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You are Doing an Amazing Job!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well Done!

We have now had contact with every family in our school. We think you are doing a brilliant job at this time. We are enjoying seeing the children's work. Well done for everything you are doing. One more week then hopefully you can have a bit of a break and not nag your children about their schoolwork! We really do appreciate everything you are doing.

Express Yourself

Today has been Express Yourself day as part of the Children's Mental Health week. We will include some pictures in next week's newsletter.

Parents' Evenings

The booking system will go live this evening at 6pm on Scopay—look for Spring 2021. Parents' evenings are on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th February. These will take the form of a ten-minute meeting via Zoom. We will have to be strict with time to ensure people are not waiting in the virtual waiting room too long. The meetings will be with your child's class teacher even though someone else may teach them at this time. It will be a chance for you to chat through how your child is getting on with the learning in lockdown and if you need any further support.

Internet Safety Day – A useful time for some reminders



On **Tuesday 9th February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2021**. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and more to join together in helping to create a better internet. Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by starting (if your child is at home) or continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Education Pack for Parents and Carers which is available at: [saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents).

Please watch these videos together:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/detective-digiduck-virtual-assembly-3-7s> (Click here for an assembly Reception to Year 2)

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/i-am-educator/work-7-11s/virtual-assembly-7-11s> (Click here for an assembly Year 3 to Year 6)

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch.

Out & About

The children in school have been having fun on the Patch this week...

The children in **Year 1** have been sharing the story *Stick Man* by Julia Donaldson. They were challenged to create their own Stick Man on the Patch. The children hunted for a stick - carefully choosing one with arms, legs or a nose! They added extra features using twine to tie sticks together.

Year 2 have been continuing their learning on The Great Fire of London. They had fun on the Patch making a fire and using the flint and steels. The children were very confident at recounting facts about the Fire of London including how firebreaks (using gunpowder) and the dropping winds helped to stop the spread of the fire.

The **Year 3** 'bubble' worked in small teams to create their own river scene using natural and recycled materials. The children were given a limited selection of resources and challenged to create a mini river setting together. They all demonstrated great team work!

Year 4 will be studying *Habitats* next half term. The children in school visited the Patch to carry out a survey, looking at where they thought it would be best to site their new wildlife camera. The children had some super discussions about where they thought it should be positioned and why.



Working together for a successful future



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 with couscous	Sausages / Vegetable Sausages with Oven Baked Wedges	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips
Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables
Fruit Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread	Fruit and Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh Fruit Salad

Quay Arts—Home Art Activity with Hannah George

The wonderful Hannah George has created a fantastic art activity and filmed a tutorial for you to follow online. Suitable for all ages, this is a perfect mindful resource to use at home. There are downloadable patterned animal templates provided for inspiration or to print and colour in.



For more details and to see the resources and video please follow the below link

<https://www.quayarts.org/pattern-home-art-activity-with-hannah-george/>

February Half Term and Free School Meal Vouchers

Please note that the school will be closed to all pupils for the half term week from Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February.

Please ensure that the office have your correct email address as this is where your Free School Meal Vouchers will be sent - any changes should be sent to office@queensgateprimary.co.uk.

Positive Quote

"No one is perfect – that's why pencils have erasers." – Wolfgang Riebe

Love yourself, your whole self.

You are not here to be perfect, you are here to be you.

Be who you are and you will attract the right people around you.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



Telephone Support Line

Open to education staff and parents/carers
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 9.30am - 11.00am

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Educational Psychology (HIEP) are continuing to run a Telephone Support Line to help education staff and parents/carers during the current COVID-19 pandemic. The support line will be:

- confidential
- provided by educational psychologists
- for parents and carers of children and young people
- for staff in all settings
- for any queries related to the emotional wellbeing of children/young people and their families

What to expect

When you call, a member of our friendly support team will take your details and then ask an educational psychologist to call you back.

Our psychologists are there to listen and to support with the issues that might be concerning you regarding the emotional wellbeing of a child or young person. Some people call us knowing what issues they need help with, whilst other people find it helpful to just talk through what is happening for a child or young person.

How to contact us -
Please phone the number for your local area

Isle of Wight - 02392 441497

North (Basingstoke & North Test Valley) - 01252 814835

South (Fareham, Gosport & Havant) - 02392 441497

East (East Hants, Hart & Rushmoor) - 01252 814729

West (Winchester, Eastleigh, New Forest & South Test Valley)- 01962 876239

Free resources

HIEP have put together a collection of resources which are available to support our communities in managing worries and anxieties. Further information is available by phone and on our website.



www.hants.gov.uk/educational-psychology

