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Whole School **Attendance** 98.27%

**TARGET: 97.7%** 

Congratulations to the girls football team, who won the Danone Cup last week and are now on their way (not to Wembley) but to the Hampshire Finals on Friday. However, Wembley could very well be their next stop! They are playing brilliantly at the moment and we are very proud of their attitude and skills on the field. Good luck girls, we will all be thinking of you on Friday. The boys had a good result last Tuesday evening against Gurnard and Cowes in the Under 11 Cup, and play again tomorrow against Northwood. Good luck boys, we know you can get the result you are aiming for.

Our European Languages Day last Wednesday was excellent, and it was lovely to see lots of children teaching other children their first language band also to hear different languages being spoken around the school, including German, French and Spanish. It did feel very European and the singing was beautiful. We are hoping to develop our language provision further as we know it is not one of our strengths at the moment. It is getting better, and Mrs Gangonells was particularly pleased with her new class who have already gained a good understanding of Spanish, which means she can build upon this across the year. We would love all our children to leave our school confident to learn a new language, whatever that language is, and also want to learn a new language. I know it is one area that I wish that I had liked better at school. I love seeing and hearing other people speak different languages. I know one day I too would like to go back to school and learn a new language or two. Talking of languages, we also have some funding to look at Latin and Greek as part of our 'Exploring the Classics' this term. This will be an exciting addition to the children's learning, as Latin is often the root of not only many of our words but also many other European languages too.

We had our first Open Day on Thursday and had lots of visitors, which was lovely. We have a second Open Day on Thursday 29th November, however we welcome visits to the school at any time so please do pop in or give us a call and I will be really pleased to show you around. We ended the week with our RE Day and exploring Bible stories. There was a huge range of activities going on across the year groups including the making of bread for the Feeding of the Five Thousand, which smelt delicious right through the whole school!

This week in school, Year 3 families are invited in for lunch. I have a J Rock meeting tomorrow to finalise the plans. We have been inundated with requests to join J Rock this year, however we are limited to a hundred performers and twenty stage crew. If I could, I would just take everyone, but unfortunately I am not allowed to! We will let you know shortly if your child has been successful in gaining a place. In the future we may look at making it available only to certain year groups, so that all children who want to take part have a better chance of gaining a place. I will let you know. I have my first Parent Forum on Wednesday at 2.00pm. Please do come along, I like to hear from our families, especially about any great ideas for the future of our wonderful school. On Thursday it is National

Poetry Day so we are going to be exploring classic poetry in school. It is also our Voting Day for Heads of House. The polling booths are being delivered, the campaign speeches are written and being shared in assembly, and Year 6 are ready to lead their Houses and take on the responsibility for this year. Good luck to all of Year 6! This will be followed by Celebration Assembly for Years 2, 4 and 6. On Friday the girls are off to their football final and Year 4 have their second swimming lesson, and although the children's week finishes on Friday the staff week doesn't finish until Saturday as we have a staff training day on oracy. I have to say just hearing the Year 6 children in assembly this morning, I was very impressed with the quality and standard of the speeches that I heard. We are definitely seeing an impact on the children developing their oracy skills across the school.

Don't forget to sign up for your Pupil Progress Meeting the week of 15th October. We are finalising our Gruffalo trip for Year 1 and our Wicked trip for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. We have some exciting visitors for the Isle of Wight Literary Festival, and on Monday next week we start the week with a WOW Day-but I can't tell you any more...

When I walked around the school today I was really impressed with the standard of writing, and in particular handwriting, which is definitely developing since our training last year. This impact is being seen across the whole school. If you would like some of our line guides or practice sheets for at home please ask your child's teacher and we will be pleased to share them with you. Just another reminder that we do buy in to Doodle Maths - it is a great learning platform and can really help the children with their mental agility and manipulation of number, especially as we are now having a Year 4 times tables assessment to add to the other national assessments across the school. We will arrange meetings to talk to our families in Years R, 1, 2, 4 and 6 to talk about national assessments in the coming weeks. We treat these in a supportive and fun way, and keep them all low-key as it is important the children feel relaxed and happy when approaching assessments and tests. One of the areas I do want to work on this year is spellings. We have tried implementing different spelling strategies over the last couple of years but I am not sure we have got it quite right. I would like to hear from families how we could improve spelling and get the children enjoying it more. I know this is quite difficult with the age of technology we are in as spellings are done for us, but we still need to know they are right in the first place. All ideas gratefully received.

Don't forget to make every day count. Coughs and colds are just part of what we do here and being in school is often do-able! The weather at the weekend was superb and it is still looking great as we head in to October.

Today's smile is "Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love"

Caroline Sice









#### Good to be Green

**Kyle Turner** Benjamin Herbert-Duff **Ned Baker Christopher Clarke** Piper Mayne Florence Hill Kian Symmans Summer Baylis Sky Smith Mason Miller **Shannon Smith** Caeden Hustler Alfie Gubbins Lucas Ilet Reece McPhail

Well done all of you for making the right choices and being 'green' all week



#### **Congratulations**

#### **Lillie Newson**

Lillie helped with the beach cleaning on Isle of Wight Day—well done Lillie, what an important job!

Veronica Banasiak has made this beautiful spider's web for her class, Charlotte's Web. Great!

Riley Baker—fantastic home learning Riley, we are very proud of you! Well done.

#### **IT'S COMPETITION TIME!**

One of Quarr Abbey's trees has been nominated for Tree of the Year 2018! The idea behind the competition is to highlight the importance of trees within our environment and that we have a responsibility to care for them.

We would like our children to create a poster explaining how trees are important for the environment—please hands your entries in to the office by FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER.

Mr Cooper will be taking the winning group to see the magnificent oak tree for themselves!

#### **REMINDER!**

Please remember to book school lunches in advance, online, and pay at the point of booking. The Squirrel's Den and Breakfast Club are also online so please book and pay in advance if you need these services.

If you have any School Money queries or need to have your password sent to you again, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you.



#### **SPONSORS FOR J ROCK 2019**

We are once again entering the Junior Rock Challenge at Southampton Guildhall on the 7th March 2019. This year, our performance is based on The Wizard of Oz, with a twist!

We need to make stage scenery, costumes provide team t-shirts and pay for the travel osts to attend the event.



We are therefore approaching local businesses for sponsorship to help with these costs. All sponsors will be acknowledged on our website, our newsletter and on the team t-shirts.

Do you know any business who can help? Please contact Chloe Johnson on 293233 o chloe.johnson@lanesendpri.iow.sch.uk

Thank you!



#### **SPORTS CORNER**

On Thursday our u11 girls travelled to Queensgate for the island Finals of the Danone Cup. Our first two games were against The Bay and Greenmount. The scores were 1-1 and 2-1.

We went into a penalty shoot out to decide who went through as winners and runners up. Unfortunately The Bay won this... But! We still went into the semi final and played Wootton with a convincing win that took us into finals. We played The Bay again in the final and came away with an amazing 2-0 win! Hurrah!!

Lanesend now travel to Eastleigh on Friday for the Hampshire Finals. Wish us luck!



#### **ATTENDANCE**

Week Ending 28th September 2018

YR Alice's Adventures in Wonderland YR The Faraway Tree

YR A Bear Called Paddington

Y1 Peter Pan

Y1 Swallows and Amazons

Y1 The Gruffalo

Y2 Charlotte's Web

Y2 The Secret Garden

Y3 Where the Wild Things Are

Y3 Around the World in Eighty Days

Y4 Wind in the Willows

Y4 The Little Prince

Y4 Stig of the Dump

Y5 Mary Poppins

Y5 Treasure Island

Y6 The Railway Children

Y6 The Wizard of Oz

Y6 The Jungle Book **Whole School** 



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Missed sessions so far for year 2018-19 due to family holidays: 34

### Autumn Term Topic "Exploring the Classics"

	Exploring the classics
October Mon 1st Tue 2nd Wed 3rd Thu 4th Thu 4th Thu 4th Thu 4th Fri 5th	Year 3 Families invited to lunch all week Mums' Coffee Morning 9.00am—all welcome Parent Forum meeting—2.00pm National Poetry Day No Pens Day Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am Celebration Assembly Years 2, 4 & 6 @ 2.00pm Year 4 Swimming Week 2
Mon 8th Mon 8th Tue 9th Thu 11th Thu 11th Fri 12th Fri 12th	Year 4 Families invited to lunch all week  WOW Day—boxed lunch in classrooms  Parent Voice Surveys sent out  Mums' Coffee Morning 9.00am—all welcome  Isle of Wight Literary Festival  Celebration Assembly Years 1, 3 & 5 @ 2.00pm  Isle of Wight Literary Festival  The Gruffalo's Child trip for Year 1  Year 4 Swimming Week 3
Mon 15th Mon 15th Mon 15th	Year 5&6 Families invited to lunch all week Individual Pupil Photographs (Atlas Images) Pupil Council Meeting
Mon 15th Mon 15th Tue 16th Wed 17th	Pupil Progress Meetings all week: Miss Hopkinson, Mrs Price, Mr Andre & Miss Barton Ms Coppen, Miss Westbrook, Mrs Dyer, Mrs Gilbert, Miss Jones Miss Poulton/Mrs Fifield
Thu 18th	Miss McQueen, Mrs Wyld, Mrs Brailsford,

Wed 17th Wicked! @ The Mayflower
Thu 18th Noel Turner Physics Festival

Mrs Hinkley

Miss Troy

Thu 18th Celebration Assembly Years 2, 4 & 6 @ 2.00pm

Miss Wren, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Gangonells, Mr Read/

Fri 19th Year 4 Swimming Week 4

## Autumn 2 Term Topic "Exploring the Classics"

#### Mon 29th October SCHOOL OPEN

Mon 29th	Reception Families invited to lunch all week
Wed 31st	Applications to Secondary School Deadline

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Fri 19th

Thu 1st	Outdoor Classroom Day

Thu 1st National Authors Day—Dress Up Day

Thu 1st Celebration Assembly Years 1, 3 & 5 @ 2.00pm

Fri 2nd Year 4 Swimming Week 5

Mon 5th Year 1 Families invited to lunch all week
Thu 8th Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am

Thu 8th Celebration Assembly Years 2, 4 & 6 @ 2.00pm

Fri 9th Armistice Day

Fri 9th Year 4 Swimming Week 6

Mon 12th Year 2 Families invited to lunch all week

Wed 14th Fire Drill 10.30am

Wed 14th AEN Coffee Afternoon 2.00pm Thu 15th 'In The Net' play @ 9.30am

Thu 15th Celebration Assembly Years 1, 3 & 5 @ 2.00pm

Fri 16th Year 4 Swimming Week 7

Mon 19th Thu 22nd	Year 3 Families invited to lunch all week Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am
Thu 22nd	Celebration Assembly Years 2, 4 & 6 @ 2.00pm
Fri 23rd	Year 4 Swimming Week 8
Mon 26th	Year 4 Families invited to lunch all week
Thu 29th	Open Day 2—9.30am-4.00pm
Thu 29th	Celebration Assembly Years 1, 3 & 5 @ 2.00pm
Fri 30th	Year 4 Swimming Week 9
December	
Mon 3rd	Christmas Week 1
Mon 3rd Mon 3rd	Year 5 Families invited to lunch all week
Wed 5th	RE Day—Christmas Cardboard Challenge Day
Thu 6th	Christmas Tree/Decoration Day
Thu 6th	Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am
Thu 6th	Celebration Assembly Years 2, 4 & 6 @ 2.00pm
Fri 7th	Carol Service—TBC
Fri 7th	Year 4 Swimming Week 10—LAST ONE
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Mon 10th	Christmas Week 2
Mon 10th	Year 6 Families invited to lunch all week
Mon 10th	CHRISTMAS FAYRE 5.00pm
Mon 17th	Christmas Performances dress rehearsal—school only
Tue 18th	Performance Years 4 & 5—EVENING
Wed 19th	Performance Years 4 & 5—MORNING
Thu 20th	Christmas Lunch
Thu 20th	Year R Nativity after school
Fri 21st	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 21st	DEN WIL L CLOSE AT 5.00PM

#### **Understanding Autism**

**BREAK UP 2.45pm** 

Fri 21st

Learn about autism—this free course introduces the autism spectrum and how it is experienced by different individuals and families

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Enrolling on the course will give you the opportunity to earn an Open University digital badge

#### PLEASE NOTE!

The Squirrel's Den will be closing at 5pm on the last day of term, Friday 21st December.

We are giving lots of notice in case you need to make alternative arrangements.

Thank you for your support.

#### WOW DAY Monday 8th October

We will be serving a <u>BOXED LUNCH</u> on this day so that the hall is free all day. The children will eat in their classrooms.

There is no change to the menu:

Wholemeal chicken & red pepper pizza or

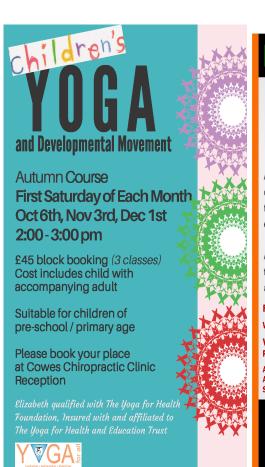
Cheese & tomato pizza (v)

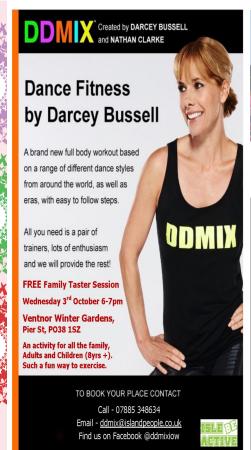
Mandarin upside-down cake

#### HIRE, HIRE HOORAY!

Both our school hall and our lovely field are available to hire.

Please pop in or call and speak to Carrie if you are interested!









## **OPEN EVENING**

Tuesday 9th October 2018 6.00pm to 8.30pm

Theatre presentation at 7.00pm

Medina College would like to invite prospective parents and students to our 2018 Open Evening. Join us for a tour around the school, speak to staff, see departmental displays and enjoy student performances. Come and experience the innovation, creativity and excellence for yourself.

#### Open Mornings

We will also be having two Open Mornings on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th October for those who would like to see the College during a normal working day. To book a place please contact the College Reception on 01983 526 523.

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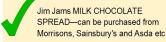


#### Chocolate spread and sweet treats!

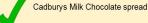
We have noticed lots of Chocolate pancakes and chocolate spread coming into school. We have children and adults in school with severe nut allergies and these products DO CONTAIN nuts including hazelnuts. Please see our guide below and help us keep everyone safe and well in school.



#### Chocolate spreads which are nut free:







Please DO NOT USE Nutella, duo spreads, Nutoka etc. Please also do not use chocolate filled pancakes in lunchboxes as these contain hazelnuts too!







## My Child won't try new foods—top tips to help your child have a balanced diet!

- Involve them in cooking at home—perhaps you could try to make a smoothie, chop veg for dinner or try one new thing every week
- Give them choices for various food groups e.g. allowing them a choice for which piece of fruit they take to school for break time
- Reward systems for trying new things

Check out the Change4Life tips for a healthy lunchbox including some yummy family recipes!

https://www.nhs.uk/ change4life/recipes/ healthier-lunchboxes



# Challenge Angela

One of our amazing Mums, Angela, has decided to raise funds for the school by rising to challenges SET BY THE CHILDREN!

Her first challenge is for the children to come up with interesting and innovative places and ways for Angela to read to them.

Please encourage your children to think of ideas and pop them in the suggestions box at the front desk —some of the ideas so far have been amazing!

Here's the link to the Go Fund Me page:

## Click here to support Challenge Lanesend/Reading Books organised by Angela Freebrey

However this isn't just about raising money for reading books, it's part of a year long effort to help the school, and we'll be challenging everyone to come up with fundraising ideas or challenges that they can do themselves.

There'll also be some bigger challenges that Angela will organise with the hope that some others will do them too!

Angela says: "I've seen some of the ideas for reading and am really looking forward to my challenges!"

We thank Angela so much. If you would like to get involved with any fundraising for school please do let us know.