilitating learning as opposed to sorting out issues from outside of school time. Please ensure your children are coming straight to school from home. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Issue 4

Parents and puils should use the school paths to exit and enter the site and not walk through the car park. It is dangerous. Please remind your child/ren not to scoot or cycle whilst on school grounds.

Out & About

On Tuesday morning the **2KA** Out and About group took part in some team building games on St Helens Duver. The children were challenged to practise their listening and negotiating skills to work together. They enjoyed 'crossing the river' using pallets, tyres and planks, with the aim of getting all of their team members to the other side without touching the 'water' (grass). The children were encouraged to be good sportsmen and women, congratulating the winning team. They also took part in 'big foot', team racing games and blind folded trust activities. Well done 2KA - great teamwork!







The children in Year 3 are going to be finding out about Pre-history after half term, learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. The **3AH** Out and About group visited the Shipwreck Centre and Maritime Museum at Arreton Barns on Tuesday afternoon. The children learnt about maritime archaeology and how divers have discovered a Stone Age village under the sea off the coast of Bouldnor, Yarmouth. They had the opportunity to handle artefacts, including real Stone Age tools found at Bouldnor as well as looking at the equipment divers use.







On Wednesday morning the **4MC** Out and About team enjoyed meeting and feeding the animals at Nettlecombe Farm, Whitwell. As part of their Geography work on farming and land use, the children explored the farmland to see how the farm is run. The farmer, Tallulah, explained to the children how 50 acres of the farm is used by them to raise rare breeds animals as well as running holiday cottages and a barn space for yoga classes onsite. They also have over 100 acres that are used by other farmers. The children were very confident hand feeding the animals and especially loved sheep cuddles. We decided the sheep were very therapeutic and relaxing to be around - brilliant for our mental health!







Year 1 have been learning about *Senses*. The 1SG Out and About children visited Borthwood Copse on Wednesday afternoon to explore their senses within the woodland environment. The children spoke confidently about what they have been learning and used some great adjectives to describe what they could hear, see, smell and feel. We also talked about the changing seasons and gathered autumn leaves, sweet chestnuts, acorns, and sticks to create faces. They listened to some Autumn themed stories, including The Leaf Thief by Alice Hemming and practised their balancing skills, climbing on fallen branches and logs.







The Out and About Club visited Carisbrooke Castle after school on Wednesday. They walked around the castle walls, went up to the Keep, met the donkeys and had a snack in Princess Beatrice's garden.



Out and About after half term ...





Please ensure your child is wearing warm, old <u>play clothes</u> (nothing new or special), <u>waterproof</u> <u>coat(pack waterproof trousers too if they have some)</u> and <u>wellies</u>/ walking boots/ old trainers in a named bag to change into.

Tuesday 1st November am - 2KA St Helens Duver

Harlan, Adeline, Esmae, Archie, Bayley, Bonnie, James, Riley, Maddie, Nimalan, Johnny, Evie and Annie.

Tuesday 1st November pm - 3AH Shipwreck Centre

*Play clothes and comfortable shoes not wellies.

Tilly, Katelyn, Maisy, Ella L, Georgia, Mirabelle, Toby, Rory, Joshua, Freddie, Ella S, Alfie, Harley T, Flynn and James.

Wednesday 2nd November am - 4MC Nettlecombe Farm Children <u>must</u> wear <u>wellies</u> on the farm. Please let school know if your child does not have any and would like to borrow some.

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

Wednesday 2nd November pm - 1SG Borthwood Copse 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	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Pork Sausages, Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy and two vegetables	Fish Fingers Served with Chips and Two Vegetables
Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Two Vegetables	Vegan Sausage Casserole Served with Two Vegetables	Vegetarian Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy and Two Vegetables	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	Oat Cookie served with Fruit Slices	Apple Crumble served with Custard	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



Bonjour!

Je m'appelle Coco et je suis une pomme. Each week I will share with you a French word





La chaise (Lah chers)

Une chaise grise. A grey chair.

Une grande chaise. A big chair.

Une petite chaise. A little chair.

<u>Attendance</u>

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 telephone the school office and let them know the reason for the absence, this should be followed up with an email or note to <u>office@queensgateprimary.co.uk</u>



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.

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.

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



Whole School Attendance this week is 95.11%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1SG with 96.17%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 6LR with 98.02%

<u>Benji blog</u>



Benji has not being enjoying the wet weather this week! But he's still been having lots of fun with the children in school.

Family Support

I hope you all have a lovely half term! I will be contactable on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for any support needs, please get in contact over email.

Ajeffers@queensgateprimary.co.uk

Cost of living crisis:

Here is a list of cheap or free places to eat this half term. For anyone struggling to manage to cover the cost of food please get in contact with myself, for either a food voucher or a food bank voucher. East Cowes Food Pantry is also a great place to help keep the weekly food costs down, no referral necessary.



Sports Reports

Interclass Tag Rugby

Last Friday both Year 6 classes had to split into four teams for an interclass tag rugby competition as their final tag rugby lesson. The children had to decide on their teams within their class and their match tactics. During the afternoon the children played in a round robin format and were awarded



points for tries as well as good teamwork/good sportmanship. All children played well and were able to adapt their tactics with each game they played. After some very close games, the points were counted. Only one point separated the two classes - 6LR were overall winners with 37 points. Well done to all of Year 6 for getting involved.

Football



On Wednesday, the Year 6 boys team faced Haylands in a league match. The team went into the game lacking a goalkeeper putting them at a disadvantage from the off, however the replacements Charlie C (in the first half) and Grayson (in the second half), both stood their ground and made some cracking saves. In the first half, Queensgate dominated having much of the ball and created many chances. Through a quick counter attack Haylands took the lead but the boys battled back well to make it 1-1 before the half time whistle.

The second half kicked off and the boys came out strong once again. After a hard fought second half, the boys unfortunately lost the game 2-1 in the last minute. The boys played some fantastic football and were unlucky to lose, but if they keep playing like that, they will definitely win in the near future.

Halloween Poster Competition

Hose, Rhodes, Dickson (HRD) Estate Agency are holding a competition. Children who have expressed an interest have been given an A3 sheet of this form. HRD have requested for these forms to be returned to their East Cowes office by end of Friday 28th with a name, contact number or schools name on the back.

Good luck to those taking part!

Spooky house competition!



Age:



Dicksor

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Strategic Partnerships

We are always keen to get involved with local businesses to strengthen the relationship between the East Cowes (and wider) community. Our school, being a Foundation school, is indeed built around these strategic partnerships and as such we have special relationships with Briddlesford Farm, UKSA, GKN, Red Funnel, Waitrose and Osborne House.

We are now adding Hose, Rhodes, Dickson Estate Agency to this list - see below for details. A banner will soon be erected on the green fencing towards Beatrice Avenue end. If you are planning on selling your house, why not give Hose, Rhodes, Dickson a call for a valuation.



SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Hose Rhodes Dickson are delighted to be working alongside Queensgate Foundation Primary. We will donate £250 if your child attends the school and your house is sold through Hose Rhodes Dickson.

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Year 4 trip to Waitrose















WAITROSE & partners This week both classes have visited Waitrose as part of their farming and food topic. Sophie P in 4BM has written:

"We went to Waitrose on Thursday. First we went to the fruit and vegetables area, some of us asked a couple of questions. After that we went to 3 different rooms and they all had different temperatures. The rooms had food in them that they have to store. We also tried two different samples of cheese. We went to see how they unload and load things into the truck. There is a platform and a barrier that stops the food from rolling away when they unload the food. It was a really fun trip."

Year 4 trip to Waitrose continued



On Tuesday the 18th of October, we went to Waitrose so that we could see where all the foods came from because we are learning about food production in Geography. Mike and his assistant showed us around and answered all of our questions and told us about all the different types of food. We started at the front of the store with the pumpkin display, then went down to the fruits and vegetables. They told us that Waitrose had their own farm to grow crops but some came from further away. We also saw the dairy, meat and fish. They didn't smell very nice! Then we went to the toiletries isle and they told us about the toilet paper crisis in 2020! They showed us behind the scenes. We got to go through a delivery truck and inside the fridges and freezers. The freezer was -20 degrees! We also saw where they recycled their cardboard and upstairs to the staff room and offices. Finally, we got to taste some cheese! There was a yellow and an orange one. They were salty and cheesy. Then we had to walk all the way back to school. A very big thank you to Waitrose & Partners for a great trip around the store. And the cheese! - Xachary and Grace 4MC.

Secondary School Applications

We have received this message from the local authority:

There is less than two weeks until closing date for Secondary 2023 Applications to be submitted and we have only received 53% of those that we expect to make an application.

Year 6 parents/guardians are reminded that the closing date to submit their application for a place in Secondary School for September 2023 is Midnight on Monday 31 October 2022. You can do this online at: www.iow.gov.uk.com/schooladmissions and then click on the 'Secondary School Sept 2023' tab. If you have any queries on the process, please email school.admissions@iow.gov.uk and they will assist you with your application.

If you do not require a place for your child at an Island secondary school as you child will be attended private education or you are moving off Island, please could you email

<u>school.admisisons@iow.gov.uk</u> and inform them in writing of where you are moving to or where your child will be educated from September 2023 to enable them to be removed from the process.

Parent and Carer Consultation Evenings

After the half term holiday, we will be holding parent and carer evenings. The appointments are currently live on Scopay. Scopay will close on 31st October at 9am so please make your appointment before then. Please make your appointments allowing time between if you have more than one child. For the majority of the school these meetings will take place on Wednesday 2nd November and Thursday 3rd November. 2EC will be having their meetings on Tuesday 1st November and Thursday 3rd November and 2KA will be later in the term as Mrs Arnell will have only just returned to work and will need more time to get to know the children.

The purpose of the meetings is to let you know how your child has settled into their new year group and how they are progressing with reading, writing and maths. Attendance will also be discussed. We aim to see everyone because children learn best when school and families work closely together. If, for any reason, you are unable to attend please make an alternative appointment with your child's class teacher.

Photo Day

On **Monday 7th November** the school photographer will be in school. All children will need to be in their full logoed school uniform and looking as smart as possible. These photographs will make good Christmas presents for grandparents and other family members.

And finally...

It has been a full and enjoyable half term where we have appointed a new School Council, Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, the Sports Crew, Activity Leaders and Travel Ambassadors all to support with the life of our school. The quality of teaching and learning has been excellent. I hope you all have a very pleasant week next week and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 31st October at 8:40 am.

Best wishes, illito

Samantha Sillito Headteacher

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ENTRY FORM

QUEENSGATE PRIMARY PTFA AUTUMN TRAIL

2022

REGISTRATION FORM



Please state if you have more than one entry e.g if you'd like to enter 3 pumpkins and 1 scarecrow.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Adults Name	:					
Child's Name	:		Class name	:		
Full Address	:					
Postcode	:					
E-Mail	:					

Once entry forms are recieved we will allocate your entries with a number (This will be done through an email) -Please have this number displayed next to your pumpkin or scarecrow so people know what to vote for. This can either be on a piece of paper near your display or carved into the pumpkin or attached to the scarecrow in some way.

Please have your scarecrow or pumpkin in your front garden/by your front door. However as the competition will be on over Halloween please may I remind you that having a pumpkin outside on Halloween eve may encourage trick or treaters to knock so please remove them on that evening if you don't want any callers.

Your full address will not be shared with anyone and will only be used to make a map of the trail for the event. In this case we will be using approximate address points to guide people around East Cowes so they can view the entries and at no point will we disclose names of entries with addresses.

Applicants signature :

More Information : On classlist

PLEASE RETURNBY MONDAY 17TH OF OCTOBER

Cowes Town Council are inviting all Island schools to join in with a Graphics Competition to create a new logo and strapline for Cowes.

The logo should reflect not only the sailing aspects of Cowes, but also its many shoreside activities.

The judges will not be looking for perfectly executed artwork, but more for the best concept, so this is open to pupils of all ages.

Entry rules are attached.

There is a £250 prize for the winning entry.

If you do not think your art department would be interested in this, please could you pass this information on to your individual pupils.

Many thanks,

Cllr. Paul Bertie

COWES GRAPHICS COMPETITION 2022

1. This competition is administered by Cowes Town Council.

2. Background. A meeting held by the newly formed Cowes Promotions & Marketing Group decided that the old Cowes logo and strapline shown below was a little outdated and that we should explore the possibility of getting a new logo and strapline, hence this competition.

3. Entries. Entries must be in either an A4 or A3 format, landscape or portrait and can be in any medium you wish eg computer graphics, crayon, paint, etc.

4. Judging. The judges will not be looking for perfectly formed graphics but more for a 'concept' which reflects the image of Cowes both with its maritime and yachting history but also the part it plays in this modern world. It could be that the judges decide on the imagery from one entry but a strapline from another entry.

5. Copyright. The copyright of the winning entry/entries will become the property of Cowes Town Council and may be used for flags, banners, merchandise, letterheads, etc.

6. Prize Money. The winning entry will win £250. This may be split if there are 2 winners.

7. Time Scale. All entries must be received at the Cowes Town Council office by the end of December 2022. You must write your name and address and telephone number on the back of your entry, and if you are under 16 years of age, your age.

8. Contact. Cowes Town Council, Northwood House, Ward Ave., Cowes, IOW, PO31 8AZ. Tel. 01983 209022. Email: townclerk@cowestowncouncil.org.uk

9. Old Logo:





Parents Group

The aim of the SOS service is to provide specialist advice and support to mainstream schools to complement existing inclusive practice, increase knowledge and build confidence and competence in providing provision whilst meeting children's individual needs.

This group is open to all parents/carers who have a child/children that attend a school using our service.

When: 15th November 2022 Time: 12.30-2.30 drop in session Where: Medina Help Hut, Green Street, Newport, PO30 2AN



Come and join us for a coffee, a chat and some cake

If you could let us know you will be coming so we can cater for enough people that would be great but please just come along if you would prefer.

To register your interest or if you have any questions please email:

Outreach@medinahouse.iow.sch.uk Or phone: 522917



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