



Dinglewell Infant School

Newsletter

February 2025

Message from Mrs Barby

Following the successful Pantomime visit last month, we are delighted to confirm that we have booked M&M productions to return in January 2026 with a pantomime based on the fairy tale Sleeping Beauty.

Last month the school was full of purposeful talk as the Year 1 and Year 2 children presented to their classes. The teachers were full of praise for all the presentations that had been prepared at home over the Christmas holidays. Congratulations to the Class Star Speakers:-

Rozie who talked about Barbies,
Annabelle who talked about her love of drawing,
Toby who talked about his favourite football team,
Madison who talked about water pollution,
Ali who talked about Egypt and
Bo who talked about her passion for gymnastics.

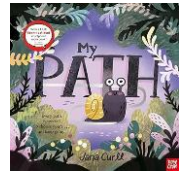
LOOK
WHO'S
TALKING!

On Thursday 16th January the six Class Star Speakers gave their presentation to all children in Year 1 and Year 2. The standard was very high which made the judges job very difficult, but Miss Hills, Mrs Barby and Mrs Bishop were delighted to announce that Bo had been selected as the School Super Star Speaker.

Bo will compete in the next heat, to be held on February 5th. We wish Bo all the very best and know that she will be wonderful ambassador for our school.

January's Book of the Month

January's Book of the Month was *My Path* by Jana Curll. It's a deceptively simple story in which the reader follows a snail along their path. However, it has a very important message about finding our own way in life, making choices, and staying true to ourselves. 'Every path is special. So choose yours...and keep going!'



Our Numbots champions for December are **Class 1** with **50%** playing last month. Well done, Class 1, this is your third win in row.



Uniform Reminder

We have noticed an increasing number of children are wearing joggers and trainers to school on a regular basis. Please can we remind you that we encourage the children to look smart and take pride in their appearance. Therefore, we recommend grey trousers, shorts, pinafores or skirts and black or brown shoes at this time of year.

Attendance (Every Minute Counts)

Last term our attendance figure was 94.6% which was below both the National and the Local Authority average.

We are delighted to announce that our attendance for the year ending January is 96.1% which is above both the national figure of 94.8% and the local authority figure of 94.9%.



Housekeeping

Staff have noticed that children are coming to school with more and more keychains on their schoolbags. We appreciate that these make bookbags easy to distinguish but they are unfortunately becoming a hazard. Many bookbags can no longer fit into our drawer units and bag handles trail across the floor which is a trip hazard. Please can we ask that you allow **one key chain** on your child's bookbag.



Active Challenge

A huge thank you and well done to everyone who participated in the 'Make a Sleigh' challenge last term. Mrs Beer was thrilled with all the photos and could see the time and effort that families had put into making their sleigh. It was great to see so many families working together on the challenge.

This term there is a **Push-Up Challenge**. Information on the new challenge will come home via bookbags and it would be lovely if the whole family could get involved.

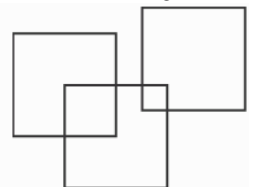
Did you know push ups are great for shoulder strength which could improve your writing? How many push ups can you do in a minute? Count them. Can you improve this? Do it every day for a week and recount a week later. Have you improved?

Maybe some parents or carers can do press-ups with a child sat on their back! Mrs Beer would love to see some photographs lbeer@dinglewell-inf.gloucs.sch.uk

Maths Challenge: February 2025

This month's activity is **Three Squares**. What is the greatest number of squares you can make by overlapping three squares of the same size?

How did you decide on your approach? How did you know that you had found the greatest possible number of squares?



Mrs Bishop would love to see pictures of the arrangements of your squares, so please send your solutions to ebishop@dinglewell-inf.gloucs.sch.uk and they will be shared on the school website to celebrate maths at home.



Holiday Club

for children in Reception to Year 6

@

hillview church

Colwell Avenue, Hucclecote

Wednesday 19 - Friday 21 February

10:00 - 12:00

To find out more information & book a place go to:
<https://hillview.churchsuite.com/events/rp2fk8>
or scan this QR code



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Term 3 2024/25

Starts **Monday 6th January** **Ends** **Friday 14th February**

February

12th FoDIS Disco – **CANCELLED NEW DATE TO BE CONFIRMED**
13th Year One Royal Ball
14th Non Uniform Day – donations to school funds

Term 4 2024/25

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

April

4th iRock Concert
11th Non Uniform Day – donations to school funds
Easter Hat Parade
FoDIS Cake Sale

Term 5 2024/25

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

May

5th Bank holiday
6th Class Photos
9th FoDIS Murder Mystery event (adults only)
21st FoDIS Disco
23rd Non Uniform Day – donations to school funds

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