



Weekly Parent Bulletin No 18: Week Commencing Monday 3 February 2025 Celebrating Student Achievements and Events

Street Dance

Our Street Dance sessions continue to gain popularity with more students joining in. There are just a few sessions left on this trial, so encourage your child to come along and get involved!



Archery Tag

Archery Tag was a huge success, with Year 8 and 9 taking part during their PE lessons. After school, a group of students from all year groups stayed on to keep the fun going, and it's safe to say everyone had a blast!

Mini Boost

Year 11 Mentors and students from Dene Magna were trained up to support a Police program event for primary school students called Mini Boost. This event is all about leadership, emotional development, resilience and coping with day-to-day life, supporting each other, and then taking that information and support back into schools.

Our students did an outstanding job and we thank all of them for working so hard during the event to make sure the Year 5 pupils from eight Forest of Dean schools had lots of fun whilst they learnt together!



The program is really positive and we had good feedback during the day. Many thanks to Joanne and Carol, the team from Boost, and Mr Beard our School Games Organiser who arranged the event and pulled together the Primary Schools to take part. We will work with the Boost team again in the near future.

Fame Lab in Science

This week we held the Fame Lab competition in Science, where Year 9 students presented fascinating topics to the rest of the school. It was an amazing experience for both students and staff. Here's a brief look at the presentations:

- **Cosmo** began the event with a humorous talk about people with big foreheads, explaining why the bigger the forehead, the less clever you are.
- **Angus** shared an in-depth explanation of how a combustion engine works, from petrol entering the system to the exhaust.
- **Ewan** demonstrated how to perform CPR and emphasised its life-saving importance.
- **Theo** educated us on the health benefits of Lion's Mane mushrooms and even showed us how to prepare and eat them.
- **Nicole** delved into the science behind the small paper snaps, explaining how the sound is made and the chemicals involved.
- **Georgie Williams** was the star of the show, presenting on what would happen if astronauts didn't wear their suits in space. Her explanation of the vacuum of space and the dangers to the human body was both fascinating and chilling.

Georgie was the winner and will proceed to the county finals, where she will attend a masterclass on speech delivery. We are all incredibly proud of her and look forward to seeing how far she goes!



Basketball Success

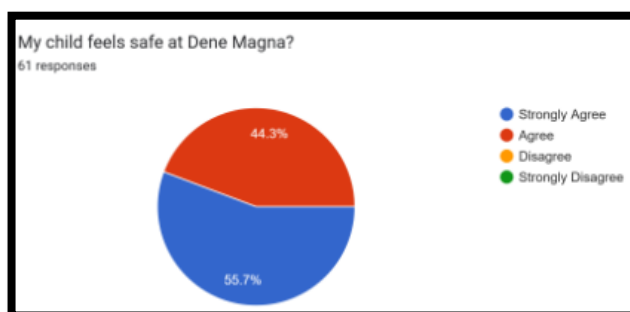
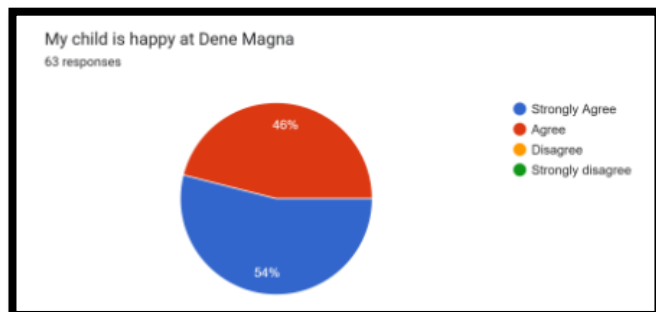
Our Year 8 and 9 boys took part in their first competitive basketball game against Forest High School. After weeks of practice during break and lunchtime, both teams performed brilliantly. Year 8 won 14-0, and Year 9 triumphed 16-2. Well done to everyone involved!



Year 9 Parents' Evening

A big thank you to all the parents who attended Year 9 Parents' Evening. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces. We hope it helped with making those final options choices for your children. We have now moved towards a QR Code for parents to give feedback, this worked extremely well and we will carry on this new system for all upcoming parents events. Thank you for all those parents that completed the feedback form this is most appreciated.

We would like to share with you some responses:



“Archie’s tutor is very prompt to respond to messages and is very good at discussing any concerns”

Once again thank you for your continued support.

Declan Mooney
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary:

- 10.2.25 - U14 Girls County Football Final Tournament @ Almondsbury
Street Dance - Main Hall - 3.30pm- 4.30pm
- 11.2.25 - Year 11 Taster Day - GlosCol (specific students)
Y7 & 9 Boys Football v Newent (7s home 9s away)
Archery Tag - Main Hall - 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- 12.2.25 - Year 12 Speed Awareness Event @ 6th Form
Y11 Table Tennis Practice moderation with Five Acres
- 13.2.25 - Year 13 Parents Evening @ 6th form - 4pm-7pm
- 14.2.25 - U13 Girls Netball Tournament
End of Term
- 24.2.25 - New Term Commences