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THE SQUIRREL

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Week three already! It is nice to have some cold, sunny weather and it has made a real difference to the children being able to get outside and play. Please can your child bring a waterproof, warm coat, hat and gloves. I have seen a few children coming into school with just their zoodie on. I know that some children do not feel the cold but it is also really important to have that extra layer to go outside for play and to take off when they return indoors. The ground is still very mucky so wellington boots would be a good idea too to get outside and play.

This week I have had a meeting with Chartwells, our catering company regarding the increase in salaries due to the minimum wage increase and the rising cost of food (although, this seems to be stabilising a little bit at the moment). They are requesting that all schools increase the price of their school lunch from 1st April 2023. We have negotiated with Chartwell to use some of our funds not to increase the price but review it again before September. **You may hear that other school's meal prices have increased from anything between £2.50 to £2.65 so I am really pleased that I can continue to offer our school meal price of £2.30 and £3.00 for adults.** I will let you know in good time if an increase is needed for September. It is really difficult because I know everything is going up and that will stretch everyone but I will do the little bits I can, where I can.

Unfortunately, I cannot keep the price of our Squirrel's Den the same once the increased hourly pay rise kicks in from the 1st April. We have absorbed the increased cost of food and energy and will continue to do so but from the 1st April 2023 the hourly rate of the Den will rise to £4 an hour and £36 for a full day to help ensure that we can continue to offer out of school provision. I am sorry but, as always, please do pop in and see me if you need help, support or advice. There are many grants available and we have just been notified of a new household support grant, so again, if you need this help pop in and the team will give you the information.

It has been quite a quiet week in school for extra events but I have loved seeing all the great learning through the Dojo posts and how excited and engaged the children are. We are looking at curriculum visits and visitors to support our curriculum focus, 'As Good Today as It Has Always Been'. We have contacted Warburtons, Isle of Wight Agricultural Association to visit a grain farm and possible trips to Calbourne Mill or Bembridge Windmill. I will let you know what we manage to organise as I strongly believe the learning becomes even more alive when you see it and experience it in real life. **If you have experience in baking or farming and would be happy to come in and talk to the children, please do let us know. We really do love a visitor or two in school!**

I do have to congratulate the Indoor Athletics Team who came second in their heat and go through to the finals on Tuesday at Medina High School to compete again. This was a fantastic result and the children were complimented on their focus and fabulous attitude in all activities. We are very proud of them!



Our fabulous
Lanesend
Athletics Team

Next week in school we have some more Bikeability sessions for Year 6. I am so pleased we were able to offer another course. The instructors again, said that they loved coming into our school. **We do have one space left if anyone in Year 6 would like to join the course, you just need a bike and a safety helmet.** There is no cost, it is completely free and a great life skill to learn.

Thank you to those who responded to the Makaton survey. Miss McQueen will put together a course and send out the information but in the meantime she is going to begin a 'Makatots' course here at school, for babies and toddlers. Look out for the information and I hope you can join us in school. The children in school love it.

As you may be aware, the NEU have announced that their members can opt to strike on Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023. I have been asked if the school will be open on the strike days. As a Headteacher, I have been asked by the Department for Education (DfE) to try and keep schools open and I will endeavour to do so. Although a Headteacher may ask staff if they belong to a union or intend to strike there is no obligation on staff to share this information. I will put different plans together and try and cover all eventualities.

January seems to be going on a little while but it has been nice to have clear skies and lighter evenings. My Granny always told me that 17th February was the day that you knew winter was coming to an end and it is now the day that I look forward to knowing that spring is on its way.

I am sure we will have a great Friday in school tomorrow. Mr Andre and Mrs Napier are at training at Oakfield Primary School. I will be in first thing but will be out for most of the day so if you have any worries or concerns then Miss Hopkinson and the team are always here to help.

Caroline Sice, Headteacher



FOR YOU

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Friday 20th January—Menu Change:
Fish and Chips instead of Chicken
Goujons and Chips. Thank you.

This week's debate...



Do we throw things away too easily?

This week

Gryffindor House are in the lead
this week with a huge 751 points
for the week

751



644



551



670



Lanesend Conversation Starters...

Use these prompts with your children at home to start a conversation about their week in school...

Reception— Talk to me about... our instruction writing for making jam tarts, what capacity means and we can use water or rice to measure capacity, how to make ice melt quickly

Words to use... first, next, after that, finally, capacity, measure, least and most, melt and freeze.

Tips for the week... during washing up or bath time, allow children to explore which containers or objects hold the most or least amount of water.

We have been reading... Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Year 1— Talk to me about....how to make a sandwich.

Words to use... first, next, after that, finally.

Tips for the week...help me practise counting to 20, forwards and backwards, starting at different numbers.

We have been reading....The Disgusting Sandwich.

Year 2— Talk to me about ... Instructions - How to make a sandwich

Words to use... Imperative verbs (Bossy verbs) cut, get, spread, stick, put,

Tips for the week ... Practise your number bonds when throwing and catching, when jumping along the road or by singing a song.

We have been reading... The Little Red Hen, The Faraway Tree.

Year 3 – TALK TO ME ABOUT... Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome

WORDS TO USE... chronology, past, inherited, invented

TIPS FOR THE WEEK... If you know your 3, 4 and 8 times tables, you also know your 30, 40 and 80 times tables!

WE ARE READING... Charlotte's Web by EB White

Year 4— Talk to me about

The golden rules when multiplying by 10. Ask be about the type of writing we are studying in literacy and what myths are there about the Vikings?

Tip of the week

When multiplying by 10, 100, 1000, use, draw or imagine a place value grid.

We have been reading

The Legend of Podkin One' Ear and Arthur and the Golden Rope

Year 5— Talk to me about... how to do short division.

Words to use... back-stitch, running stitch, cross-stitch, tie off, knot.

Tips for the week... hold your needle up to the light when you are threading it, to make it easier to see.

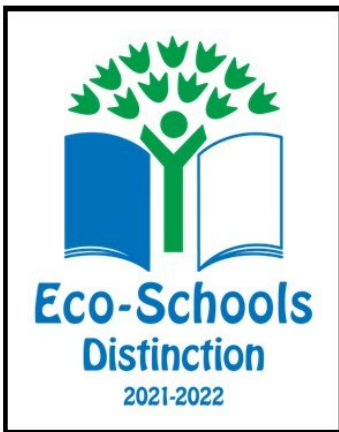
Be resilient – and don't give up!

We have been reading... 'Secrets of A Sun King' by Emma Carroll.

Year 6— In year 6 we have been investigating the history of bread and began by looking at and tasting flatbreads.

In Art we are learning to weave.





I love an imperfect vegetable. You can't beat carrot in a slow cooker stew for taste and it doesn't matter what it looks like.

Give a chance to imperfect fruits and vegs



Imperfect fruits and vegetables taste the same!



But they are often thrown away by the food industry because nobody buys them...



The average child posts around *26 times a day* on social media but *only 6 out of 10* followers are real friends.

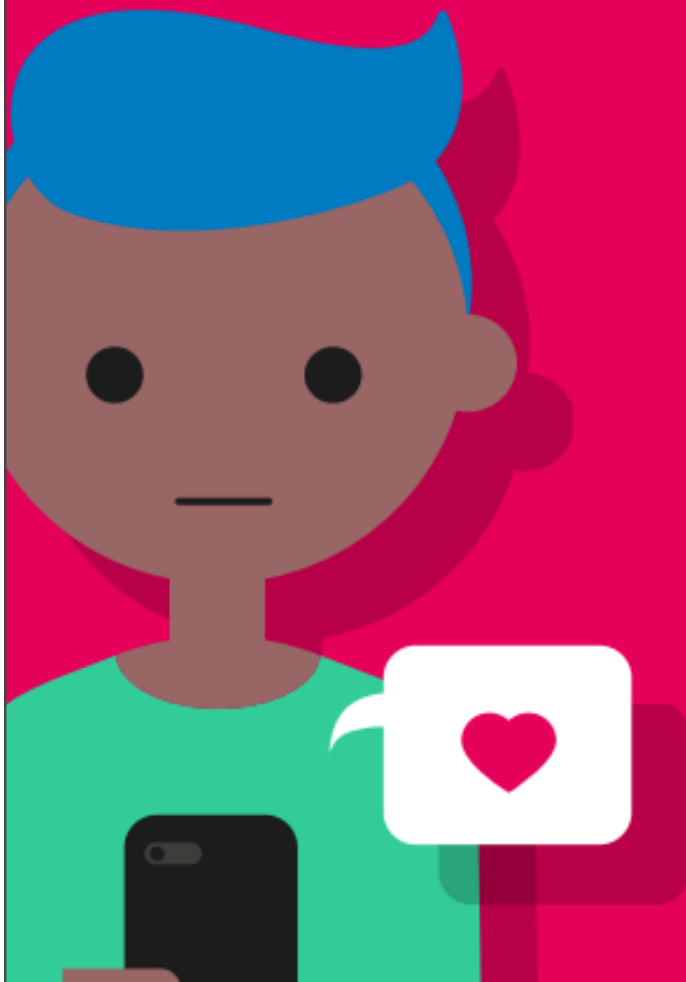
Online safety should be on every parent's checklist this school year.

That's why we've got information, advice and support for all your concerns about your child and the Internet. Showing you the best ways to keep them safe online, whatever they're doing.

Source: Ginger Research online survey

**internet
matters.org**

Learn about it/talk about it/deal with it



SKILL OF THE MONTH



Our Skill of the Month is Staying Positive: Staying Positive - Getting started - Skills Builder Homezone

Talk

Talk about the importance of looking for opportunities even in difficult situations.

- Why do opportunities exist in difficult situations?
- How you can start to identify some of these opportunities?
- What could you do help other people to find opportunities even in difficult situations?



Friendly February 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 1. Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them	 2. Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	 3. Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone	 4. Organise a virtual 'tea break' with a colleague or friend	 5. Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour	 6. Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	
 7. Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	 8. Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	 9. Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	 10. Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them	 11. Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	 12. Focus on being kind rather than being right	 13. Smile at the people you see and brighten their day
 14. Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you	 15. Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message	 16. Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	 17. Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	 18. Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	 19. Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing	 20. Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun
 21. Really listen to what people say, without judging them	 22. Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	 23. Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	 24. Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them	 25. Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	 26. Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones	 27. Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them
 28. Give positive comments to as many people as possible today						

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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**DON'T MISS THIS FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL
DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM!**
Friday 17th & Saturday 18th February

Plus, new for this year, Thursday 16th for the over-12s

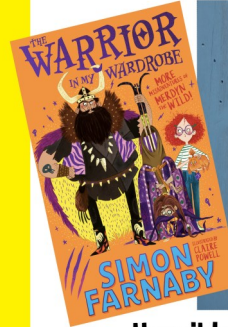
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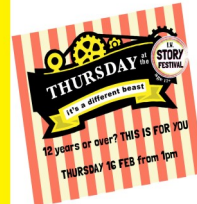
16-18 FEB 2023

iwstoryfestival.com

@ Quay Arts Newport



**Horrible Histories' and Ghosts'
Simon Farnaby**



TICKETS
quayarts.org



Registered charity number 1198024

Geoff and Kay Banks
Peter Giddens
Chris Newnam



FAQs

Q: Do I need to get my tickets in advance?

A: It's a good idea. Tickets are selling fast! Get them from www.quayarts.org

Q: How much are tickets?

A: Some sessions are free, others cost between £3 and £6

Q: Is it just for people who like reading?

NO! The IW Story Festival isn't just about books! We've got lots of hands-on activities for you to get involved with - from making puppets to making rockets, illustrating comics to sewing a story. There will be storytellers and theatre performances too!

Tickets are now on sale for the IW Story Festival at Quay Arts in Newport during February half term from www.quayarts.org

It's a chance to meet well-known performers and writers like **Simon Farnaby** (from Paddington 2, Horrible Histories and Ghosts) who will be talking about his **Wizard in My Shed** series of books.

Former CBeebies star, **Carrie Burnell**, will also be there with her exciting adventure story about being different, **Wilder than Midnight**.



CARRIE BURNELL

For younger children we have a world-exclusive. Author and illustrator Nicholas Allan will be revealing for the first time **The King's Pants** (some of you may already know and love one of his most famous books, **The Queen's Knickers**.)

There will be lots of other authors and illustrators for you to meet, some of them you may have heard of, some of them you may not. But all of them are worth seeing. Why not check some of them out before you come along: **Laura Ellen Anderson, Neal Layton, Jamie Littler, Gareth Peter, Kieran Larwood, Jules Harriner, Felicity Fair Thompson and Peta Rainford**

More information from: www.iwstoryfestival.com

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**ISLE OF WIGHT
POTTERY**



Family Pottery Workshop

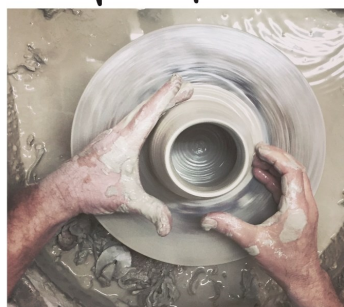
13th, 14th and 15th of
February 10 - 12am
at Tregear Pottery, Niton

**£100 for up to
four people***

You and your family can create your own coil pots and learn how to throw pots on the wheel. We'll glaze and fire your work for you so you can keep your masterpieces!

To book email us at:
isleofwightpottery@gmail.com

*more people can attend for an additional £20 per person



**ISLE OF WIGHT
POTTERY**



Half Term Clay Club

13th, 14th and 15th of
February 2 - 4pm
at Tregear Pottery, Niton

£25 per person

Create your own clay models and decorate a mug. We'll glaze and fire your work for you so you can keep your masterpieces!

To book email us at:
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