

The Dinglewell Post

sharing our news with our community



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Dear Families,

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Attendance for this week: 94.90%

This week

Do my eyes deceive me or did we have at least two whole days of sunshine?! In a junior school it doesn't just brighten the playground - it practically turns the place into a festival. The moment the sun comes out, the entire school seems to level-up in energy. Children arrive at the gates already buzzing, teachers start the day with that 'maybe we *can* do more PE outside' optimism, and even the school corridors feel lighter because everyone's feeling happy and full of energy. What do we have for you this week, take a look...

Year 3 classroom update

We're finally dry, the builders have swooped in this week, and quotes are on the way. Wellies officially retired from duty!

World Book Day – 5th March

We are looking forward to a fun-filled week of 'World Book Day' celebrations.

On Monday 2nd March, we host our annual cake sale competition. If you wish to participate, please bring cakes with a 'bookish' theme to the school entrance at the start of the day. Once these have been judged, we will be selling them at break time (and possibly after school) for 50p each. All proceeds will go towards replenishing the non-fiction books in our school library.

On Thursday 5th March, we invite children to come in comfy clothing (PJs or 'loungewear!'). They will share stories in class and listen to local author B Ware who we are fortunate to have visiting us. She will be talking about her new book and she is happy to sign copies. If you wish, you can purchase a copy of **WARNING: Grandma's Gone Bonkers**, **WARNING: May Contain Dragons**, and/or **WARNING: Magic Can Be Dangerous!** via linktr.ee/bwareauthor — which your child can bring along on the day to be signed. (All three books are currently on special offer on Amazon.) B. Ware will also be selling signed copies at the retail price of £8.99 per book (**via cash or card payments**) at the end of the school day. Simply send your child in with cash in advance (change will be available), or pop by the stall outside school at home time.

Please keep an eye out on social media/our website for photographs celebrating the week!

Please note, Year 3 have outside PE on Thursday, so please ensure they wear something appropriate.

Forest school shout out...

After the weeks of heavy rain, our Forest School area needs a little TLC. To help us restore the space so the children can continue to enjoy their outdoor learning, we are kindly asking for donations of bark chippings.

If you happen to have any spare bags at home, or can pick some up locally, we would be incredibly grateful. Any amount—large or small—will make a real difference in getting the area ready for use again.

Look Who's Talking

We are very proud of Aadhav M in Year 4 and Emma S in Year 5 who represented Dinglewell so brilliantly at the Gloucester Look Who's Talking finals this week. Well done both of you – you are superstars!

Y3 TT Rockstar Tournament Winners:

Y3 Weekly TTRockstars Challenge:

Miss Brooke's set - 1st place Jacob PW, 2nd place Beau L, 3rd place Lily G

Mrs Cave's set - 1st place Alfie W, 2nd place Hunter D, 3rd place Bo P

Mrs Hazell's set - 1st place Freya G, 2nd place Poppy W, 3rd place Lily P

Y4 TT Rockstar Tournament Winners:

Mr Sullivan's set: 1st place Otilie M, 2nd place Rayan B, 3rd place Hadley P
Mrs Stanley's and Mrs Lyons' set: 1st place Hugh B, 2nd place Paddy B, 3rd place Charlie H
Miss Frost's set: 1st place Evan B, 2nd place Jack A, 3rd place Leo A

Football match report

On Thursday, the boys' football team travelled to Brockworth Primary Academy to play in the first round of the Large Schools Plate competition. Dinglewell quickly found their passing rhythm and were 3 goals to the good by half time. Brockworth put up some resistance in the second half but were then overwhelmed by three more Dinglewell goals. The final score was Brockworth 0, Dinglewell 6. Our goal scorers were Mason (3), Albie (2) and Bear (1). The team have certainly earned their place in the semi-final. Well done boys!

Year 5 Planetarium

Year 5 enjoyed a visit from Immersive Theatre's Planetarium on Monday. Each class spent an hour looking at the solar system, journeying to the International Space Station and imagining what it would be like when you can travel to another planet. The children asked lots of fascinating questions and were very keen to find out about becoming astronauts! A fantastic experience.

Cross Country results

A message from Cheryl (GSSN Network Manager)

I have had the privilege of working with 200 of your pupils at my cross-country training sessions during the past three months. They have all shown such determination, commitment and resilience over that time. Each and every one of them had improved in not only their running ability but also in self-belief.

They can all feel very proud of themselves in achieving a place in this squad, having competed against over 800 citywide pupils to do so.

Please pass on my sincere congratulations to them all for giving so much, of both their time and effort.

After a very close race off yesterday afternoon, we have now selected 'Team Gloucester'.

Drum roll please – a shout out to...

- Year 4/5 girls top 12 selected include Eliza (5Ri), Rose (4), Isabella B (5H)*
- Year 6 boys top 12 selected include Bear (6SB), Jackson (6SB).*

Team Gloucester will compete on Sunday 8th March – Good Luck everyone!

Friends of Dinglewell Junior School (PTA) Meeting – Monday 2nd March

The Friends will be holding their next meeting on **Monday 2nd March at the Wagon & Horses, starting at 7pm.** If you would like to learn more about what we do to support the school, future fundraising events and would like to get involved or have some ideas to share, we would love to see you there!

PGL – Year 6

The countdown to PGL has officially begun! Only a couple of months to go and Year 6 children are gearing up for an amazing adventure. As we tick down the weeks, please make sure any outstanding payments are cleared. Thank you!

Celebration Assembly

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



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Selected clubs start

Monday 2nd March - Benchball/Friends of Dinglewell Juniors at Wagon & Horses (7pm).
Tuesday 3rd March - Gymnastics club
Wednesday 4th March - With the Ball
Thursday 5th March - Art/Montagu and Laura Lomax Dance
Friday 6th March -

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Monday 9th March - Benchball
Tuesday 10th March - Gymnastics club
Wednesday 11th March - With the Ball
Thursday 12th March - Art/Montagu and Laura Lomax Dance
Friday 13th March -

**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:

- Year 4 trip letters

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