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PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Learning and achieving together



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4th July - Newsletter

Athletics Evening

An exciting evening of athletics was held at the Prince of Wales stadium last Friday evening. Dunalley were competing along with another 11 schools from across Cheltenham in the Spa Shield event. An event that is one of the highlights of the sporting year.

The event started with hotly contested long distance events and, for the first time, included Y3 and Y4 competing in the 400m. Dunalley got off to a flying start with a win from Molly in the Y3 girls' event. This was closely followed by placings in all long distance races earning valuable points for the team. Another win was secured by Hanna in the 800m. Well done to all the long distance runners who competed well on a hot night. The sprint races saw 4 children through to finals with River (Y3) and Tim (Y6) all winning their races.

The relays are always exciting as teams endeavour to pass the baton and complete the race, not always an easy task in the excitement and with a very loud crowd! Despite this, 4 teams secured places in the finals. Well done to Y3 girls who secured 1st place and Y6, who in a photograph finish, were placed 2nd. Whilst all the racing was taking place on the track, there were children competing in standing long jump and throwing events. This team event saw Dunalley placed 3rd overall with Olivia (Y6) coming 2nd in the girls' throwing event.

The girls were well represented in all events and secured points to see them awarded 3rd place overall in the girls' team event. Well done to all of the competitors for their effort on the night and finishing their events with great determination and resilience in true Dunalley spirit. Thanks also to the reserves who came and supported the team and family members cheering in the stands. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves. Thanks also to Mr Oliver, Mr Adams, Miss Vine, Mrs Hunting and Mr Underwood for giving up their time to enable the children to experience this event.



Health Week at Dunalley

As part of our Health week, next week, we will be promoting health and wellbeing alongside learning about it in our PHSE and Computing lessons.

We would like to encourage all families to get involved, so your child's class can tick off as many of the initiatives as possible. In particular, getting out and about and healthy with a walk, run or swim or trying something new at snack time – a fruit or vegetable you've not tried before – find something healthy and exciting!

And don't forget sports day:

KS1 / Reception – Thursday 10th 10.00am

KS2 – Tuesday 8th 1.30pm

Organising Health Week takes a lot of hard work from all of our staff and the outcome is a great reflection of what we care about here at Dunalley.

Healthy Schools Award

Congratulations to Dunalley !!

Dunalley Primary School has had their Gloucestershire Healthy Living & Learning Healthy Schools Award approved by the Quality Assurance Group.

Thank you to Mrs Mackie and Mr Price for leading this initiative.



Photos

All children should have come home with information about ordering this years Class photos.

Don't forget to get your orders in.

Deadline date for FREE DELIVERY to the school is Tuesday 8th July 2025.

SEN Reviews

If you have received an appointment through Edulink, we look forward to meeting with you—either online or in person—between 9th and 16th July.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Raybould

Nursery & Pre-school Sports Day

This week Nursery & Pre-school children enjoyed their sports day.

It was lovely to see so many of our families enjoying the afternoon, the children were so proud showing off their skills to everyone.

Thank you so much for your support.



Year 4 - French

Year 4 were lucky enough to have Pitville Language Leaders join them this week for a French afternoon. The Language Leaders are Year 9 students working to achieve a qualification by teaching other children Modern Foreign Languages. The Year 4 children enjoyed sessions learning about subjects taught in school through interactive games of lotto, tic-tac-toe and written exercises.

It was exciting and engaging and the children had a fantastic time. We are welcoming a different group of Language Leaders next week to teach Year 5 Spanish.

Moth Visit

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic visit where they learned all about the nocturnal insects living right on their doorstep. Using a special UV lamp set up on the field overnight, the children were amazed by the wonderful array of moths they discovered.

Our Year Sixes also learned about the vital role these brilliant creatures play in our environment.

You can see the results of our survey below.



Early Birds - Next Year

Please note that there will be a change to the Early Birds next year. This provision will be reviewed every half term and those children invited will be focusing on a specific aspect of their learning.

Invitations will be sent out in the last week and your child would be able to attend from 8.00-8.40 every day for 7 weeks.

Many thanks for your continued co-operation.

Sue Raybould

Bike Bus

Greetings from Cheltenham and County Cycling Club!

We are a diverse and welcoming club who love riding all types of bikes. We firmly believe that bikes can help save the world. From the health benefits of keeping fit to reducing pollution, the humble bike is part of the solution.

We would like to help Dunalley Primary School set up a bike bus so that the children can cycle safely to school.

This would be a short 2 to 4 mile route on quieter roads or cycle paths, with 2 to 4 pick up points where the children will join the bike bus. Parents are welcome to join as well. The route would be reversed at home time.

We would help set this up and lead the rides initially, with a view to having parents volunteer to take over the running of the scheme.

Ideally, we'd start as early in the new school year as possible, and start them off on Fridays, or FRideDays if you prefer.

If you're interested in this for your child, please could you reply to the form on Edulink, letting us know your postcode, the number of children that might attend, and whether you would be interested in riding as part of the bike bus.

Looking forward to your response,

C&CCC

Vacancy at Dunalley

Are you a parent/carer looking for a rewarding part time job to fit in with family life ?

If so we are looking for OPAL Play Partners to join our fabulous lunch time team here at Dunalley Primary School.

For working school days (38 weeks per year) 11.30am -1.30pm:

- You get paid all year round, yes even in August.
- You get to work when the children are at school.
- You get paid holiday.
- You get company pension - 26.4%.
- You get lots of other benefits too.
- And did we mention .. it pays better than the living wage.

If you are interested go to our website to find full details and how to apply.

<https://dunalleyps.schoolzineplus.co.uk/OPALPlayPartner>

Safety at School - Bicycles

For the safety of all our pupils and families, we ask that anyone riding a bicycle dismount before entering the school grounds. Unfortunately, there have been a couple of minor incidents where bicycles have collided with children.

We want to prevent any further accidents and ensure everyone stays safe.

Please walk your bicycle in and out of the school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.