

The Dinglewell Post

sharing our news with our community



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Dear Parents,

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Attendance for this week: 95.84%

Half term is just around the corner – what are your plans?

As the crisp autumn air settles in and the trees turn golden, the October half-term offers a welcome pause from the school routine. Many families are planning to make the most of the season with nature walks through local woodlands, where conker collecting and leaf crunching are top of the agenda.

For those staying closer to home, creativity will take centre stage. Rainy afternoons are perfect for pumpkin carving, baking spooky treats, and crafting autumn-inspired art. Movie nights are also on the horizon, complete with blanket forts and popcorn, as families snuggle up to enjoy seasonal favourites. And of course, Halloween preparations are in full swing costumes are being planned, pumpkins are being prepped, and trick-or-treat routes are being mapped out.

WW2 day

On Tuesday, Year 6 received a WW2 Day. The children took part in some morale boosting songs; tasted rationed foods, created their own peg dolls and handled artefacts in a WW2 Museum before finishing the day learning a Charleston dance. It was a great day, and the children looked the part in their costumes. Thanks to all the staff for their preparations to make the day a success. Photos can be seen on our blog.



Cross Country Competition

On a beautifully sunny Monday, the whole school enjoyed running in our annual cross-country competition on King George V playing field.

Well done to the following top three finalists:

- ✓ Year 3 girls: Bo P (1st), Emmie B (2nd) and Madison D (3rd)
- ✓ Year 3 boys: Tyler L (1st), Freddie N (2nd) and Dexter M (3rd)
- ✓ Year 4 girls: Rose B (1st), Emmie G (2nd) and Ava B (3rd)
- ✓ Year 4 boys: George D (1st), Ethan B (2nd) and Jack A (3rd)
- ✓ Year 5 girls: Eliza K (1st), Isabelle B (2nd) and Kiya F (3rd)
- ✓ Year 5 boys: Zac C (1st), Cody A (2nd) and Lucas S (3rd)
- ✓ Year 6 girls: Lucy W (1st), Esme M (2nd) and Lacey B (3rd)
- ✓ Year 6 boys: Bear P (1st), Albie S (2nd) and Harry D (3rd)

****Potter house came first overall, followed by Jenner and then Whittington. These results will be fed into our Sports Day next year. Well done! ****



Year 4 – Natural History Museum

Over the last two weeks, Year 4 have been training as Earth Scientists with the Natural History Museum, responding to data from seismologists, evacuating Volcano Town and learning all about the features of effusive and explosive eruptions.



Football

On Thursday 10th October, Dinglewell Year 6 boys' football team kicked off their season with a tricky home fixture at Stadio Dinglewell. Attacking down the hill Dinglewell forced a penalty in the first half which was miraculously saved by the 'Leven's keeper. The opposition gained in confidence and took a deserved lead, a second added from a towering header from a superb corner. Dinglewell fought to the end but were unable to score; credit to all the players who were gracious in defeat. The team for this season is: Theo, Harry, Luca, Harry, Mason, Albie, Jackson and Bear.

Tesco blue tokens – It's a go...

We need your help with blue tokens; the more tokens we get the more funds will help our school. Every Tesco shop counts! Don't forget to pick up a blue token at the checkout and drop it in our box. It's a simple way to make a big difference — thank you for helping us grow!

Hygiene to help keep those pesty bugs at bay!

Handwashing is one of the most important habits children can learn to stay healthy and prevent the spread of germs, for example worms or tummy bugs. Children should wash their hands at key moments throughout the day, such as before eating, after using the toilet, after playing outside and whenever they cough, sneeze, or blow their nose. These moments are perfect opportunities to reinforce the importance of clean hands.

Making handwashing fun helps children remember to do it regularly. Using colourful or scented soaps can make the experience more enjoyable. Singing songs, turning it into a bubble-making contest, or using stickers and charts to track progress can keep kids engaged. Storybooks and videos about germs and hygiene also help explain why handwashing matters. Most importantly, we as adults should model good handwashing habits themselves, since children learn best by watching and copying.

Handwashing Song: "Bubbles on My Hands"

Bubbles bubbles on my hands, washing germs off where they land. Scrub the front and scrub the back, Between my fingers — no dirt attack! Rinse them well and dry them too, now my hands are clean — woohoo!

Bikeability letters – Year 6

Please ensure your child returns their Bikeability consent letter to their teacher or the school reception.

Photo permission slips

Just a quick reminder that photo permission slips need to be returned by **17th October**. These slips ensure we have consent to include your child in any photos taken during school activities, events, and classroom projects.

If you haven't already, please sign and return the form to your child's teacher as soon as possible. If you need another copy, let us know and we'll be happy to send one home.

Production club – Save the date

The Christmas production will be on Tuesday 16th December at 2pm for the matinee and 5:30pm for the evening performance. Costume information will be sent in due course.

Year 4 – Montagu

All Year 4 students are to **wear PE kits on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th October**. Montagu Academy are carrying out PE assessments.

Lateness

Many thanks to all of you who ensure your children are in school punctually and ready to learn for the day. Unfortunately, we have several children who are arriving late for school each day. The gates open at 8:30 am and children go to their classes at 8:40 am, ready to start registration and learning at 8:45am. Children who are consistently late are not only missing out on valuable learning time but miss out on instructions for tasks set and also disrupt those who are already in class. Please can we aim for all children to be in their classrooms by 8:45am. Many thanks.

Reporting absence from school

From the start of the new term, if your child is absent, please either call the school phone and leave a message on the answerphone which is available 24/7 or email the new dedicated absence email address which is: absence@dinglewell-jun.gloucs.sch.uk leaving details of the name of the child, their class and the reason for their absence.

House points opportunity

Don't forget to pick up your leaves and pumpkins from Reception! This simple activity is a fantastic way to keep children entertained while also helping them earn valuable house points.

School Nursing support message from Lucy Newsum-West

I am writing on behalf of the Gloucester Health and Care School Nursing Service to ask for your help in sharing a short parent survey.

Since the pandemic, school readiness has declined. Although 90% of parents believe their child is ready for school, only 63% meet teachers' expectations (Kindred2, 2024).

We are seeing more referrals for toileting, diet, behaviour, sleep, screen use, speech and language, and dental health. Despite available national and local resources, family engagement remains low. My new Specialist School Nurse role has been created to focus on early intervention and improving health outcomes. To shape this work, we need to understand parents' barriers to accessing support and how they prefer to be helped.

Do you have a child aged 3-11? We'd love to hear from you. Gloucestershire School Nursing Service is gathering parent feedback to help us provide the best possible support for children as they begin and move through primary school. Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey. As a thank you, you'll also have the chance to be entered into a prize draw for a £50 Love2Shop voucher. Please see below the link to the survey in hyperlink.

https://online1.snapsurveys.com/starting_school

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Celebration Assembly

Here are this week's Merit Certificate winners – well done everyone!



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Monday 13TH October -
Tuesday 14th October - Year 5 swimming
Wednesday 15th October - Disco
Thursday 16th October -
Friday 17th October - Forest School 3B

Monday 20th - Harvest Donations this week
Tuesday 21st - Year 5 swimming
Wednesday 22nd -
Thursday 23rd -
Friday 24th - Forest School 3C
Break up for October half term

**All relevant school policies are available to view on our website. **

**PLEASE REMEMBER NOT TO PROVIDE NUTS OR ANY NUT DERIVATIVE FOOD
IN SCHOOL DUE TO SEVERE ALLERGIES WITHIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY**



Correspondence sent out this week:

- Tempest photo email reminder
- Montagu email Year 4 parents
- Football fixtures – selected group
- SEND review appointments Year 3

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