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Queensgate Foundation
Primary School



The Big Move!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Last Week in the Current Building

Next week is our final week in our current building. School finishes for half term at 3 pm on Thursday 13th February. The school is closed on Friday due to moving. School re-opens on Wednesday 26th February at 8.40 am. Please note there will not be a newsletter next week as we will be packing! This is a double issue!

We have continued to have donations from local businesses. This week we have received a donation from Wight Fibre. A huge thank you to them.



In addition Samels in East Cowes are doing us a great deal for our packing and pizza evening. Huge thanks to them.

Access (See Map on P8)

Access to the school is changing. After the half term holiday there will be a newly created pedestrian entrance to the left of our carpark entrance. This is a temporary entrance as the builders will take over our current site ready for demolition of the old building. You will walk up the path to the new building. At the new building Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 will turn left. Reception will access their classrooms from doors at the back of their classrooms very similar to now. Years 5 and 6 will enter the building through the double doors at the end.

Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will continue straight on when they get to the building. Years 3 and 4 will turn left and enter the building through the double doors. They will go up stairs. There will be staff there to show them where to go. **Parents will not be permitted in.** Years 1 and 2 will walk around the back of the building and enter their classrooms through the back doors in a very similar way to now.

All parents need to leave their children at the doors. There will be no access onto the site until 8.35 am apart from breakfast club of course (who will enter through the main door on their own please). We will no longer have a carpark and there will be no disabled parking spaces until the end of the project. The whole project should be finished in November 2020.

Pick Up

This will be a bit of trial and error. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be picked up from their classroom doors in a similar way to now. Year 3 and 4, will be brought down to you at the side doors. Please stand well back. We will put some signs out to show you where to wait. Years 5 and 6 will be released from upstairs and will leave the building independently.

Positive Quote

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for.



What's for dinner next week?

(Remember all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Free School dinners.)



Next Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese and Tomato French Bread Pizza	Spaghetti Beef Bolognaise	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Fish in Batter With Chips	INSET - no school
Five Bean Chilli with Rice	Vegetable Bolognaise	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cheese & Onion Swirls with Chips	
Sweetcorn Broccoli	Swede Carrot	Carrots Peas	Baked Beans Peas	
Oaty Cookie Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Banana Sponge and Custard Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Apple, Cheese and Crackers Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Valentine Cookies Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	

W-B 24/02/20				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
INSET - no school	INSET - no school	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage Roll with Mash	Fish fingers with Chips
		Potato and Courgette Stack with Roast Potatoes	Vegan Sausage Roll with Mash	Homemade Vegetable Sausage with Chips
		Carrots Green Beans	Cauliflower Broccoli	Baked Beans Peas
		Apple, Cheese and Crackers Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Syrup Sponge with Custard Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Pineapple Cake Yoghurt Fresh Fruit

QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP

The weather has abated and has allowed some fixtures to be played.

The Under Nine Girls football team continued their impressive season by completing their league programme with a 2-1 win at Greenmount and then an amazing 3-3 draw at St Thomas after trailing 1-0. The team now await their semi-final opponents.

12 Year 4 children took part in the Cowes Cluster Cross Country competition. The teams were broken down into teams of four – one boys team, one girls and one mixed. All the teams ran well and overall, the team came 4th – the boys gained the best position of 3rd.

This week our **Year 5** Swimming Superstars are... Ruby and Olivia G - great swimming with their faces in the water, Max - being super smiley and confident underwater, Reilly I - brilliant diving, Kelsie - amazing butterfly, Olivia H and Ellie W - fantastic swimming on their backs using floats. Our **Year 3** Swimming Superstars this week are... Shay - great listening and confident jumping into the pool, Hattie and Maria - amazing swimming on their backs using floats, Freddie - brilliant butterfly kicks on his back, Jude - super effort with his swimming and Emma R - graceful front crawl.

OUT & ABOUT LEARNING (For Week beginning 2nd March)

Tuesday morning - Reception (We will be going to St Helens Beach. Please come to school in warm play clothes, waterproof coat, hat, scarf, gloves, thick socks and wellies. Bring school clothes in a named carrier bag to change into afterwards.) Chris, Harley B, Toby, Flynn, James, Layton, Katelyn, Scarlett, Lily, Harvey D, Emily, Toby G

Tuesday afternoon - Year 5 Swimming (Please ensure your child has a swimming costume/swim shorts, goggles, spare socks and a towel with them. Please note that we may be a little late back to school after swimming each week as the children don't get out of the water until 2.30pm.)

Wednesday morning - Year 1 (We will be going Puckpool. Please come to school in warm play clothes, waterproof coat, hat, scarf, gloves, thick socks and wellies. Bring school clothes in a named carrier bag to change into afterwards.) Florence, Halle, George B, Guy, Elvis, Xachary, Zachary, Evie H, Jake P, Emily H, Matthew, Ryan A

Wednesday afternoon - Year 3 Swimming (Please ensure your child has a swimming costume/swim shorts, goggles, spare socks and a towel with them. Please note that we may be a little late back to school after swimming each week as the children don't get out of the water until 2.30pm.)

On Tuesday morning the **Reception** Out and About children had a super time at their Wildbeach session at St Helens. They ventured down to the rock pools and spotted lots of limpets, cockles and anemones. The children then enjoyed exploring the variety of activities and resources provided by the Wildlife Trust. Some of the children hunted for shells and stones with holes in to create their own jewellery whilst others were busy in the sand kitchen, building sand castles, ordering numbers and making their own rock pools.



In **Year 1**, the children have been sharing the book *Dogger* by Shirley Hughes, a story about a little boy and his lost toy dog. During Out and About on Wednesday morning the Year 1 children helped me (Mrs Johnson) to find my own children's lost teddy. They read clues and used maps to follow a trail to find him. The children learnt how to read compasses to work out which direction they needed to go. They were all very excited to discover the teddy hiding near the park and had a wonderful time playing together before it was hot chocolate time! Mrs Sillito also enjoyed Out & About!



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Year 4 Egyptian Museum

On Tuesday afternoon parents of Year 4 children were invited to come and see a showcase of all the work completed at school and home around this topic. Thank you for everyone that turned up.



Our Egyptian museum was really fun and enjoyable as there were lots of activities. My mum and dad thought it was really good. Arthur 4LM

It was really fun making the artefacts for the museum. My mum and auntie found it very interesting and fun when we dressed up! Eron 4LM



I really liked the Egyptian museum, it was really fun. My best parts were dressing up with my mum and grandma and the games the Egyptians used to play. Erin 4LM

I was excited to show my mum and dad all the stuff that 4LM had made to display, as well as all the information we have researched. I really enjoyed finding out lots of facts about the Egyptians. Sophie 4LM

I found the Egyptian museum really exciting as we got to see all of the artefacts that the other children had made. I really like the Egyptian necklace that Marika made. Layla L 4AH



I found it really enjoyable and so did my dad. Jake 4AH



I thought that Jo's Tutankhamun's death mask was amazing. It looked like it was impossible to make. Chloe 4AH

Lost Property



Emilia R in Y5 has lost her black and white football boots, they are clearly named. If found please return to the office. Thank you.



Unauthorised Absences

Once again we have a lot of unauthorised absences because parents are not following up absences in writing. Please can you make sure that you follow the policy. If your child is absent from school - please contact the school by phone and state why your child is off. Then, when they return to school please send in a note or email repeating the reasons for absence. Many thanks.

Queensgate supports school in Gambia

As we prepare to move into our new school we have sorted through lots of books and equipment to aid a school in Gambia. The school is the second one being built and equipped by Pencil Cottage Tea Rooms, Shanklin. On Thursday Lisa, from Pencil Cottage collected lots books, sports equipment, sports kit and various items which will either go directly to the children in Gambia, or will be sold by the shop in Pencil Cottage. All funds raised will help to support the children in Gambia. We should feel proud that we have been able to support the education of children less fortunate than our own. In the throw away world we live in it's also a positive sign that we have been able to reduce the amount going to landfill. Staff also donated new items for the teachers – thank you. Lisa is returning on Monday morning to collect the final items. If you visit Pencil Cottage Tea rooms in Shanklin, you can see photos of the school which has been built.

QUEENSGATE GRAND SALE

On Friday 14th February the school will be holding a Grand Sale throughout the day in the school hall. Items available include: Tables, chairs, upholstered chairs, book cases, cupboards, filing cabinets, toaster, cd players, art and craft items, crockery, tools – too many items to mention. Cash only. The Sale will run from 08:30am – 5:00pm. Please be ready to take items away we cannot store them.

Skipping Workshops

We are holding skipping workshops next Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Tuesday the classes that will be skipping will be 1KS, 1CE, 3PT, 3BM, 4AH, 4LM and 6TS.

On Wednesday the classes that will be skipping will be RAS, RSJ, 2BG, 2KA, 5RA, 5PG and 6LR. Please ensure the children have their PE kits in school on these days.

The same high quality '**speed ropes**' as used by the international team, will be on sale at school at a **reduced** cost of **£4.00**. The ropes are made to a high standard, are light and turn easily to allow children and adults to progress rapidly. Colour change solar ropes are **£5**. Adult ropes are also available for older siblings and your personal fitness/weight loss etc at **£6** each 4m 'family ropes' at **£7.50** each and 2 x Double Dutch ropes for **£12**.

Ropes will be on sale after school on the day of the workshops. *Please put your cash in an envelope with the child's name and class on the front.*

Thank you

We would very much like to thank you all for your support during this very busy period.

Whole school attendance 96.4%.

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

This week RSJ achieved 99.28% attendance! Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,



Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

East Cowes

Pancake Races

Starting from 3:45pm
Tuesday 25th February
Kings Square (opposite Waitrose)

This *free* event is only possible because of our members. Please 'think local' whenever you shop, need a plumber or place to eat!

A full list of our members can be found on our website www.ecba.biz

Twitter: @EastCowesBiz Facebook: EastCowesBusinessAssociation



Just turn up, we'll supply the frying pan and pancake!
 Children and adult races!
 A totally FREE East Cowes Business Association event, just for fun!

FEBRUARY FUN AT NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA

WICKED WOLF MASKS

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY

FANTASTIC FACE POTS

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY

10.30AM - 3PM

£1 ENTRY FOR ALL

NO NEED TO BOOK JUST DROP IN



Newport Roman Villa, Cypress Road, Newport PO30 1HA
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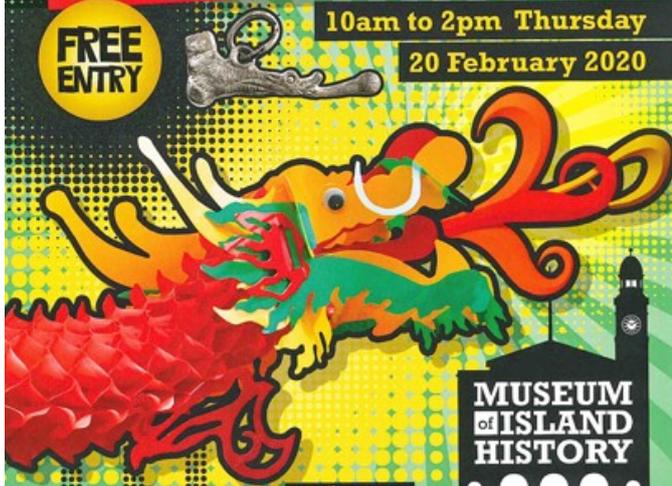


GET FIRED UP AT THE EXCITING DRAGON DAY

FREE ENTRY

10am to 2pm Thursday

20 February 2020



**MUSEUM
 of ISLAND
 HISTORY**

Guildhall, High Street,
 Newport, IW, PO30 1TY
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'A Tale of Two Shipwrecks' exhibition
 Make a dragon puppet to take home
 Your archaeological finds identified

Event organised by IW Heritage Service Pictured: 16th century silver ear scoop



The Great Leap Forward

WEST GALLERY EXHIBITION



Exhibition:

Sat 8 Feb - Sat 18 Apr

Opening Event:

Sat 8 Feb | 12 - 2pm | Free, all welcome

The Great Leap Day Event:

Sat 29 Feb | Time & info TBC

A group exhibition of work created by local school children from across the island with artists Ian Whitmore & Chris Jenkins, reflecting upon the heritage of the Isle of Wight and theme of 'The Future', drawing inspiration from, and celebrating the Lift The Lid project and commissions.



What is Lift the Lid?

Lift the Lid on Island Culture is a 2 year project focused on four brand new art commissions, the aim being to reignite a sense of pride and passion in the cultural heritage of the Isle of Wight.

The final phase, The Great Leap Forward is a celebration of the art commissions and a call to explore the future of culture on the Island through the eyes of young people.



Quay Arts are supported by: **WIGHTLINK**, **Style**, **wightfibre**, **artwork**, **Quay Arts**

Gallery Opening Times: Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm & Sundays 10am - 4pm
 WWW.QUAYARTS.ORG | QUAY ARTS, SEA ST, NEWPORT HARBOUR, IW, PO30 5BD | 01983 822490

Some of our children have contributed to this exhibition, so go along and have a look!

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A fantastic new family festival for February Half Term!

Meet amazing authors and illustrators, including *Winnie the Witch* illustrator, Korky Paul and *Tracy Beaker* illustrator, Nick Sharratt!



Stories!

Meet the bats from the IW Bat Hospital!

Magic!

See the stars in the IW Planetarium's astrodome!

Puppets!

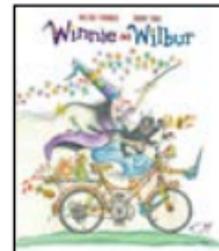
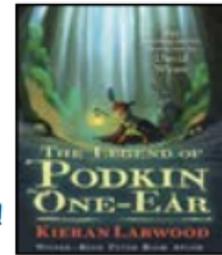
Crafts!

Make your World Book Day costume!



Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd February
at Riverside Centre, Newport 10.30am-4pm

Tickets £5 or less. Many activities **free** of charge.



Find out more and buy your tickets at www.iwstoryfestival.com

Climate change. It threatens the bright, dazzling futures that you strive to build. So what can we do, **in collaboration with you?**

You may have heard of the 'Youth Strike 4 Climate'. There's one coming up:

11AM
Friday 14th
February
St. Thomas'
Square, Newport

junior parkrun

Medina, Isle of Wight
junior parkrun

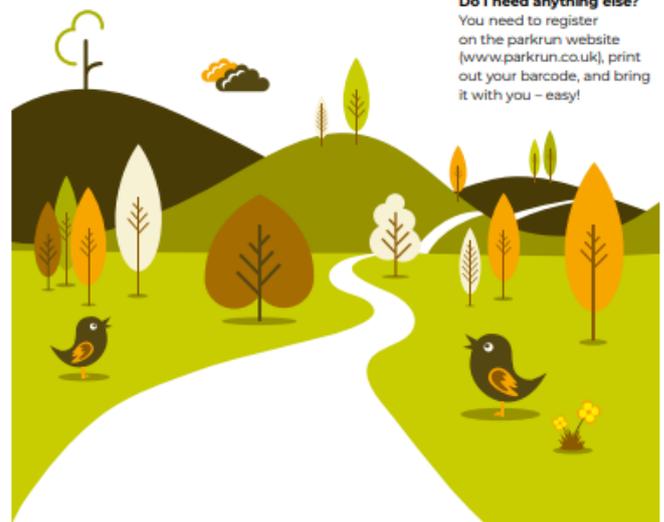
What is junior parkrun?
Junior parkrun is a free, friendly and fun 2k run for people over four years and up to 14 years.

When?
9am, every Sunday morning.

Where?
Seaclose Park Newport

Do I need to be fast?
No, junior parkrun is for all abilities.

Do I need anything else?
You need to register on the parkrun website (www.parkrun.co.uk), print out your barcode, and bring it with you – easy!



parkrun

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SANDOWN SOCCER

at The Bay C of E Primary

For children aged 5-11

Monday - Thursday
17th - 20th February

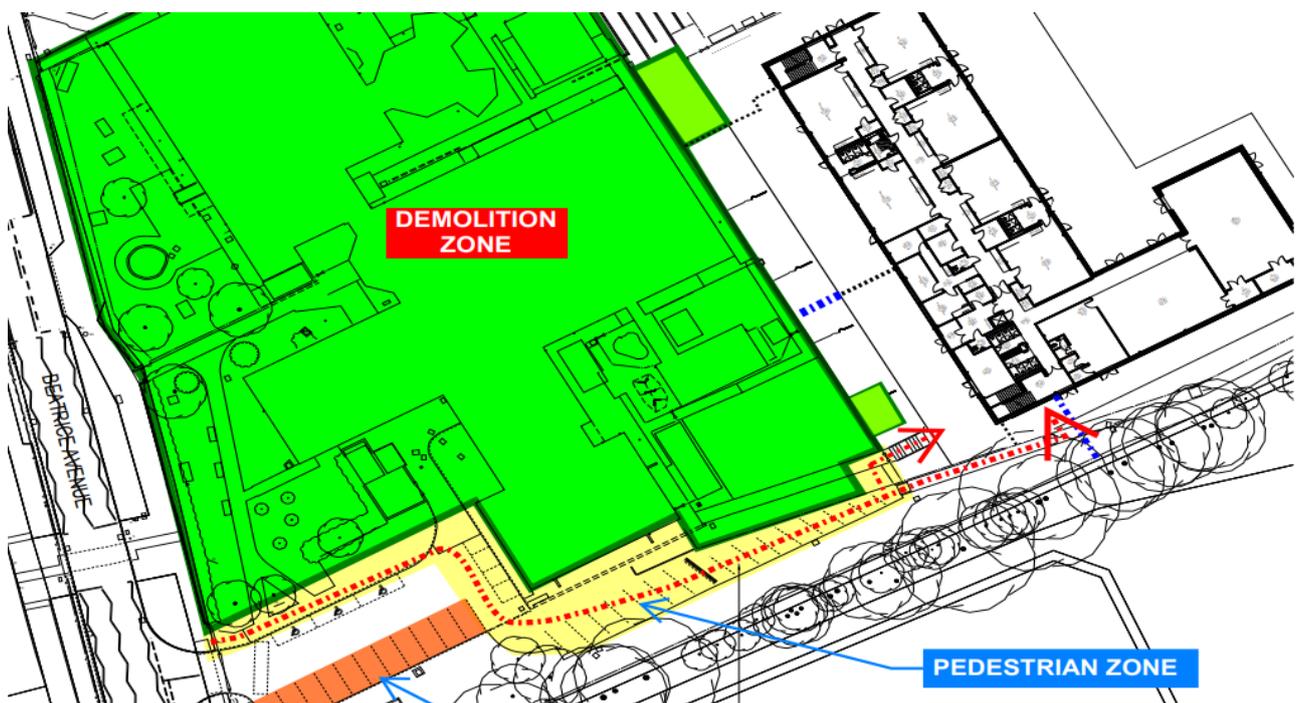
10AM - 3PM £10 a day!

Mini-Soccer camp for children. Aiming to provide a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing and improving players footballing ability!

- ★ Fully FA Qualified coaches - With First Aid, Safeguarding children and DBS checked.
- ★ Skill development and games!
- ★ Win medals and trophies throughout the week with our Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar and Speed Champion competitions as well as Most Improved, Best Attitude and Future Star awards!
- ★ Finish the week with a Sandown Soccer World Cup where one team will become World Champions!

New route into school from February 26th 2020

Please see map below showing new access into the new school building.



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