

The Dinglewell Post

sharing our news with our community



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Dear Families,

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Attendance for this week: 95.01%

This week

This week has been absolutely bursting with activities, laughter, parent meetups, and all sorts of wonderful events - the *good* kind that reminds us why our school community is so special. The children have thrown themselves into everything with their usual sparkle, the parents have shown up with enthusiasm and support, and honestly... we're feeling proud of what a fab school we get to be part of.

So, grab a cuppa, get comfy, and dive into this week's newsletter. There are plenty of highlights, surprises, and feel-good moments waiting for you.

Year 3 update

Year 3 Headquarters are *living their best life* in the new location. Moisture levels have finally chilled out — we're down to a single heroic humidifier doing all the heavy lifting. The insurance guys are still bouncing in and out like hyperactive yoyos, shuffling papers and totally in control to get everything signed off.

Meanwhile, furniture enquiries are officially open for business, so stay tuned for the next thrilling instalment of *Year 3: The Renovation Chronicles*.

The children? Oh, they're absolute stars. Happy, settled, loving the new HQ, and generally being fabulous tiny humans who make the whole operation feel like a success story in motion.

Y3 TT Rockstar Tournament Winners:

Miss Brooks's set: 1 = Edison, 2 = Jacob, 3 = Oliver

Mrs Cave's set: 1 = Alfie, 2 = Harold, 3 = Albie

Mrs Hazell's set: 1 = Poppy, 2 = Orla, 3 = James

Year 3 special visit

On Friday 16th January, Year 3 pupils were treated to a talk about overcoming obstacles and achieving more than you ever thought possible by Dr. Wendy Searle (now Rudd). From never having skied and being 'consistently average' at school, Wendy was inspired to take on a solo challenge to prove to herself and others that anything is possible if you work hard enough for it. In 2020, she became the 5th fastest woman to ski solo (and unsupported) 715 miles from the Antarctic Coast to the Geographic South Pole. Pupils were shown the equipment that she took and enjoyed trying on some of the essential outer layers. They learnt how to cook, keep warm, stay motivated and go to the toilet in Antarctica!



GSSN visit

On Friday 16th January, Miss Richardson, Miss Lavis and Mrs Conforti took a team of 30 Year 5 and 6 children to the University Arena @ Oxstalls Sports Park.

All children took part in a range of exciting track and field events at, representing our school with determination, teamwork and outstanding sportsmanship.

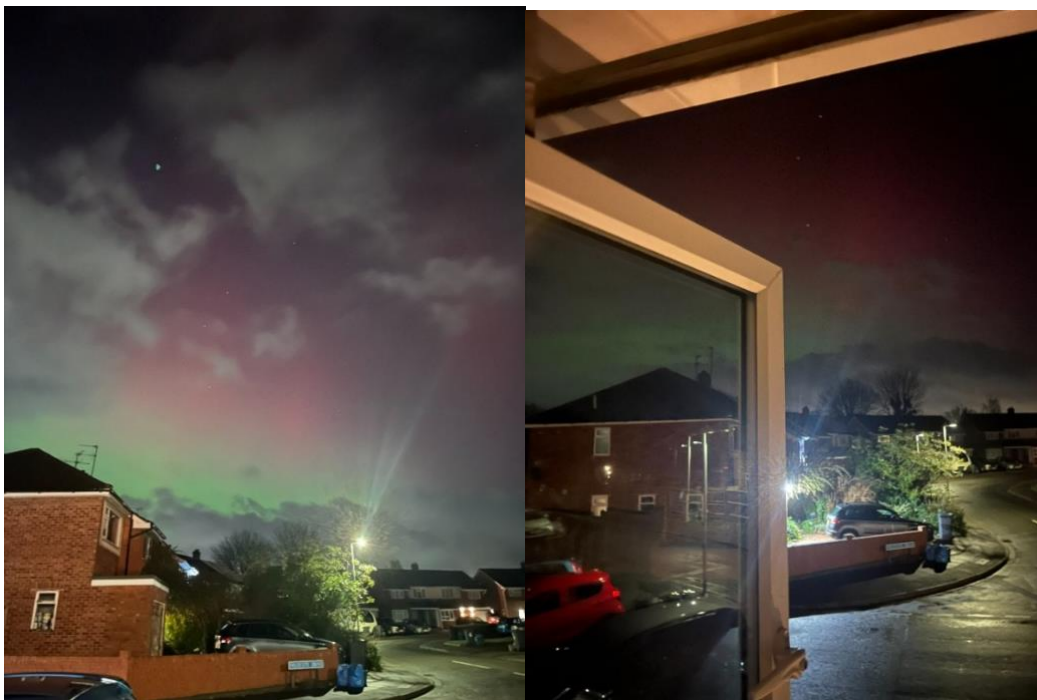
We came an impressive 4th overall out of 9 schools and all children performed exceptionally well, with every participant smashing their individual events and giving their absolute best.

On top of that, their positive attitudes, encouragement of one another and commitment to trying their hardest truly stood out and Pranitha (6SB) and Luca (6SB) were chosen and awarded with GSSN medals. Harry D, Archie P, Eliza, Pixie, Finn, Luca and Harry M. all achieved a GOLD standard award for their efforts and achievements within their specific events.



Northern lights made an appearance

Fantastic pictures from Megan 4Su of the Northern lights which made an appearance on Monday evening. Megan's northern-lights shots sound amazing — catching something that tricky is a real hint of talent. She's got the eye, the timing, and clearly the spark. Feels like a future photographer is already peeking through.



Winter Themed Art Competition

A huge thank you from Miss Frost for all your incredible entries to our 'Winter' themed art competition. There was a great variety of painting, collages, sculpture and sketches and it was a very tough task to pick the winners! However, a huge well done to the following children:

Year 3

1st Place - Lily G 3B 2nd Place - Reuben J 3B 3rd Place - Millie L 3C

Year 4

1st Place - Finley B 4F 2nd Place - Ellie B 4Su 3rd Place - Flo H 4F

Year 5

1st Place - Ellie A 5Ra 2nd Place - Arthur T 5Ri 3rd Place - Charlie B 5Ra

Year 6

1st Place - Olivia L 6SB 2nd Place - Naina A - 6J 3rd Place - Jake M - 6SB

All entries, including the winners, will be displayed at Mary DeCrypt Church, Southgate Street, Gloucester during February half-term. If you are in town, please pop in and see the fantastic talent our children have produced!

Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme

An email and letter have been sent to all families regarding the NCMP appointment on 12th February. Please take a moment to read the information carefully, as it includes details about the parent opt-out option.

The NCMP is a valuable opportunity to understand your child's height and weight development, as well as the support available to you.

Year 6 Egyptian Day

A reminder it is Year 6's Egyptian Day on Monday 26th January. It would be lovely if children can dress up to make the day fabulous. We look forward to seeing the photos.

Year 6 PGL

We've recently sent out a letter along with a link to an online form that needs to be completed as soon as possible. All children booked onto the trip have been given their letter, packed with important information you'll want to know before they head off.

Time is flying by, and their big adventure will be here before we know it! Please take a moment to complete the form so we can make sure everything is ready for an unforgettable trip.

Fix my street

Our pavements have had a *long* week... every week. Cracks, puddles, mud baths worthy of a wildlife documentary - you name it. Kids are practically training for obstacle courses on the school run.

But good news: we can help! Hop onto FixMyStreet and give your council a friendly nudge about any tired, worn, or swamp-like pavements in your area. It only takes a minute, and every report makes a difference.

Let's team up, show our streets some love, and make walking around our community a little less... splashy.

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/> Or accessed via Gloucester city website - on the " report it " category.

Celebration Assembly

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



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Selected clubs start

Monday 26th January - Bench ball club. Friends of Dinglewell PTA meeting 7pm at Wagon and Horses.
Tuesday 27th January - Year 4 swim/Dance club (previous)
Wednesday 28th January - With the Ball
Thursday 29th January - Montagu/Art & Dance with Laura Lomax

Selected clubs start

Monday 2nd February - Bench ball club.
Tuesday 3rd February - Year 4 swim/Dance club (previous)
Wednesday 4th February - With the Ball
Thursday 5th February - Montagu/Art & **Dance with Laura Lomax is not running on 9th Feb**
Friday 6th February - Year 3 Forest School

**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:

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