

### Spring News

It has been an incredibly busy term so far at Dingle. Thank you for your continued support with our family learning days. The children have thoroughly enjoyed having their parents/ carers in school to share in their PHSRE lessons with a focus on exploring and celebrating diversity.

Children across school have taken part in the Dudley gymnastic competition. Mr Moseley was incredibly proud of the children who took part and said they were an absolute credit to the school. Our netball team are also going from strength to strength, achieving their first win last week against Quarry Bank. Dingle girls football team took part in the Mary Earps league at Summerhill and did themselves proud.

Thank you to Mrs. Ellerton and Mr. Moseley for supporting the children in these enrichment activities.

Good luck to the year 5/6 cross country team who are competing next week at Himley Hall.



We were fortunate to have a special visitor in school last week. Manny Singh may be a familiar character for many of you as he is somewhat of a local celebrity. Manny does an incredible amount of charity work within the local community. In particular, he works tirelessly to promote awareness and raise funds for Dementia UK. Manny came into school to share his experiences and the reasons behind his amazing charity work and accomplishments.

It's fair to say that the children were suitably impressed when he shared some of his achievements. In particular, his Pride of Britain award. The children were so motivated that they spontaneously began to walk around the playground afterwards in recognition of the tremendous walks Manny has been on to raise money for various charities. This was an amazing sight and completely driven by the children themselves.





## Curriculum Information

As next half term is incredibly short, each year group will be timetabled for one P.E session to ensure other curriculum areas are delivered.

Summer 1, after the Easter holidays, will be as follows:

Reception: Thursday

Year 1: Tuesday

Year 2: Monday

Year 3: Wednesday

Year 4: Monday

Year 5: Wednesday

Year 6: Tuesday

Year two will take part in forest school every Tuesday. Mrs Mullard will send further information out to parents regarding morning and afternoon sessions.

Year 6 may engage in an additional P.E session. Mrs Ellerton will inform the children when this is happening.

## Recycling

Simpler recycling regulations come into force in April 2025 and will apply to us here at Dingle. This means that we must recycle food waste separately and all of our plastics need to be washed and recycled rather than going into general waste. Unfortunately, school does not have the resources to be able to wash plastic contents of lunchboxes e.g. yoghurt pots, and therefore, any packaging in children's lunch boxes will be returned to be sorted at home. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and we realise this is not ideal, but if our waste is regularly contaminated, we may be fined. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



## Key Dates- Summer 1

- A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May for INSET day and May Bank Holiday.
- KS2 SATS w/b 12<sup>th</sup> May. Children are invited into school from 8:15am onwards Monday-Thursday for breakfast.
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May- Mental Health Awareness week -Wear it Green Day!
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May -Year 2 parents' session for forest school. Further details to follow.
- A reminder that school breaks up on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April for the Easter holidays. Children return to school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April.



## Focus Days



Mental Health Awareness week is May 12<sup>th</sup>. During assemblies throughout the week, we will be exploring ways children can support their own mental health and wellbeing. On Friday 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a focus day where children will take part in emotions, feelings and mindfulness workshops in their class. To mark the day, we are inviting the children to wear something green.

## EYFS

We had the pleasure of welcoming our new EYFS lead, Mrs Kitching, to the Dingle staff, earlier on this term. Mrs Kitching is an experienced EYFS lead and brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her new role. Just prior to starting with us, she had the pleasure of an Ofsted inspection in her previous setting. The EYFS provision received an outstanding grade. Already she has made some positive and exciting changes to our early years provision.

The children in pre school and reception have been finding out about people who help us in the community. The local police service and fire service have been into school to talk to the children about their job. The children have even had the chance to sit in a fire engine and press the police siren, all of which they found very exciting.



## Parking

A reminder that the car park is for staff and official visitor use only, unless prior arrangements have been made with myself or Mrs Hall.

If you do need to drive onto the car park outside of official school hours, for example when dropping children off for breakfast club, please drive slowly and with due care and attention as there may be children in the vicinity.

## Uniform

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows girls to sit comfortably on the floor.

A reminder that if children are wearing earrings, they will not be allowed to take part in P.E lessons unless they can remove them independently.