

The Dinglewell Post

sharing our news with our community



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Attendance for this week: 96.32%

Dear Families,

Our after-school clubs have been in full swing this week, and there has been something for everyone to enjoy! On Monday, children got active with **Montagu Multi Sports** and let their imaginations shine in **Christmas Production Club**. Tuesday saw lots of energy and teamwork at **Cheerleading**, followed by plenty of football fun and skill-building at **Multisoccer** on Wednesday.

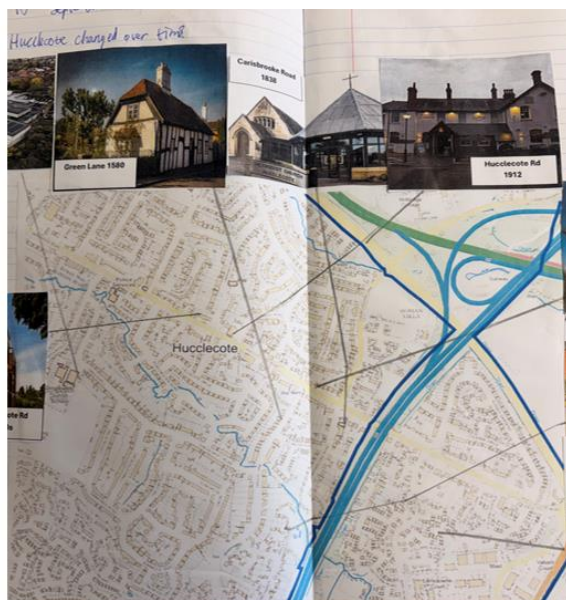
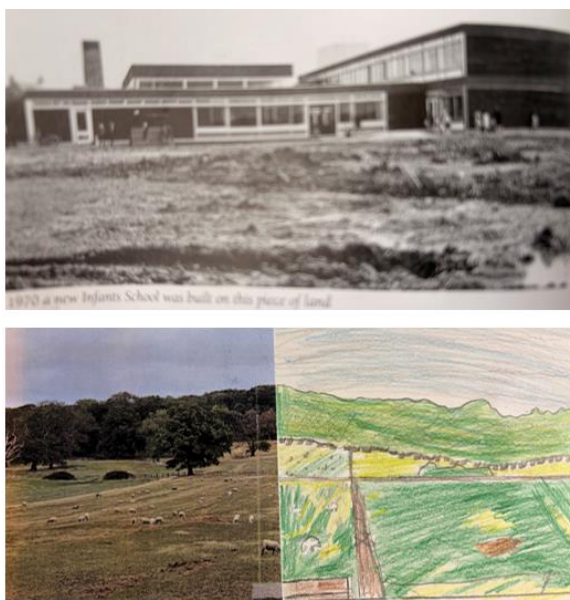
Thursday was another busy day with children raising their voices in song at **Young Voices** and getting creative with building challenges in **Lego Club**. To round off the week we had our 60th Anniversary Celebration. It has been wonderful to see so many children taking part, learning new facts about our local area and having lots of fun along the way!

It's a big this week, brace yourself, take note and read this week's exciting newsletter!

Dinglewell turns 60 –

The week we turned 60! To celebrate, classes were given a decade to study. We focused on an artist from that period including Andy Warhol and learnt songs by musicians including ABBA and The Beatles. Mr Jones started the week with an assembly looking at previous head teachers and photos of the school. Our Geography and History took us out into the local area to see how Hucclecote has changed over time.

We will now create a time capsule to be opened in 2086 full of our work and photographs.



Winners of the 3H TT Rockstars Tournament 7th - 13th September are:

3H - 1st place Kai, 2nd place Margot, 3rd place Zara.R
3B - 1st place Theo, 2nd place Hallie, 3rd place Charlie
3C - 1st place Anabelle, 2nd place Advith, 3rd place Maddie

The boring, but so important stuff

REMINDER – 4Su have Forest School on MONDAY 21st September.

Germes - Week 3 and you may have noticed that the germs have decided to come and pay us a visit!

As the coughs, colds and sniffles begin to make their way around school, we'd love your help in keeping them at bay. Please remind your children to cover their mouths and noses when they sneeze, cough into their elbow, use tissues and wash their hands regularly. A small packet of tissues in their school bag can be a real help too.

Getting plenty of sleep, eating a healthy diet and drinking lots of water can also help keep little bodies feeling their best and ready for learning.

We are encouraging good hygiene habits in school and would really appreciate your support at home too. If your child is feeling particularly unwell, giving them time to rest and recover can help prevent bugs from spreading further.

Working together, we can hopefully send those pesky germs packing and keep our school full of happy, healthy children ready for another fantastic week of learning and fun!

Parentpay Year 3 reminder

There are still a few accounts which haven't been activated for children in Year 3. It is important accounts are activated so we can put charges on for After school club, trips and many more exciting projects throughout the year.

If you have any difficulties activating your account, please let us know and we will be happy to help.

Free school meals – Good news!

For families who are entitled to Free School Meals, the new process is now in place.

Just a gentle reminder for our Year 3 families that school meals are chargeable and any outstanding balances can be viewed on ParentPay. We recommend adding a little credit when you can to help keep balances manageable.

Please note that some families who **now** are eligible for Free School Meals may still see charges on their account. These could relate to meals from a previous term, before the new process came into effect.

If you have any questions or would like any help, please pop into the office and we'll be happy to assist.

Senior school visits – please let the office know if you are visiting a secondary school, we need to know the date and school. If your child requires a hot dinner, please let us know.

Term 1 After school club - Although half term may still feel a little way off, we'd like to send a gentle reminder that payment for Term 1 is due by **9th October**.

If you are paying via childcare vouchers, please arrange this as soon as possible, as voucher payments can take a couple of weeks to reach the bank and be processed.

Making payment early will help ensure everything is in place before the deadline.

Flu vaccinations – a reminder email was sent on Wednesday about flu vaccinations. Please make sure you read the documents attached and complete the online consent form.

Clubs - If you have a club with Cheerleading/Multisoccer or football, children will be allowed to wear their **school PE KIT** that day.

Individual School Photographs

School photographs are taking place on **Monday 28th September**, so it's time to get photo ready! Please make sure children come to school in their full school uniform, with shiny shoes, neatly ironed uniforms and their very best smiles. If your child attends **Montagu**, please remember to send their kit in with them for changing. We can't wait to capture some wonderful school memories and see everyone looking their absolute best!

Year 5 swim - What can we say?!

Year 5 were all set and raring to go for their very first swimming session, bags packed and excitement building... and then the coach doors decided they didn't want to join in and got stuck shut!

Unfortunately, the delay meant that Group 1 enjoyed a longer swim session, while Group 2 stayed dry and returned to school without making a splash.

To make sure everyone gets their fair turn in the pool, the children who missed out in Group 2 will have a double swimming session on Tuesday to balance out the splash zone.

Not quite the start we had planned, but sometimes these things happen! We know Year 5 will be ready to dive straight in next week and make up for lost time.

Parking...

A little reminder for everyone: Please do not park in the staff car park or the Trefoil Centre carpark and be mindful of where you park in the surrounding area. The safety of our children is always our top priority, so we kindly ask everyone to drive slowly, park considerately and stay alert during drop-off and pick-up times.

We have recently had Cllr Ashley Bowkett get in contact with us to remind everyone the importance of a safe drop off and pick up.

Working together helps keep our school community safe and ensures all children can arrive and leave school safely. Thank you for your support and understanding.

A Little Reminder About Our Four-Legged Friends - As much as we love seeing your cheeky little canines and enjoy a wagging tail at the school gates, dogs are unfortunately not allowed on the school site. We also kindly ask that dogs are not tied up at the school gates while you pop in.

The only exceptions to this are registered guide dogs and support dogs.

Smart Watches & Mobile Phones Reminder

Many schools across England are mobile-free environments, including restrictions on smart watches. To help minimise distractions, support learning and ensure online safety, we kindly ask that children do not wear smart watches to school.

We also ask that mobile phones are not brought into school unless your child is in Year 6 and requires one for walking home independently. In these circumstances, phones must be switched off and handed into class at the start of the day and collected at home time.

Thank you for your support in helping us create a safe, focused and positive learning environment for all our children

Important Information for With the Ball Clubs

If you have requested a place in **With the Ball Cheerleading (Tuesday)** or **Multi Soccer (Wednesday)**, you must complete your child's registration directly through the With the Ball website and make payment as outlined in the letter and email sent this week.

Please note that if registration and payment have not been completed, your child will not be able to attend the club.

****If they are going to a club, please contact the office to cancel any relevant After school club sessions so collection of your child runs as smoothly as possible.****

Collection After Clubs

Please remember that **all children, including Year 6 pupils, must be collected by an adult (over 18) at the end of every after-school club**. We kindly ask that parents and carers arrive promptly for collection.

After school club – late pick up's - A gentle reminder that it is essential for children to be collected on time from After School Club. Our staff are here to provide a safe and enjoyable environment, and timely collection helps the club run smoothly for everyone. If persistent lateness continues, we may need to introduce a late collection charge. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep things running efficiently.

Literature festival

We are very fortunate to have the world's longest running Literature Festival taking place on our doorstep. It is a fantastic opportunity to excite children about reading and there are a number of free and low-cost events taking place.

We would love to hear from children who have visited and look forward to them sharing book recommendations with their friends!

<https://www.cheltenhamfestivals.org/whats-on?query=Family>

Friends of Dinglewell Junior School (PTA) Meeting – Monday 21st September 2026

The Friends of DJS would like to extend a warm welcome back to all the staff, children and families that make up our fantastic school community. We are an informal and friendly group of staff and parents who work hard to raise extra funds to support many of the enrichment events that take place throughout the year.

The Friends will be holding their first meeting of the new academic year on Monday 21st September at School, from 5pm – 6pm. If you would like to learn more about what we do to support the school, upcoming and future fundraising events and would like to get involved or have some ideas to share, we would love to see you there!

For more information, please join our Facebook page or Ms. Hayward will be happy to help.

Kick off Thursday.....

On Thursday, Dinglewell girls football team played their first league match against Kingsholm.

It was a strong start with some nice passing. The girls were quick to put pressure on Kingsholm's defence from a goal kick. This resulted in Eliza slotting a great goal into the corner to go 1 up. Dinglewell continued to defend well, with Mia acting as sweeper providing great cover for our Goal Keeper Maddie. Our second goal came about 10 minutes in after a great run from Mia down the wing. A neat pass was made to Eliza who then sent it into the box for Isabelle to tap it in. 2-0. We kept the pressure up and much of the play was in Kingsholm's half. After a great interception by Neive, she set up Isabelle to score our third goal. Isabelle was excellent in midfield, pushing forward to attack and tracking back valiantly in defence. After a strong attack and an assist from Isabelle, Neive slotted the ball in to go 4-0 up. Goal 5 also came from Neive who tapped in the rebound from Eliza's shot. 5-0 at half time.

Kingsholm came out on the attack in the second half and were in the game much more, but penetrating our defence was no easy task. Solid keeper skills were shown by Maddie to collect and distribute the ball. Similarly, the Kingsholm defence was also stronger in the second half with our girls finding it harder to break through. However, perseverance paid off with Lottie battling in the box to get goal number 6. Having defended brilliantly in the first half, Mia played the final quarter in attack which resulted in 2 exciting goals in the final few minutes of the game.

Final score: Dinglewell 8, Kingsholm nil. Coaches Player of the Match: Mia.



Eco Warriors



Congratulations to last year's Eco Warriors who have received the Green Flag Award in recognition of excellence in improving sustainability and environmental learning at Dinglewell.

This is a brilliant achievement and really celebrates the hard work of the whole school to save energy, water and reduce waste. Hopefully the good work will continue this year.

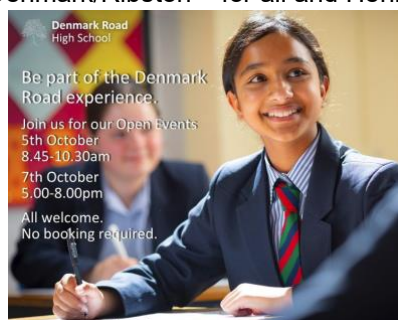
Mrs Byrne is running....(please wish her luck)

*I will be taking part in run cheltenham 10k race, i have chosen the **charity 'move more'** a little bit about why, to empower children within Gloucestershire and the surrounding area, irrespective of their circumstances, to reap the many benefits of an active, healthy lifestyle, fostering lifelong behaviours for their overall well-being. Thanks for taking the time to visit my Justiving page.*

https://www.justgiving.com/page/samantha-byrne-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Other information

Denmark/Ribston – for all and Henley Bank for Year 6



Celebration assembly

Congratulations to all the children who received a merit certificate today.



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Monday 21st September – Montagu/Christmas production club. Year 3 visit in school. **4Su** forest school

Tuesday 22nd September – Y5 Swimming/cheerleading

Wednesday 23rd September – With The ball multisoccer/girls football club

Thursday 24th September – Young Voices

Friday 25th September –

Monday 28th September – School photos
Montagu/Christmas production club

Tuesday 29th September – Y5 Swimming/cheerleading/ flu vaccinations

Wednesday 30th September – With The ball multisoccer/girls football club/flu vaccinations

Thursday 1st October – Young Voices

Friday 2nd October –

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:

Payment reminders – After school club
I rock invitations
Flu vaccinations

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