

A message from our Mrs Katie Lewis, a parent governor



This term I had the privilege of attending and helping out on the Science Fayre! What a pleasure it was as well. On walking into the event, I could feel a buzz of excitement as all the tables were set up with different experiments and information ready for the children to

learn through some fun hands-on experiences. There were a variety of things for the children to learn about, including stations on how different sugars dissolve in water, how much sugar is included in different foods, what causes ice to melt, and how this impacts our global environment, as well as some clever maths problems on changing and adapting.

All the children were beautifully behaved and extremely inquisitive. Lots of questions were asked, and they also showed a real interest in what each of the stations was teaching. A big favourite was the reflection safety tents, where the children were able to learn about the importance of bright reflective clothing when out and about. They absolutely loved being able to choose a reflective sticker that they could put on their bags, bike, or scooter! They also loved learning about blood flow from Liz, the cardiovascular scientist! They listened to what blood flow sounded like and looked like, and they were all very brave! We also enjoyed a bit more of a relaxing session for yoga, where the children learned all about different sea animals and their respective yoga poses.

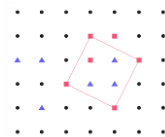
Not only did the children enjoy all of the stations, but there should also be a big well done to all the children who helped at each of the stations. Each class was given a station and had to take responsibility for sharing their knowledge with everyone else.

Thank you to Mrs Bews for organising the event and to all the helpers that came in out of their own time to either help on a station or help supervise the groups as they navigated their way around.

Maths Challenge: April 2025

Seeing Squares

This is a game for two players. You will need a piece of dotted paper (available on the school website). Players take it in turns to choose a dot on the grid. The winner is the first to have chosen four dots that can be joined to form a square. If you play online, <https://nrich.maths.org/square-it/> the first player will place blue triangles and the second player will place pink squares. Here is a picture showing a completed game being won by the pink square player:



Squares can be anywhere and any size. Once you've played a few times against a friend, you might like to discuss your strategies and then test them by playing against the computer. Can you find a winning strategy?

Year 1 Mastering Number Parent Project

Mrs Bishop would like to extend her heartfelt thanks to all the parents who joined us for the recent Mastering Number Parent Workshops. Your participation and enthusiasm made these sessions truly special. The workshops were a great opportunity to explore how you can support your child in developing strong number sense in fun and engaging ways. Your dedication to enhancing your child's learning journey is inspiring, and we are so grateful for your involvement.

Mrs Bishop would love feedback on the workshops, so please email your comments to

ebishop@dinglewell-inf.gloucs.sch.uk

Friday 11th April - last day of term

School will finish at 12.30 pm on the last day of term, the children can come in non-uniform but we will not be asking for a donation towards school funds, instead we would be grateful if you and your child could make an Easter Hat together at home. This can be as simple as a baseball cap with a picture of the Easter Bunny added to the front, or a paper crown with rabbit ears added. Please bring this when you drop your child off at school as there will be an indoor parade during the morning for the staff and children only.

Also during the morning, the children will complete the sponsored Bunny Bounce to raise money for Enrichment Week. A letter was sent home in bookbags on 25th March and there is a copy on the school website:- Parents/Letters Home/Whole School.

If the weather is kind, the Easter Hat parade will take place in the playground at 12 noon and you will then be able to collect your child(ren) from their classroom door at 12.30 pm.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Term 4 2024/25

Starts **Monday 24th February** **Ends at 12.30pm** **Friday 11th April**

April

4th iRock Concert
11th Non Uniform Day
 Easter Hat Parade at 12 noon (weather permitting)

Term 5 2024/25

Starts **Monday 28th April** **Ends** **Friday 23rd May**

May

2nd Class 6 Quadkids trip
5th Bank holiday
6th Class Photos
23rd Non Uniform Day – donations to school funds via Parentpay

Term 6 2024/25

Starts **Monday 2nd June** **Ends at 12.30 pm** **Friday 18th July**

June

2nd INSET day = staff only to attend
3rd Children return to school
23rd-27th Enrichment Week
26th Sports Day

July

11th iRock Concert
18th Non Uniform Day – donations to school funds via Parentpay