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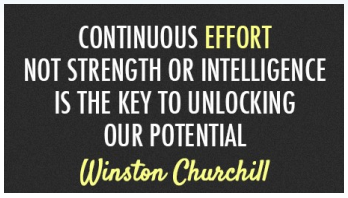
Development Days 2019-20:
Monday 1st June 2020
Tuesday 2nd June 2020
Wednesday 3rd June 2020
Thursday 4th June 2020
Friday 5th June 2020



Whole School Attendance
97.3%
TARGET: 97.7%

Even though the rain is pouring it is actually very welcomed as we had our **new play mounds** and some areas turfed this week and they need to be watered. The new play mound looks great and compliment the sensory garden. We now have got an **opening date of Thursday 19th March** in the afternoon where we hope that the grass would have rooted and the days will be a little bit drier and we can open up the new areas for the children. I had a lightbulb moment driving to school this morning that we have nearly completed all our areas of play and thought we have not got a stage! We have a perfect place for a stage in the bottom corner behind the blue shed, so I'm going to start planning to see if we can have a stage built for the children to perform on there. Talking about things needed to be built. A few months ago I put on the Newsletter about needing some help with the rebuilding of our **mud kitchen in Reception**. The area has now been cleared and I have had some lovely offers of support from Mr Noyce but we would like to see if there are any other members of our families who could come in for a day to help make a new mud kitchen for our Reception children. They are missing it desperately. Please drop me an email or give the office a call and we will try fix a date when everybody is available. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Its been a really successful week for our children who have taken part in the **Speech and Drama Festival**, we have had 2nds, 3rds and lots and lots of merits and many compliments on the children's behaviour and 100% effort into their performances. Well done team and thank you to Mr Cooper for organising the school's participation in this historic annual event on the Isle of Wight. Our **Spelling Bee** team came a marvellous 3rd place on Tuesday and showed great confidence in being able to spell as a team too. Our **under 11 boys football team** made it through to the final. Congratulations boys, a marvellous win.

Today is **World Book Day** and its been lovely to see so many books coming into school for our book exchange. It has created a buzz around reading in school today. But its really important that the buzz around reading happens everyday, in and out of school. I was reading an article at the weekend about phonics and how phonics is an important skill to learn to decode but it doesn't create readers who love reading. Please do take the time to read with your children at home. It helps in so many ways with their development of vocabulary, comprehension and connection of ideas. We would also love to have videos of you reading your favourite books to share with everyone at school.

Tomorrow, the trustees and members are in school for a monitoring day to ensure that we are developing the school. We have lots of little focuses but our main focuses in school this year are to improve children's skills in phonics, their writing attainment and being able to confidently answer problem maths questions that use a lot of language. We are also ensuring that our curriculum coverage is sequential and that the skills progression can be easily identified as your child grows through the school.

I do really love School Story because it really does celebrate our learning and experiences in school and how hard the team works to ensure all the children have a great experience and that they grow to be fabulous adults.

Next week we have our two school trips to **Kidzania**. We are very excited about this opportunity where the children become the adults and the adults become the children and they experience life in an adult world. There has been some concern from our families regarding the coronavirus. We are in touch with Kidzania daily for any updates. At the moment, they are confirming that there are no changes and they are following government guidelines with extra focus on hygiene and hand washing. They have extra antibacterial gel on site. I do know that there is a lot of coverage about coronavirus in the news but please be reassured that the government are contacting us daily with updates and at the moment we are following their advice. If this changes I will of course let you know. So, Kidzania is still on and we are all looking forward to it.

Sport Relief is next Friday and we will send out details of how we are supporting Sport Relief before the end of the week. It is also the International Day of Mathematics. There are only another three weeks to go until the end of this term. I went through the diary with staff on Wednesday and even though I thought I had spread the activities throughout the year we are having a little bit of a busy period at the moment, so please keep an eye out on the newsletter for any information regarding the events we have planned in the diary.

Talking about the events we have planned, there will be a letter coming out to you regarding visits to the **National Trust sites** on the Isle of Wight, week beginning the 16th March. As these are curriculum visits the school have organised transport and will not be asking for any contribution for these visits as we would like all children to attend. After the visits, the children are going to put together an exhibition on the different National Trust sites on the Isle of Wight for families on Friday 27th March.

In school this half term we are really concentrating on **effort** and we have been celebrating children's effort both in and out of school. It would be great if at home you could also focus on the effort that your children are showing and please feel free to share these with us.

As you know, I send out the **'Word of the Day'** everyday but we have also been focusing on language play and have been looking at 'kangaroo words' this week. These are words that contain synonyms inside the word, that represents the word. For example, 'encourage' has the letters 'urge' in it, which also means to try and persuade. Can you think of some more kangaroo words?

Have a lovely week, enjoy the dry days and lets hope as we head towards Spring that it begins to feel a little more spring like outside too.

Caroline Sice, Headteacher

FOR YOU

Coming soon:

Plastic-free Fridays!

WATCH THIS SPACE

We are asking for donations of small chocolate eggs for this years Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term. If you could bring any donations to the office we would be very grateful. Thank you.

KidZania Trip

KS1: Tuesday 10th March

KS2: Wednesday 11th March

The payment is now overdue, please log in to School Money or pop to the office to pay if you have not already done so.

We have a few spare tickets remaining for KS1 if you are interested please call the office for more information.

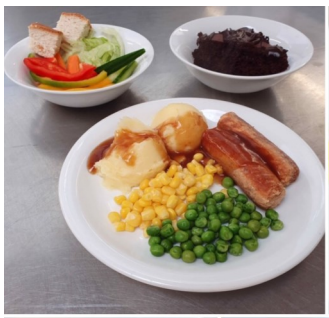
https://kidzania.co.uk

As always, if you have any queries regarding trips or monies, please come and speak to a member of the team. Thank you for your continued support.

Well done to **Lola Reynolds** and **Kian Symmans** for their fantastic Maths and Spelling work, **Lyla Hunter** for coming **1st Place in the Isle of Wight Singing Festival** and for her beautiful Rabbit painting, and well done to **Elias Pedder** for his super **Green Belt** certificate for his Taekwondo and **Poppy Arnold** for your amazing pebble art home learning.

A gentle reminder please ensure you book and pay for The Squirrel's Den in advance on school money before Midnight the night before wherever possible please to ensure you are guaranteed a space for the following day.

Look how delicious our School Dinners looked this week. These nutritious and filling hot meals are available free to all Years R, 1 and 2 or just £2.05 a day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Why not give them a try.



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ATTENDANCE
Ending 4th March 2020

YR Stonehenge	95.7%
YR Pitstone Windmill	94.9%
YR Emmetts Garden	97.7%
Y1 Clouds Hill	97.6%
Y1 Glastonbury Tor	98.8%
Y1 Lindisfarne Castle	91.9%
Y2 Clumber Park	97.6%
Y2 Hill Top House	97.8%
Y2 Wray Castle	98.9%
Y3 Lake District	96.8%
Y3 Kinder Scout	98.1%
Y4 Compton Castle	95.6%
Y4 Cheddar Gorge	96.3%
Y4 Snowdonia	**100%**
Y5 Morwenstow	97.0%
Y5 Giant's Causeway	96.9%
Y5 Baggy Point	98.6%
Y6 Brownsea Island	99.3%
Y6 Nuffield Place	**100%**
Y6 Chartwell	98.5%
Whole School	**97.3%**
Missed sessions (family holidays) 2019/20	**368**

Every day COUNTS!

School success starts with attendance

Spring Term Topic
"Time Well Spent"

Mon 9th	Year 3 Swimming
Mon 9th	Year 5 Parents Invited to Lunch
Mon 9th	Visits to National Trust Week
Mon 9th	Speech and Drama Festival Performances
Mon 9th	U10s League Semi Finals VS Haylands
Tues 11th	Kidzania Trip for KS1 (R, Y1, Y2)
Tues 11th	U11s League Semi Finals
Wed 12th	Kidzania Trip for KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 +6)
Thur 12th	Outdoor Classroom and Dig Day
Thur 12th	U9 Semi Finals Cup
Fri 13th	Sport Relief Day

Mon 16th	World Speech Day
Mon 16th	Year 4 Parents invited to Lunch
Mon 16th	Open Lessons
Mon 16th	Chicken and Compost Year 4
Mon 16th	Year 3 Swimming
Tues 17th	Year 1 visit to Cherry Blossom
Thur 19th	Sensory Garden Open Day
Fri 20th	Speech Day

Sports Corner

Well done to our U11 boys are through to the league finals after an amazing 4-0 win at Dover park. Well done to Finlay Munt, Harvey Adkins and George Knight for their goals and to the whole team for their brilliant teamwork!

Our athletics team came 2nd place in the Year 3 and 4 cluster

DEBT POLICY

Please remember that if you have outstanding debt for a school trip, your child will not be able to book a place on a new school trip until that balance is paid. This also applies to after school clubs. Lunches should be booked and paid for in advance, as should the Squirrel's Den too. If you owe monies for lunches or Den you may be prohibited from accessing these. If you need to talk about money please pop in and speak to a member of the team—*we are here to help.*

Well Done to our 'Revolting Children' and Miss Jones for coming joint 2nd place with a Commendation at the IOW Music, Dance and Drama Festival.

Congratulations and well done to the girls who took part in our Spelling Bee at St Francis on Tuesday. We came 3rd out of 15 schools. What an amazing achievement.

Get help applying for Universal Credit

Call us for free on

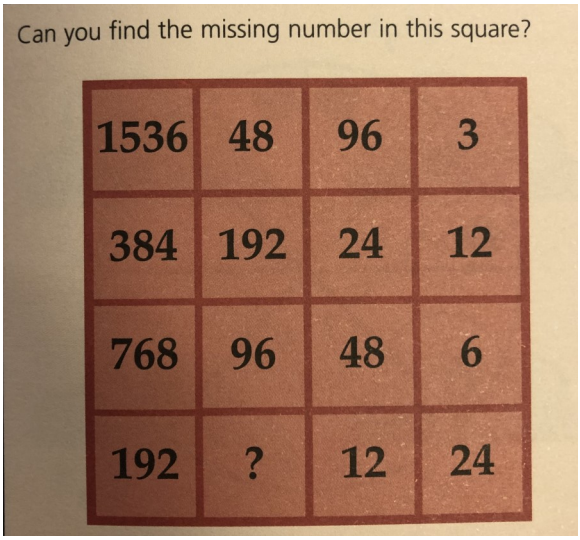
0800 144 8 444

8am - 6pm Monday to Friday

Local appointments are available in Brading, Ryde, Shanklin, Ventnor, Freshwater, East Cowes and Newport

citizens advice Isle of Wight

Charity No. 1050217



Last puzzle's answer:

B. It is the only figure that does not have three boxes in one row.

BEACHY BOOKS

HAVE YOU GOT A BOOK IN YOU?

Join Beachy Books at Cowes Library and find out how to GET PUBLISHED!

Saturday 14th March
10:30am–1pm

AND... Local author Shirley Adams reading her rhyming picture books for children

'The Hungry Fox' and 'Penny Feathers'

PLUS mask-making craft activity session!

10:30am -11:30am

www.beachybooks.com

EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY ADVENTURES

AT RYDE JUNIOR SCHOOL

FOR CHILDREN AGED 6 TO 10 YEARS

SATURDAY 14 MARCH
10 TO 12 NOON

Parents can drop off - no need to stay
Spaces limited, booking essential
Please email: viw@rydeschool.net or call: 01983 617940

RYDE SCHOOL WITH UPPER CHINE

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S BEST YOUNG BAKERS AGED 9 - 15

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2020

Enquiries:
applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk

Easter Egg Hunt

At
The Breeze Restaurant
Mill Lane, Island Harbour Marina, Newport, PO30 2LA
Tel: 01983 533388

Saturday 11th April from 11am– 3pm

£2 per child (under 12 years) | All proceeds will go to the Earl Mountbatten Hospice.

Have a Selfie with our Easter Bunny for a donation of 50p.

Cowes library

CHILDREN'S GAMES CLUB

1st Saturday of the month
10.30am - 12.00pm
Feel free to bring games of your own.

4 JAN
1 FEB
7 MAR
4 APRIL
2 MAY
6 JUNE
4 JULY

LEGO CLUB

4th Saturday of the month
10.00am - 12.00pm

25 JAN
22 FEB
28 MAR
25 APRIL
23 MAY
27 JUNE
25 JULY

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Your library *informs, inspires, entertains*

ISLE of WIGHT COUNCIL

DISCOVER THE AMAZING

Southampton Science and Engineering Festival:
6th - 15th March 2020

Science and Engineering Day:
Saturday 14th March 2020

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Mind Full, or Mindful?

Tune into the quiet and calm, turn down the busy and give this week's activity a go...

Welcome to Mindful March!!

For a clearer view and to share far and wide please head to: https://www.actionforhappiness.org/calendars

Elite Soccer FA Wildcats Centre

Fun and inclusive futsal sessions for girls aged 5-11yrs old

ELITE SOCCER

Wednesdays 6-7pm
Ryde Academy sports hall
£3 per session
Licensed and qualified FA coaches
email jess@elite-soccer.co.uk for more info

The FA FOR ALL

ENGLISH HERITAGE

Family Activities On the Isle of Wight

at Osborne and Carisbrooke

2020

All events are free to English Heritage Members and just normal entry fees apply for non-members except for the events with a * where supplementary charges will be applied for members and an event price for non-members.

At Osborne House	
15th February – 23rd February	Half Term event: Get Hands on With History: Country House – come and meet the butler, create napkin art, join our etiquette school and more.
7th and 8th March	Family Activities: World Book Day/Mothering Sunday crafts and activities.
4th April – 19th April	Easter Adventure Quest
26th May – 28th May	The Great Victorian Show
20th and 21st June*	Blooming Gardens Weekend including a family craft tent
25th and 26th July	Family Activities: Seaside theme activities
August	Punch And Judy
26th and 27th September	Family Activities: Autumn theme
26th to 30th October	Victorian Falconry
28th and 29th November*	Victorian Christmas
December Date TBC	Family Activities: Christmas Crafts
At Carisbrooke Castle	
15th February – 23rd February	Get Hands On With History - Outdoor Adventures
4th April – 19th April	Easter Adventure Quest
8th, 9th and 10th May	Family Activity Weekend
23rd May – 31st May	Get Hands On With History: Normans and Saxons
27th and 28th June*	Open Air Shakespeare Event : Hamlet Activities for children pre-show and during the interval
11th and 12th July	Family Activity Weekend
25th July – 2nd August	Summer Kids Fun
4th August – 6th August*	A Civil War event
18th August – 20th August*	Legendary Joust
25th August – 27th August*	Legendary Joust
24th to 31st October	Spooky Carisbrooke Castle
5th and 6th December	Christmas Market

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Lanesend Spring Menu

Added Plant Power
Vegan
Wholemeal

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One	Option 1	Chicken Curry with Rice	Sausage Roll with Wedges	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread	Fishfingers/ Salmon Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Vegan Sausage Roll with Wedges	Vegetable Stack with Roast Potatoes	Tomato & Veg Pasta With Garlic Bread	Cheese Frittata with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Carrots Peas	Carrot & Swede Mash Green Beans	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Peas
	Dessert	Fruit Crumble and Custard Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Syrup Sponge with Custard Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Apple, Cheese and Crackers Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Iced Sponge Yoghurt Fresh Fruit
Week Two	Option 1	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Wedges	Sausage, Mashed Potato & Gravy	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce with pasta	Fish Fingers with Chips
	Option 2	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Linda McCartney Sausages, Mashed Potato & Gravy	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheese & Potato Whirl with Wedges	Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Chips
	Vegetables	Coleslaw Carrot & Cue Sticks	Peas Sweetcorn	Carrots Green Beans	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Peas
	Dessert	Flapjack Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Drizzle Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Apple, Cheese and Crackers Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Shortbread Yoghurt Fresh Fruit
Week Three	Option 1	Baked Greek Lasagne	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Roast Gammon with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Fish in Batter With Chips
	Option 2	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Bolognaise	Vegetable Loaf with Mashed Potato	Homemade Vegetable Sausage with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Swede Carrot	Sweetcorn Peas	Green Beans Carrot	Peas
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Sticky Toffee Crumble & Custard Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Apple, Cheese and Crackers Yoghurt Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Chocolate Brownie Yoghurt Fresh Fruit

Available Daily:
- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
- Bread freshly baked on site daily
- Daily salad selection

ALLERGY INFORMATION:
If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.