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### Time to Meet Your Child's New Teachers

Dear Families,

#### **Transition Events**

We are holding two transition events next week. On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July our Year 6 children will be attending their secondary schools. (Please note it is down to families to ensure the children get to the right school at the right time. You should have had information from your individual secondary schools.) Please also note that due to NEU strike action there is now only one transition day for the Year 6 children. They need to be back with us on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Pre-School children will be visiting their Reception classes on this day and the rest of the school will move along to their next class to meet the children and staff that they will be working with next academic year.

On Wednesday evening between 5:15pm and 6:15pm Queensgate will be open for a showcase evening. This is a chance to come and see some of the work that the children have been doing this year in their current class and to visit their new teacher and classrooms for next year to have a look at the kind of work they will be doing. 1CE, 4BM and 4MC will not be open on Wednesday evening, but 1CE will be open straight after school on Thursday for you to pop in and have a look. Please bring the children with you!

Next week we will be holding progress meetings, once again, to see how each child in the school has progressed. These meetings will involve senior leaders and your child's teacher from this year and next year to ensure a smooth transition in terms of their needs and learning journey.

#### Year 6 Show – Star Warts!



Year 6 have performed Star Warts three times, once to the rest of the children in the school, an evening performance and a matinee.

Each performance was absolutely brilliant - singing, dancing and acting all of a very high standard.

The audiences thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Congratulations Year 6! You're all stars (without the warts!)

#### **Year 6 Summer Stalls**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July our Year 6 children will be running their summer stalls. The children have been given £1 to start a small business. The aim is for them to use the pound to buy something that they can then make a profit with. Our PTFA are providing a bouncy castle, café and ice-cream van too. Please come along and support the stalls. They will be open from 3.00pm until 4:30pm next Friday. Here is a list of the stalls available from the Year 6's:

STALL	Description			
Hit the target	Test your luck as you try to hit a target			
Beat the keeper	Beat the keeper and win a prize			
Target game and selling keychains	Hit the target with a lucky throw - hit it or miss it			
Bullseye	Hit the bullseye and win a prize			
Soak the teacher	Soak the grumpy Mr Gwilliam and Miss Young			
Wet the target	Use a watergun to hit a target and win a prize			
TJ'S Sports and Spins	Spin, score, surprise			
Asteroid pick	Hunt for the asteroid in asteroid pick			
Soak the box man	Test your luck, squirt the troll and if you get her wet you win a prize			
Test your aim	Test your aim is a Nerf target shooting game where you get great prizes for knocking down targets.			
Lucky dip	Lucky dip-Win a prize			
Cedar bakery	Come to the Cedar bakery to play games and win homemade prizes			
Summer snacks	Summery snacks for a summery time			
Hook the duck	Hook a duck and test your luck.			
Beat the defender/handball	A prize for every score			
Ping pong alley	Score with ping pong balls and win sweets.			
Lemon game	Balance a 20p on a lemon for 10 seconds and win a prize			
Football target	Kick a football at a variety of targets and win a prize			
Bottle flip	Flip a range of bottles and if successful, win a prize			
Guess the name of the dog	Select a name from the grid. The winning name will be announced at the end of the fayre.			

Please can we ask for your support? Next Friday please could you send a prize that would be suitable for a tombola? Please drop it off in the training room first thing Friday morning. Thanks!

#### **PTFA Summer Raffle**

This Year the PTFA raffle will be held on Class List and has gone live from this morning. Prizes will be drawn 12:00pm next Friday and can be picked up at the summer stalls. £1 per ticket and ticket books available; prizes from The Isle of Wight Distillery, Slab Artisan fudge, Artisan Cafe, Booker's wholesale, Garage Inc, and Skates Newport plus more. Please support this raffle and maybe bag yourself a fabulous prize!



#### **Out & About**

On Tuesday morning our **RSD** Out and About group visited Bembridge Lifeboat Station to learn more about the RNLI and how to keep safe at the beach. First, the children found out about the inshore lifeboat then walked along to the boathouse where the offshore Tamar boat is stored. John, one of the volunteers, talked to the children about what to do in an emergency at the beach. He read a story about lifeboat rescues and showed the children the kit room where all the lifeboat crew's jackets, trousers, boots and helmets are stored. The children enjoyed trying on the lifeboat dressing up outfits, pretending they were little crew-men and women. A huge thank you to the families that sent in donations to the RNLI, the children liked putting their coins in the donation pots and they were very gratefully received.







All of the children in **Year 5** visited the Classic Boat Museum in East Cowes on Tuesday to see their exhibition on display, as part of the Wavelength Project (an art/science collaboration). Earlier in the year the children met visiting scientists and artists, took part in creative workshops and learnt about Blanche Thornycroft (1873-1951, a pioneering female naval engineer and architect that lived on the Island). Their visits on Tuesday gave them the opportunity to see their work on display as well as the chance to explore the museum and have a go at a cyanotype printing. The children enjoyed using light sensitive paper to create their own prints of seaweed, in the style of Anna Atkins, a 19th century botanist, scientist and artist.







The children in **Year 4** have been learning about Queen Victoria and her impact on the Isle of Wight. On Wednesday morning the Out and About children met Ken Wheeler from the East Cowes Heritage Centre, who led them on Queen Victoria's Town Trail throughout East Cowes. The children learnt about the lives of some of Queen Victoria's most famous visitors, staff and friends (including artists, scientists, politicians and even animals!) that travelled to the Isle of Wight to meet her at Osborne House. The children enjoyed spotting the stones set in the town pavement which mark the 22 visitors they learnt about on their walking trail.







#### **Out and About Continued**

On Wednesday afternoon the **Year 6** Out and About team walked to Osborne House. The children were able to plan their own route and activities, choosing to head to Swiss Cottage play park first followed by a walk down to the beach for a paddle in the sea. One of our newest members of Year 6 had never visited Osborne House before, it was great to hear the other children sharing different facts they have learnt about the grounds of Osborne, Queen Victoria's life and the royal children.







The **Out and About Club** had a super time after school on Wednesday at Seaclose play park. The children had fun playing together and exploring all the equipment.







#### 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 4th July am Reception

\*No Out and About due to transition morning

#### Tuesday 4th July pm Year 5

Culver Down

Amber-May, Max, Lily, Rochelle, Joe, Zoe, Maya, Jude C, Oscar, Alayna, Wynter, Elsie, Kahlel and Summer.

#### Wednesday 5th July am 4MC

East Cowes Victorian Trail

Xachary, Maizy, Bradley, Harley, Thomas, Halle, Logan, Braiden, Elanor, Emmie, Jonny, Grace W and Amy.

#### Wednesday 5th July pm Year 2

Swimming at Waterside

Wear school uniform.

Bring swimsuit/ swim shorts, towel and goggles in a named bag. Ensure all clothes are named to avoid losing any items of clothing. Please note, we will return to school by approximately 3.15pm.

### **Attendance**

Whole School Attendance since September is 93.8%

Whole School Attendance this week is 96.18%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1SG with 99.23%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 5TS with 97.04%



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.)



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Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Chinese Chicken and Vegetable Rice	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Lasagne Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
Vegetable Pastry Roll Served with Potato Wedges	Macaroni Cheese Served with Two Vegetables	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	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
Oat Chocolate Cookie with Fruit	Orange Jelly	Chocolate and Banana Marble Cake	Flapjack with Fruit	Strawberry Ice Cream

All main meals are served with two vegetables

#### **School Surplus Placement Planning**

Last month, the Isle of Wight Council continued the process of looking to address a significant surplus of more than 200 primary school places across the Island. A report to the council's Cabinet contained proposals that named a number of schools for consultation on possible closure.

We have been made aware by the Isle of Wight Council that the report has been withdrawn at this time, and that at this stage, there are no proposals agreed to progress further consultations.

A number of members of the Isle of Wight community have asked for further clarity and the opportunity to ask questions about the school place planning process, and the impacts that surplus school places have on schools and children's education. In response to this, and in order to better explain what the challenges are and how these can be overcome, the council is hosting a public briefing at **6.30pm on 11 July 2023** at **Medina Theatre**.

We have been asked to share with you that the public briefing is an opportunity to hear more about:

- Surplus places and their impacts on schools and education
- Why surplus places must be managed and our statutory duty regarding school places
- How we forecast school place requirements a look at the data
- Education recruitment challenges
- Education finance challenges
- The impact of having too many places in the system financial, educational and social
- School organisation the tools that we have at our disposal to manage surplus places

The council's Cabinet would like to make it clear that this is not a consultation and there will be no opportunity to discuss anything related to individual named schools. Council officers are not authorised to have any discussions about the previous paper or any of its contents as that paper was formally withdrawn.

Such discussions are a right and proper part of a formal consultation process and there will be an opportunity for everyone to engage should Cabinet decide to bring a schools' planning paper back for approval to go out to consultation. Questions on the generalities of school place planning will of course be welcome.

#### **Athletics**

On Monday a year 6 team went to Gurnard for an athletics competition - Quad kids. Despite the cool and very windy condition, all team members performed well. During the competition each athlete gained scores for competing in the 600m, 75m, standing long jump and vortex. Everyone gave 100% and a special well done to Alfie and Roxy for standing in on the day for absent team mates. Overall, the team came 9<sup>th</sup> out of 20 schools with Rose being our highest placing athlete coming 8<sup>th</sup> out of 80 competitors in the girls' competition. Well done team.



#### **Boat Museum**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, **5TS** went down to the Classic Boat Museum. We walked round the museum and learned all about the boats that were built a long time ago. We had special drawing tasks to do and saw different model boats. The whole theme of the museum was Blanche Thornycroft a famous female, naval architect and boat designer. We saw lots of trophies. We looked at some pictures of all the crew.

We took part in some workshops, at school, last November, the people from Independent Arts came and told us about Blanche's life, we made models and drew cartoons of her and her boats. The models and pictures are on display in the museum now along with a recording of some Queensgate children telling Blanche's story

After we went in the museum we went outside to do a fun art activity. The women gave us some green photo paper and we put seaweed on and left it in the sun for a couple minutes. Then we put it in some water and it made it a dark blue with the seaweed showing up as a negative. Next, we put in bleach and then into green tea and it tuned our pictures brown.

By Alayna E



**5RA** went and visited the boat museum on Tuesday the 27/06/2023.

We were invited to visit the boat museum to view a display of our art work which we had made after learning about Blanche Thornycroft. We were visited at school by Lauren Fry from Independent Arts, who taught us all about Blanche, her incredible work as a naval architect, and her involvement in designing boats which were used in World War 1.

We went on a stroll down through East Cowes to get to the boat museum. The visit was a conclusion of our work with Lauren, to view our art work on display.

At the museum we met Trudy Wilson (she is a young island artist) who taught us how to create Cyanotypes. Cyanotypes were invented by Sir John Hershel. In 1842, he used paper, coated with a solution of iron salts, sun exposure and a water wash to create the very first cyanotype – a white image on a deep blue background. This method proved to be easier, cheaper, and more durable than the previous silver-based method. 5RA used seaweed to block out the sunlight and to make weird patterns.

After that we met Lauren and went around the museum. Around the museum were old maps from 1917 of the Isle of Wight, there was also a cabinet with some air force badges there was a drawing activity we had to do and also there was a display of our clay art from when they came in and we learnt about Blanche and what she had done. We had a great time and our families have been invited to return free of charge if we mention our visit.

By Emily B







#### **Sports Days**

We are holding two sports days, which you are welcome to join us for. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July between 9:15am and 12.00 noon. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July also between 9:15am and 12.00 noon. The children will need to have long hair tied back and be in their full school PE kit please.

#### **Save for Summer Event**

Some of you will know Dee Swallow from working with her in maths. She is running a useful event at Queensgate aimed at helping you save money, but still have a good time with the children over the summer holidays. We would love you to come along. The event is on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July in the training room from 1pm – 3pm. See the poster on the next page.

#### Reading with 2KG

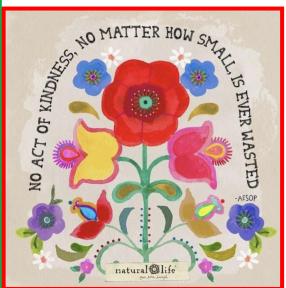
On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July families of children in 2KG are welcome into school from 2:30pm to read with their children in the sensory area of the school. Please sign in at 2:25pm at the front entrance.

#### **Interview Day**

Thank you for your support getting the message out that we are recruiting for September. We have had many applicants and will be carrying out interviews next Wednesday.

#### **Strike Action**

The National Education Union (NEU) has again called for strike action over pay and conditions. The strike days are next Wednesday and next Friday. Some of our staff will be striking. At the time of writing we are aiming to remain open both days. I will let you know if this changes.



#### And Finally...

Have a lovely weekend - let's hope the sun makes a quick return!

Remember to get out and about with your children and as always; read, chat and play!

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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Samantha Sillito

Headteacher





Discover low-cost activities to entertain the family this summer and develop your maths skills.

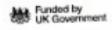
- Get expert maths support with tutors from the Isle of Wight Council's adult community learning team.
- Pick up a Save on Summer pack with summer holiday ideas, cost of living support and a voucher to use at your chosen community pantry.
- Discover how you could win a £50 supermarket voucher or a £50 Wight Gift Card. Plus other prizes with our family maths challenge.
- · Find out about our autumn maths skills courses.
- Free tea, coffee and cake!

Venue: Queensgate Primary School

Date: Wednesday 12th July

Time: 1pm-3pm

Please contact the school office for further details and to sign up for this workshop.







# Author Peter J Murray Will be at the

### **COUNTY SHOW**

At 11am on:

SATURDAY 8th JULY, 2023

COWES COUNTY SHOWGROUND



Come and be entertained by Pete as he reads his brand new story, written just for the island, entitled, 'The Taming of Sidney Littlewood' (Session time around 45 minutes)

Ideal for children and grown-ups, who like to sit, listen and join in the fun. (There may even be a 'Peter' J Murray popdance routine' at the end!!!)

See you there...don't be late...something to remember forever!! (Hopefully for the right reasons!!)



#### Gymnastics & Trampoline Fun Days! Summer Holiday Clubs!

Tuesday 1st August 2023 Wednesday 2nd August 2023

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023

10:00 - 15:00 each day

Sea Cadets Cowes, Whitegates, Arctic Road, Cowes, PO31 7PG

£27 per Child for the Whole Day (£25 for Little Rocket Gymnasts)

Please Bring a Packed Lunch and Drinks and Wear Suitable Clothing (Leotard / Shorts & T-shirt and Socks) A tuck shop for sweets and drinks will also be available

#### **HOW TO BOOK**

Please go to https://little-rockets.class4kids.co.uk to book your place on line.

If there are any queries please contact Christy on 07518 335319
Thank you ©





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Watch the parade from the top of Union Street from 3.15 (approx.) then join in for the last bit!



