

The Dinglewell Post

sharing our news with our community



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Dear Parents,

14th March, 2025

Attendance for this week: 92.37%

Welcome to this week's newsletter and it's been British Science Week in school with lots of interesting, fun activities taking place across the whole school. Sadly the boys' football team were knocked out of their Plate competition in the second round this week but the girls are still going strong and are in the semi-finals next week and we wish them lots of luck.

Please can we remind you that Year Group emails are for notifying Year Group staff about any issues or news and are not for reporting absences, who is picking up or medical appointments etc.

Emails of this nature should be sent to the school office. Many thanks.

Parents evenings

All parents have today been sent an email about our next Parents Evenings which will be on Monday 24th March and Wednesday 26th March in the form of a 5 minute appointment with the class teacher and a 5 minute appointment with the maths teacher. Bookings will open on Friday 14th March at 6pm and close on Thursday 20th March at 6pm. Bookings can be made by clicking on the link.

<https://dinglewelljunior.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

If you have any difficulty in making an appointment please telephone the School Office staff who will be pleased to assist you.

FoDJS Spring Fayre, Friday 9th May 5-7pm

On Friday 9th May 2025, the Friends of Dinglewell Junior School will be holding our Spring Fayre after school from 5pm to 7pm. This is a joint event with Gloucestershire Girl guiding who are our friends and neighbours. We desperately need volunteers to man our stalls and would love to have enough to create slots to enable people to volunteer and have time to enjoy the fayre with their families. If you can spare some time on May 9th between 4:15pm and 6:45pm, please add our fayre into your diary and let us know via our email below. We are also looking for any companies that may be able to donate any of the following items, either at a reduced cost or free: nachos, grated cheese, hot dogs and buns, condiments (ketchup etc.), food trays, drinks or sweets.

If you think you, your company or someone you know may be able to help us, then please email friendsofdjs@gmail.com with details.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in having a stall (selling) on the day, then please email springfayre2025@outlook.com with details of your product.

Curriculum news

Science and Eco Week

As part of British Science Week, Y6 had a wonderful day on Tuesday with Bloodhound Education who spent the day with them. The whole of Y6 learned about the history behind the Land Speed record and the requirements that had to be met for an attempt to be valid. Then, our visitors explained

about vehicle construction and design, relating it to the Bloodhound Car. All the classes then had the opportunity to put their new-found knowledge into practice. They spent the rest of the day building their own buggies; testing their designs; changing and adapting them to improve their performance and finally testing to see which group's design travelled the farthest in the hall. Everyone had an amazing day and many expressed their interest in Engineering as a possible future career! Here are some photos of the day's activities. Here are some pictures from Y6 and Y5.



This week we have been celebrating STEM as part of British Science Week. The theme this year was 'Change and Adapt' and the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring this through hands on practical activities.



Eco Warriors



On Wednesday, Mrs Lyons took the Eco Warriors to the Incinerator at Javelin Park, Stonehouse. All the children were amazed by how tiny the bin lorries looked from the viewing gallery. The children learned about how all the incinerator worked, looked through the safety window at the incinerator burning the rubbish, got a rare chance to visit the Control Room and played a recycling game to test their knowledge. Everyone had a great morning, asked lots of interesting questions and really enjoyed their visit.

Football

On Thursday, the boys' football team travelled to Robinswood Primary School to play in the second round of the Large Schools Plate competition. From the whistle, Robinswood pressed forward and dictated play. Several good shots were saved by some excellent 'keeping from Zac. The pressure continued and just before half time Robinswood nudged ahead through a header. The second half continued in a similar fashion: our opponents were strong in the tackle and skilful with the ball. Despite the team's best efforts, Robinswood scored three more excellent goals. The final score was Robinswood 4, Dinglewell 0. This result knocked Dinglewell out of the cup and the team's season has now concluded.

Mr Sullivan and Mr Randell have really enjoyed working with the team and we would like to thank the boys for all of their hard work. They should take some consolation from the fact that there has been an incredibly high standard of football within Gloucester schools this year; we wish them well in their future footballing journey. Many thanks also go to those dedicated parents who have supported the team and assisted in transporting the boys to away fixtures throughout the season.

Medicine in school

Please may we remind all parents/carers that any medicine, including Calpol, must be handed in to the Office by an adult who can then give permission/instructions about the medicine. Many thanks.

Red Nose Day 2025 - Friday 21st March

This year at Dinglewell we would like to celebrate raising money for Red Nose Day by the choice of wacky hair, Red Nose Day themed face paint or wearing something red. We request that children come into school on Friday 21st March 2025 wearing non-uniform, ideally something red. We would also like children to embrace the craziness of Red Nose Day's 40th Anniversary this year with a wacky hair/face paint competition. There will be a small prize per year group for the craziest wacky hair and a small prize per year group for the craziest face paint (Red Nose Day themed).

Donations: We kindly ask for donations of £1 to be brought into school, but if anyone would like to donate more than £1 this will be greatly appreciated as well. The money raised goes to helping a range of children and families in and around Gloucestershire, England and worldwide.

School Meal price increase from 1st April 2025

We have been advised by Caterlink that the price of a standard school meal will increase from 1st April 2025 to £2.85. We will automatically change our pricing structure to reflect this change for any meals ordered after this date. You need to take no further action; this is purely for your information only.

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



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Monday 17th March -
Tuesday 18th March - Y4 Swimming
Tuesday 18th March - 5H Forest School
Tuesday 18th March - Football Knock Out Cup Semi Finals (Girls) (Home)
Wednesday 19th March -
Thursday 20th March - Girl Guiding Assembly
Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day, £1 donation, wear red, wacky hair

Monday 24th March - Parents Evening
Tuesday 25th March - Y4 Swimming - last lesson
Tuesday 25th March - 5SL Forest School
Wednesday 26th March - Parents Evening
Thursday 27th March -
Friday 28th March -

Term Dates for 2025-26 are now available from Reception

**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:

Football letters (girls team)
Parents Evening (letter by email)

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