

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

What a week we've had! We danced our socks so far off they might still be spinning somewhere, and then we hopped straight into a time machine for Egyptian Day. The children were buzzing with excitement, and we have shared some photos for you to enjoy.

Can you hear that rumble of joy? That's the sound of half term racing toward us, and the children are more than ready for a week of fun, rest, and family adventures.

Year 3 update

The project manager is visiting next week, so we should finally get our Year 3 timeline. In the meantime, Year 3 HQ is full of energy. The children love the round tables, the fresh setup, and the change of scene - it adds a bit of spark to their day, and the whole place feels lively and upbeat.

Y3 TT Rockstar Tournament Winners:

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

Mrs Cave's set: 1 = Alfie, 2 = Holly, 3 = Millie

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

Y4 TT Rockstar Tournament Winners:

The results from the first Year 4 TT rockstars weekly challenge are in:

Mr Sullivan's set: 1st place Henry S, 2nd place George D, 3rd place Kendrick

Mrs Stanley's and Mrs Lyons' set: 1st place Florence L, 2nd place Ethan B, 3rd place Fifi B

Miss Frost's set: 1st place Jack M, 2nd place Nim K, 3rd place Ava B

The challenges are set weekly, Friday – Friday, Well done to all those children who have taken part – we hope to see everyone on the leaderboard next week.

Any unused Christmas gifts

The Friends are collecting any unwanted and unused gifts that may have 'missed the mark' for next year's 'ELFridges' present room. Gifts and items can be handed into Reception to be passed on to the Friends or given directly to Ms. Hayward or Mrs. Hipkiss. Thank you for your support.

Absence reporting

Thanks for being so quick to let us know when your child is off — it genuinely keeps the office running smoothly. A small favour to keep things easy for everyone: when you need to report an absence, just pop an email to the absence email or give the office a quick ring. Leaving a message or chatting to reception both work perfectly.

Please include a short reason (cold, temperature, medical appointment, etc.), it saves us from playing guessing games and us needing to call back for reasons of absence.

Thanks for keeping us in the loop — you make the admin side shine a little brighter.

Look Who's Talking

We recently held our competition for 'Look Who's Talking'. All 12 entrants for each class performed superbly over Teams to the entire school.

We had a variety of talks from books, drumming, McDonalds and homelessness with our 2 winners speaking about ghosts and tectonic plates. The winners Emma S and Aadhav M who will represent our school in the next round (details to follow). Well done to all participants!

Festival (dance club from Term 2 has now ended)

Our Y5&6 dance group performed at the Gloucestershire Schools Dance Festival on Tuesday 27th January at Cheltenham Town Hall. The dance group delivered an outstanding performance at the festival, captivating hundreds of spectators with their energy, precision and passion.

Every movement was beautifully synchronized, showing the countless hours of practice and dedication they had invested. Their confidence lit up the stage and the crowd responded with loud cheers and applause. The dancers' expressions and powerful choreography told a story that drew the audience in, making the performance both exciting and memorable.

By the end, it was clear that the group had not only performed well but had truly left a lasting impression on everyone watching. A video of their performance will be shared on the school Facebook page and the school website.



Egyptian Day

On Monday, Year 6 were treated to our Egyptian day. We held 3000-year-old artefacts, learnt historical stories, played games and even mummified a pharaoh!!!

We thoroughly enjoyed the day, and photos can be seen in our history books at parents' evening.





Year 6 – Do you have a shoe box?

Do you have any spare adult-size shoe boxes (size 6+)?

Our DT projects are about to be creative, and we need boxes like squirrels who need snacks. If you've got one hiding in a cupboard, guarding dust bunnies, or living their best life under the bed, send it in with your child.

They can hand it to their class before it escapes again. Thank you for helping us turn ordinary shoe boxes into extraordinary creations!

Pick up and drop offs

A little friendly reminder for drop-off time: once your child has joined the line, feel free to wave, blow kisses, do a happy dance - and then head off so we can keep the playground calm and moving smoothly.

At pick-up, we know you're eager to scoop up your little superstars but giving us a bit of space helps us spot you quickly. When everyone crowds in, it turns into a Where's Wally Situation - and we all know how long that can take!

Thanks for helping us keep things safe, smooth and smiley.

Celebration Assembly

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



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Selected clubs start

Monday 9th February - Bench ball club.

Tuesday 10th February - Year 4 swim

Wednesday 11th February - With the Ball

Thursday 12th February - Montagu/Art & **Dance with**

Laura Lomax will not be running on Thursday 12th.

Friday 13th February -

Monday 16th - 20th Feb - 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:

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