



Platinum Sports Award for Queensgate - three times in a row!

Dear Families,

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award for the 2023/24 and 24/25 academic years. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. We look forward to applying once again in 2026!



Supporting paragraph from SGO

Queensgate is a school who are putting PESSPA (Physical Education, school sport and physical activity) at the core of everything they do. The journey is ongoing but has the full support of the head teacher, senior leaders and staff to ensure that the children have many

opportunities to be physically active. The school is well resourced to support physical activity at breaks and outside of curriculum time with fantastic use of the PE Premium funding to install an agility course and outdoor play equipment. PESSPA is promoted well by a hard working PE lead and the other teaching staff are linking the benefits of developing physical activity to develop cross curricular learning. The school has embraced equal opportunities and are staunch supporters of the school games by entering as many competitions as possible. They also are willing hosts for both cluster events and island wide events organised by SGOs.

With a clear focus on PE CPD they have encouraged and developed a whole school approach to delivering high quality PE. They also utilise the expertise of sports coaches to deliver clubs and enrichment activities.

Promoting the competition intent to parents via the sports letters, newsletters and social media platforms have made an impact on participation and has resulted in more children wanting to engage in being physically active at school.

The use of visiting athletes and the Sports Crew to provide role models for the younger children has been a success and the Y6 leaders have an important role to play in supporting behaviour and participation across the school.

This will be the 3rd Platinum Award for Queensgate and an award I fully support. Congratulations to everyone at the school who have worked so hard to be a beacon of best practice and who are always searching for methods to improve on what they do to develop PESSPA for the children at the school.

Well Done!!

Tony Harris

SGO

Year 6 SATs

The Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) for Year 6 have been very challenging. Our Year 6 children have tackled them with an upbeat attitude and positivity, showing good humour throughout. Well done Year 6 we are very proud of you all. The Year 6's enjoyed coming together first thing in the morning over breakfast, which created a relaxed start to the day!



The Next Steps for Year 6

Year 6 will still be carrying on with the Curriculum and will be working hard for their writing assessments, but there are a couple of days next week of different activities. On Monday 20th May Year 6 will be going to UKSA for a sailing experience and on Tuesday they have chosen a skateboarding day as part of their end of exams celebrations.

Utilita Energy Competition

As part of our Eco day we are having Utilita Energy in to present to the school. As part of this the children have the opportunity to enter a poster competition.

A poster can be collected from the office and then the entry needs to be returned to the office by Thursday of next week.

Children need to design an energy saving invention; either a brand new way that we could create energy, or by powering everyday items in a different way.

A poster for the Utilita Energy Saving Invention competition. The poster is teal and white. It features the Utilita Energy logo, a hand icon, and the text 'utilita HIGH 5' and 'utilita energy hub'. The main heading is 'Utilita Energy Saving Invention.' Below this, there are two columns of text: 'We need your help to think of an invention that saves energy. You could think about how to power your everyday electrical items or you might have a brand-new way to create energy.' and 'Big or small, draw up your idea and don't forget to include how it works.' There is a small box for 'How does it work?' and a section for 'Your details' with four input fields: Name, Age, Class, and School. The poster also includes icons for a sun, a lightning bolt, a house, and a tree.

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Want to learn more?
Visit utilita.co.uk/High5

How does it work?

Your details

Name	Age
Class	School



Eco Schools



Did you know?

Next Friday, 24th May, is Eco Day at Queensgate!

Queensgate Eco Day – We care, do you?

Over the last few weeks we have shared lots of Did you Know information, followed by Eco Tips to help everyone become more environmentally friendly and greener.

Don't forget it is green and blue Mufti day on Friday – KS 1 to dress in green and KS2 to dress in blue. Please send your child in with a donation to help towards our Green Flag Award. We will donate some of this to a worthy 'Green' cause. The children will be off timetable for the day to experience various assemblies, workshops and activities. Please encourage your child to enter the Best Energy Efficient Design Competition. There will be prizes and all children will come home with a small memento of our Eco Day.



Inspiring children to contribute to a greener environment and world is something we could and should do.

Out and About

The children in **Reception** are learning about different modes of transport this half term. The final Out and About team had the chance to 'ride the train' from Ryde to Brading, where they enjoyed a story and snack before returning back to Ryde. They were all very sensible, waiting on the platforms, boarding the trains and learning about train travel. The group also liked watching the hovercraft arrive at the Ryde terminal. We have been very fortunate to be able to offer this experience for free and would like to pass on our thanks to the Isle of Wight Community Rail Partnership for making it possible.

"I liked going on the train. It was really dark in the tunnels. I liked standing up on the train with Thomas and 'surfing'. It was an electric train. At snack time we had an apple and sat on the platform and had a story about a steam train that ran away! I really enjoyed it, I liked everything, even going on the minibus." Rhue RSD

"We went on a train. I liked standing up and I liked going through the tunnel. It was all dark. We saw a red light on the platform. It tells the driver to stop." Mayleigh RBH



Our **Year 5** Out and About group went for a sunny walk (or run, for some children!) along Bonchurch seafront on Tuesday afternoon. The children followed Stokey's Solar System Trail, reading facts about each planet on display boards and discussing the distance between the planets and their comparative size. It was a great opportunity for the children to share and consolidate all their learning and knowledge about Space.

"We went for a walk on Bonchurch seafront to learn about the Solar System. When we got to the end, the waves were splashing over the sea wall and some of us got wet! We got to hold different sized balls to represent the different planets." Harry Hooper 5TS

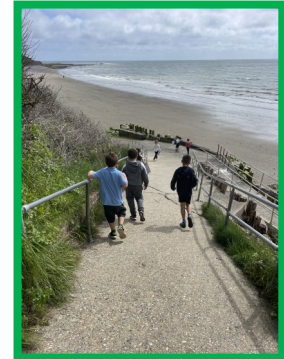
"We went on a walk and walked down along the beach. Each one of us had a turn at reading about the planets and each one got to hold a ball that was representing the size of the planets. At the end, we were watching the waves and we got soaking wet!!!" Emily B 5TS



This half term our **Year 4** children have been sharing the story *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba. To tie in with this, our Out and About group visited Bembridge Windmill, where they learnt about the history of the mill and had a go at sketching it. The group then used compasses and maps to follow a route through the woodland to Whitecliff Bay and back to the minibus. The group demonstrated amazing map reading skills and a super sense of direction.

"We went to see Bembridge Windmill. We did a sketch of the windmill, then went for a walk to the beach. We had a map and a compass to help us see north and south and find the directions to get to the beach. I liked skimming rocks into the sea and being the leader when we were walking." Harley B 4BM

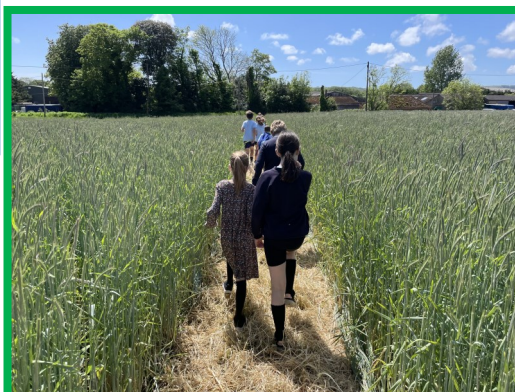
"We to a windmill and did a sketch. We used a map and compass to guide us to Whitecliff Bay and we got to take a break on the beach. We had lots of fun!" Harley T 4BM



The **6TM** Out and About group went Geocaching around the Merstone cycle track and surrounding farmland. Despite usually discouraging the children to be on their mobile phones, during this Out and About session the children were actively encouraged to bring along their phones! The aim of the session was to introduce an activity that the children might like to take part in with their friends and families out of school, to keep active and have fun. The children located six different caches ('swappables' and some 'micros') by following GPS navigation and using the 'hints' to help. Well done Team!



GPS FUN!



Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears suitable play clothes and they bring a sunhat or waterproof coat (depending on the forecast). Comfortable trainers or walking boots are recommended for Y4, Y5 and Y6 Out and About.

Tuesday am - Reception *St Helens Beach*

Archer, Nithya, Eden, Harper, Niamh, Reggie, Chloe, Denis, Finley, Joshua M, Joshua W, Rosey and Ezra.

*Please bring spare clothes incase they get wet.

Tuesday pm - Year 5 *Highdown Rocket Testing Site, Needles*

Ryan, Connor, Xachary, Emily Briggenshaw, Eliana, Abigail, Maya, Jonny, Guy, Logan, George, Brooke, Braiden, Acacia and Denys.

Wednesday am - Year 4 *Tennyson Downs Walk*

Ashton, Maddie, Annabella, Toby, Destiny-Grace, Hannah, Edward, Jack, Logan, Jesse, Charley, Oscar S, Tommy, Elliot and Kyle.

Wednesday pm - Year 6 (6TM) *Geocaching*

James D, Archie, James M, Tommy, Zoe, Joe, Rochelle, Sarah, Charlotte, Chloe Sh, Keira, Bella TR, Chyna and Evie.

*Please download the free Geocaching app on your phone ready and create a login (see letter).

Cooking Next Week

Please can your child in **Reception** bring in a container for cookery next **Tuesday** suitable for a biscuit. Clayton, Antonia, Emily, Felicity, Nova, Riley, Quinn, Remi-Rose, Amelia, Jovi, Kaden, Theo T and Theo W.

Please can your child in **Year 5** bring in a container for cookery next **Tuesday** suitable for Summertime Macaroni Cheese.

Matthew, Brody, Florence, Evie, Liam, Leon S, Tom, Elvis, Teddy, Amelia, Emily H, Halle, Hayley, Amy.

Please can your child in **Year 4** bring in a container on **Wednesday** suitable for Cheese and Onion Pasties.

Christopher, Tyler, Caiden, Dylan, Malaika, Logan E, Tilly, Katelyn, Ella R, Freddie, Ella Sch, Alfie, Rory, Connor and Keian.

If your child attends **Cookery Club** on either a **Tuesday** or **Wednesday** please bring a container **Every Week**.





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
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake	See Below for special menu ↓
JACKET POTATO	Tomato and Herb Lentil Pasta	Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Cheese and Onion Pasty Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce Served with Rainbow Rice	
DESSERT	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie with Fruit	Strawberry Jelly	Banana Cake	Lemon Sicilian Cookie	Chocolate Ice Cream

Chartwells have put together a special menu for our Eco day on Friday 24th May

BEE THANKFUL FOR BEES

MAINS
Fish Fingers and Chips
OR
Cauliflower Mac 'n' Cheese

SIDES
Bees (peas!)
Mixed Salad

DESSERT
Honey and Orange Cupcakes

Bumblebee Conservation Trust

Working together for a successful future



Weekly update

It has all changed at the top of the leaderboard with Year 5 stretching ahead of the other year groups for the first week since the start of the challenge. Year 6 seem to have stalled on their journey this week whilst the other year groups are steadily making their way around the world.

Team leaderboard

Team name	Total distance
YEAR 5	500246 km
Year 6	285305 km
YEAR 4	28450 km
YEAR 2	16676 km
YEAR 3	14987 km
YEAR 1	1058 km
RECEPTION	620 km

Table showing the total number of kilometres travelled since starting on the journey.

PTFA Plant Sale

Please bring all donations of plants in on **Friday 24th May** in the morning.

The sale will be after school on the front lawn. All proceeds will be going to the PTFA so they can fund other projects and resources in school for the children.



"MOVEMENT IS A MEDICINE
FOR CREATING CHANGE IN
A PERSON'S PHYSICAL,
EMOTIONAL, AND MENTAL
STATES."

-CAROL WELCH-

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 94.86%

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.86%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KA with 97.24%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 6LR with 99.31%

And Finally...

Have a lovely weekend and remember to chat, read and play with your children!

Best wishes,



Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



Let's shape the future of the Family Hubs together.

Your feedback is essential for us to make positive changes to the services we provide. Please scan the QR code below to give us your thoughts in our latest survey.



Sign up to our mailing list to be kept informed on upcoming drop-in sessions, please use the contact details below. All new sign ups receive a free family soft play session at Aspire Kingdom Play.

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Children are welcome to come for one day or for ALL the days!

Attend at least 4 out of the 4 days during the week and win a medal for all of your hard work!

To book a place text your child's name, school year, dates and your name to **07594 389531**

Sandown Soccer - Isle of Wight

SANDOWN SOCCER
at The Bay CE Secondary

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11

Tuesday - Friday
28th - 31st May

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

10AM - 3PM

- ★ FA Qualified coaches with enhanced DBS and up to date first aid and safeguarding training.
- ★ Fun football games to develop agility, balance, coordination and speed!
- ★ Win medals by becoming Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar or Speed Champion as well as our Best Attitude, Most Improved and Future Star awards!
- ★ Take part in the Sandown Soccer World Cup where one team will be crowned **WORLD CHAMPIONS!!!**

St Mildred's Church Fare

Please support this event on Saturday 18th May from 12 noon until 3.30pm. There will be stalls, a BBQ and a fun dog show!



Categories for the dog show:

1. Prettiest girl
2. Handsome boy
3. Most Appealing eyes
4. Best rescue
5. Best Puppy
6. Best sausage catcher
7. Junior Handler
8. Waggiest Tail
9. Best veteran 7 years and over
10. Best fancy dress of your choice
11. Reserve Best in show *Prize*
12. Best in show *Prize*