



Remember Two Week Half Term Break

Dear Parents and Carers,

Authors Visited us Last Week

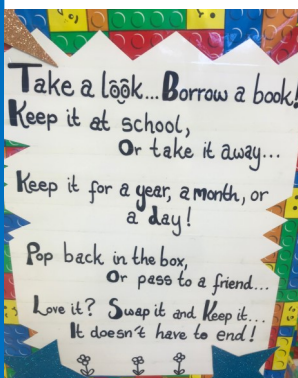
KS2 were fortunate enough to have a visit from award winning author, Guy Bass last Thursday morning. He had the children and adults in stitches as he shared his pictures and poetry, he also tried some mind reading with members of the audience! Finally, he shared some of his books with us and the ideas behind them. He told us that his latest book, Skeleton Keys, was about imaginary friends who become un-imaginary. We felt inspired to find out more about his work and a lot of pupils were very keen to read what he had written. Thanks to Miss Stone and the Isle of Wight Literacy Festival for organising everything!

Reception and KS1 were delighted to have island based author Jules Marriner visit as part of the Island Literacy Festival. Jules talked about how she writes and illustrates her books in her studio and her two dogs Maisy and Wally are often a source of inspiration. Jules read her new book Dogstar- *"What happens to old dogs when their breath gets a bit smelly or their ears get full of wax? A trip to the vet? Not in this story! Find out where old Monty is, and how his best friend Pixie finds out what he's been up to."*

The children then went on a 'space-walk' to the moon and Mars and had the chance to design their very own rockets which Jules loved seeing and asking children questions about their designs.

Jules commented on how well the children behaved, listened and how brilliantly they all engaged with the event especially our very young children in reception.

Borrow Box



Our Literacy Governor, Lucy Curran, has put a 'borrow box' in the foyer area of Queensgate. Over the half term break please could you look through books that your children may have grown out of. Please bring them in and put them in the borrow box. As you can see from the photo there is no sign in or sign out system, children just borrow the books and put them back when they have finished reading them. Happy reading everyone!



Parents and Carers Evenings

Just a reminder that parents and carers evenings are after the holiday on Wednesday 6th November and Thursday 7th November. Please go onto Scopay to book your appointment. We would like to see every family so that you can keep up with how your child is getting on at school. This is also an opportunity to find out how you can support your child better in their learning at home too.



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 New Potatoes	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice	Fish in Batter with Chips
Vegetable Tagine with Couscous	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Vegetable Pasta Bake
Mixed Peppers Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad Peas	Cabbage Carrots	Sweetcorn Green Beans	Baked Beans Peas
Eves Pudding with Custard	Mandarins and Ice Cream	Chocolate Shortbread	Yoghurt Station Fruit platter	Banana Loaf

OUT & ABOUT LEARNING

Children going Out and About must have appropriate play clothes (which you don't mind getting dirty) unless specified differently below.

Tuesday morning - Year 4 (This term each group from Year 4 will be visiting a different seaside town to design their own postcard. Please ensure your child has play clothes, a waterproof coat and wellies.) Riley N, Logan P, Ashton W, Joe B, Jake D, Archie F, Lilly-Rose K, Ben P, Taylor S

Tuesday afternoon - Year 6 (We're off orienteering in the forest so please bring suitable play clothes to change into at lunchtime, a waterproof coat and wellies. It will be very muddy! Meet at the front door ready to leave at 1pm.)

Amelia B, Hannah F, Grace D, Keira-Mae I, Isobel McC, Ellie C, Charlie G, George H, Liam L, Jake R, Charlie R, Callum Y, Jim W

Wednesday morning - Year 3 (We won't be Out and About as we have a special visitor in to talk to Year 3 about the Stone Age.)

Wednesday afternoon - Year 2 (We will be enjoying an Autumn walk in Borthwood Copse. Please bring play clothes, a waterproof coat and wellies to change into after you've eaten your lunch.)

Vincent B, Emily B, James D, Felicity H, James M, Phoenix R, Amber-May A, Toby H, Amelia P, Tommy-James R, Chloe S, Summer W



The **Year 2** Out and About group visited Firestone Copse for a muddy Autumn walk on Wednesday afternoon. We talked about the signs of Autumn and gathered different coloured leaves from a variety of species of trees. The children used the leaves they'd found to do leaf rubbings with wax crayons. They also used hammers to have a go at leaf bashing, creating leaf prints on fabric. 'I enjoyed doing the leaf rubbings and using the hammer to make leaf prints' Sophie 2BG

On Tuesday morning the **Year 4** Out and About group visited Sandown seafront. The children were challenged to find where they were on a map of the Island. We talked about the geography of Sandown including the sea defences and the crumbling cliffs. The children designed their own postcards of the pier which they wrote to their class teachers. Whilst sketching the pier we looked at the structure of it, made up of bollards and piles. The children enjoyed a bit of Maths on the Pier as we exchanged a £1 coin into 2p pieces and they each had a go on the 2p machines! We talked about how many 2ps we would get and how many each child should have to make it fair. "The ten of us shared £1 so we had five 2ps each to try and win on the 2p slot machines. We had lots of fun, but sadly no one won!" Ryan F 4AH



Year 6 Out and About children had quite an adventure on Tuesday afternoon! The children worked well as a team to follow their maps, navigating their way around Parkhurst Forest to find the orienteering posts. They enjoyed using walkie-talkies to communicate with each other, sharing clues about what to look out for. The children had been walking for an hour and were nearly at the minibus when we discovered a large fallen tree on the path. Faced with the dilemma of either retracing our steps (at least an hours walk back uphill) or trying to get around the tree. The children showed great resilience as we helped each other get around the tree (through mud, ditches and over tree roots) back on to the main path. There was certainly lots of laughter and a lot of mud!

Year 3 will be studying the Stone Age after half term. During Out and About we have been preparing for this topic. On Wednesday morning the children visited the Longstone at Mottistone. They energetically ran to the top of the hill (in record breaking time!) to discover the 6,000 year old burial ground and where the two entrance stones still remain. The children had a go at sketching the Longstone and reading more about its history before quickly running back down to the car park.



QUEENSGATE SPORT ROUNDUP



Rain has curtailed events this week with just the U-11 Cowes Cluster Tag Rugby going ahead – even that was rained off once. Three teams took part; Wootton, Lanesend and Queensgate. Each team played twice against each other. Queensgate beat Lanesend twice and lost to Wootton twice, all the games were fairly close and could have gone the other way. It all meant that Wootton and Queensgate qualified for the IOW finals with 10 other schools but the finals were rained off! These will now be after half term.

Year 6 Secondary Applications (Message from the Local Authority)

The closing date for the Year 6 Secondary applications round is fast approaching (31st October) and we are still very short of applications and the result of this could mean students not getting the school of their choice or even their closest. Please can parents of current Year six pupils ensure that they have applied by the deadline. Parents will need to be aware that there has been a reduction in PAN at several schools resulting in fewer places being available. Many thanks.

The First Week Back

The first week back after the break is quite busy with Visits and visitors in school.

On **Monday 4th November** our School Council are going to see the new building and have a tour of the site. We will also be thinking about the Firework Code.

On **Tuesday 5th November** Atlas Images are in school taking photos. Some NHS Nurses will be in to do some screening with Reception children.

On **Wednesday 6th November** Natalie Smith from the Local Authority will be visiting Queensgate to carry out a teaching and learning review. Some NHS Nurses will be in to do some screening with Reception children. Simon Cooper is in to work with Year 3 around the Stone Age. It is also parents' and carers' evenings.

On **Thursday 7th November** our Year 4, 5 and 6 Representatives from the school council will be attending the Field of Remembrance service at Carisbrooke Castle with Mr Tilling. Dave Parenll from the Local Authority will be visiting Queensgate to look at Mathematics teaching and learning. It is also parents' and carers' evening.

On **Friday 8th November** Year 5 will be having a visit from the Fire Service and Year 3 will be having a visit from Trevor Price from Dinosaur Isle.

Cashless School

In our bid to go cashless we are moving to using Scopay to pay for everything. This will be for lunches, snacks, school trips, uniform and breakfast club. Please ensure you have set up your account. Please also note that KS2 tuck should also be paid for online. For any assistance please see the Admin team. As from January 2020 we will no longer be able to accept cash.



Queensgate Foundation Primary School



Queensgate Foundation Primary School is a thriving two-form entry primary school in East Cowes.
The school has had three consecutive "Good" Ofsted inspections since opening.

**We are looking for an SEND assistant to work 1:1 supporting a pupil with an EHCP.
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The fixed term position will be term time only**

We are looking for someone who:

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- is reliable
- has the ability to build great relationships

We can offer:

- a very supportive, cheerful and positive staff team
- a leadership team, which keep children at the heart of their decision making
- a brand new building to move into and wonderful children!

You are warmly welcomed to visit the school for a tour on Monday 21st October at 12:00pm

To apply for this position please check out the Vacancies section on our school website:
www.queensgateprimary.co.uk and send your application to: admin@queensgateprimary.co.uk

Closing date: Monday 4th November 2019 – 12 noon

Interview date: Thursday 7th November 2019

*The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children. The successful applicant will require an enhanced DBS clearance.
The school is committed to equal opportunities.*

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No Clubs First Week Back

Due to Parents' evenings there are no clubs (apart from Samba) during the first week back after half term. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Year 1 and Year 2 Morning Routine

After the holiday could parents for both Year 1 and Year 2 drop the children at the doors in the morning at 8.40 am? We are encouraging the children to come in independently. Thanks.

Half Term

Please remember it's two weeks for the first time this year, we will see you all on Monday 4th November.

Have a lovely half term break.

Whole school attendance 96.4%.

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

This week 3BM achieved 99.2% attendance! Well done.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher

An opportunity to find out about, support or join local voluntary groups, clubs & societies.

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

EAST COWES TOWN HALL

**Saturday
November 2nd**

10am - 12noon

Come along and see what is on offer and meet the groups or just come in for a cuppa.

Free Entry

Organised by The Friends of East Cowes

OCTOBER HALF-TERM FUN AT

NASTY NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA

- £1 entry
- 10.30am to 3pm
- No need to book - just drop in!

PECULIAR POP-UP PUPPETS
Wednesday 23 October

CATAPULT CRAZY
Monday 28 October

MIXED-UP MONSTERS CLAY DAY
Wednesday 30 October



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ENGLISH
HERITAGE

Family Activities at Osborne and Carisbrooke Castle in 2019

All events are free to English Heritage Members and just normal entry fees apply for non-members except for Victorian Christmas which has an additional cost *.

At Osborne House	
Victorian Falconry	Monday 21 st October – Friday 25 th October
Autumn Adventures	Saturday 26 th October – Sunday 3 rd November
November Family Activity Weekend : Remembrance theme	Saturday 9 th November and Sunday 10 th November
Victorian Christmas	Saturday 30 th November – Sunday 1 st December *Family Ticket £44.50 EH Members Family Ticket £9.10
December Family Activity Weekend : Christmas Crafts	Saturday 7 th December and Sunday 8 th December
School Choirs in the House	Throughout December local school choirs will come and sing Christmas Carols and Songs in the House whilst it is decked for Christmas. The schools will send out more details through their newsletters.

At Carisbrooke Castle	
Spooky Carisbrooke Castle with Creepy Critters	Saturday 26 th October – Sunday 3 rd November
Carisbrooke Castle Christmas Market	Saturday 16 th November and Sunday 17 th November



HEDGEHOG ISLAND

Helping hedgehogs on the Isle of Wight

THE BIG HEDGEHOG COUNT!

Hedgehog Island is a brand new campaign led by The Wildheart Trust at the IW Zoo and local voluntary hedgehog rescue group Save Our Hedgehogs Isle of Wight to see how many hedgehogs there are on the Island.

We need your help to find out the size of the hedgehog population and where the hedgehogs are located. Please report any hedgehog sightings to us so we can build up an accurate picture and create a map.

You can send in your sightings by email or by post. There is a simple form you can download and fill in [How to report your hedgehog sighting](#), or you can simply email the information to iwnhas@btconnect.com or iwatchwildlife@gmail.com.

Once we have collected all this information about our local hedgehog population we will be able to come up with exciting new plans for hedgehog conservation - and you can be part of that too!

THERE'S MORE:

On Saturday 26th October we will be holding a Hedgehog Day at the Isle of Wight Zoo. This is a great opportunity to come and find out what we can all do to help our hedgehogs prepare for their winter hibernation and especially how to look out for them on bonfire night.



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