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19th September - Newsletter

Lions at Large

Dear Lions at Large Fans,

Lions at Large – The Pride of Gloucestershire Trail has now come to an end. Our busy lion tamers are gathering the pride together, making sure they are looking their best for the final events.

We want to extend a mighty roar of gratitude to everyone who has supported us and been part of the pride this year - all the adventurous trail goers, incredible sponsors, dedicated schools and enthusiastic volunteers - we could not have done it without you.

Together, we've created something truly special; a celebration of community, beautiful artwork and a lasting legacy to transform cancer care.

You can see the pride for the first and final time at our Roarsome Reunion, which is taking place on **Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th October from 10am - 4pm** (there are also quiet sessions in the afternoon of Friday 3rd October). For more information and to book please visit www.lionsatlarge.co.uk/farewell.

After that, the Lions will go under the hammer at Gloucester Cathedral on Thursday 9th October. For more information please visit www.lionsatlarge.co.uk/auction

Thank you once again for choosing to support Lions at Large, The Big Space Cancer Appeal and Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity.

Roaring Wishes,
The Lions at Large Team

Can you help support our pupils at Dunalley Primary School?

We're looking for a **standing desk** to enhance learning and wellbeing in our classrooms. If you have one to donate, we'd be incredibly grateful.

We're also hoping to create a calming space for children with special educational needs and are in need of:

- Two children's tents
- Cushions
- Simple wooden jigsaw puzzles (up to 20 pieces)
- LEGO or construction kits

If you're able to help, please get in touch with us at .

Your support means the world to us – thank you!

OPAL - Positive Play Partners

This morning in assembly, we launched our Positive Play Partner (PPP) initiative!

We're inviting **two children from each class in Years 2 to 6** to apply for the role of Positive Play Partner, supporting their peers during OPAL Play. We'll be extending this opportunity to **Year 1 children in the spring term**.

Positive Play Partners will:

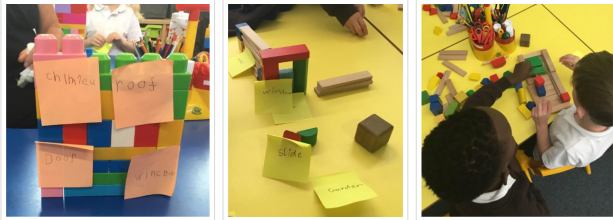
- Receive training and attend regular meetings with Mrs Byrne and the OPAL team
- Support their peers during lunchtime OPAL Play
- Help manage conflicts under the guidance of adults on duty

This is a **fantastic opportunity** for children to take an active role in school life, build leadership skills, and make a positive impact on their peers.

Year 1 news

Year 1 have had an amazing three weeks at school and are all settling really well into their new routines!

They have been learning about trees in science and went on a Leaf Hunt to see if they could identify different types of trees. They also had great fun building homes in geography using different types of construction kits!



Year 2 - Invitation to come into class

Year 2 are diving into the fascinating story of The Great Fire of London!

As part of this exciting project, we're inviting Year 2 parents and carers to join us in school on **Tuesday 23rd September** from **1:30pm to 3:00pm** to help build model houses together.

We're really looking forward to seeing you there and making this a memorable experience for the children!

Year 2 news

Year 2 are learning how to print in their art unit this term. Look at these beautiful leaf prints! They chose their own leaves outside, carefully choosing ones with interesting and prominent vein patterns that would print well. Some chose to make repeating patterns and some wanted show the beauty of their leaf print in stunning autumn colours.



Year 4 - Samba Fun

Year 4 had an incredibly fun, rhythmic and energetic day of Samba drumming to launch their Road to Rio topic this term.

Both classes had sessions to learn their skills and perfect their performances before parents and families were invited to enjoy the learning and celebration.

All children were focussed and had a wonderful time – smiles on faces and shouts of joy rang through the hall (and the whole school!!)

Welly Swap is Back!

We'd love every child to have a pair of wellies in school each day – ready for splashing, jumping and exploring outdoors!

To help make this possible (and keep costs down), we're re-launching our **Welly Swap**.

How it works:

- Visit the Welly Display, located in the bicycle storage outside our main entrance.
- Take a pair of wellies that fit your child.
- If you can, leave a pair your child has grown out of for someone else to use.

It's that simple – *take a pair, leave a pair!*

This swap not only saves money but also helps the environment by reducing waste. Our new Welly Display is already full of boots ready to be taken and worn – so come and find a pair today!

Together, we can make sure every child has the chance to enjoy the outdoors, whatever the weather.

Reminder: Dunalley Pantry

We would like to remind our families about the **Dunalley Pantry**, which supports families who may be experiencing financial challenges. The pantry offers a variety of products, all free of charge, to help families in need.

For your convenience, the pantry has now been moved to the **main entrance area**. You are very welcome to pop in and collect whatever you need. There are some bags available on the side of the pantry unit for your use.

If you would like to **donate items** to the pantry, you are very welcome to add them directly to the shelves or hand them in at the **school office**.

Thank you for helping us to support our community!



News from Parent Pay

Parent Pay have been alerted to a fraudulent app in the Apple App Store that mimics ParentPay branding.

Security and safeguarding are top priorities at ParentPay Group, and we took swift action to report the app and are working closely with Apple to have it removed.

Please be aware:

- ParentPay does not have an app available for download from any app stores
- To use ParentPay, parents should visit <https://www.parentpay.com/> from a mobile phone or computer
- After logging in, parents can save a shortcut onto their phone's home screen

Yours sincerely,

ParentPay Group Customer Service Team

Year 2 - Great Fire of London - Model House making

Sep
23
Tue

23 Sep 2025
1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Yr2

YrR/1/2 Phonics parent information meeting

Oct
1
Wed

01 Oct 2025
2:45 AM to 3:10 PM

Reception Yr2 Yr1

Great Fire of London - Children attend throughout the day

Oct
7
Tue

07 Oct 2025

Yr2

Boys Cross Country

Oct
17
Fri

17 Oct 2025

Whole school

Call of the Wild - Celebration - Family event

Oct
17
Fri

17 Oct 2025
2:45 PM to 3:30 PM

Yr6

Family Meetings - IN PERSON with Class Teacher

Oct
21
Tue

21 Oct 2025
3:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Whole school

Family Meetings - ON LINE with Class Teacher

Oct
22
Wed

22 Oct 2025
3:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Whole school

