

# DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 11

25<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Dear Parents



Another busy week at Dunannie! The children are quite amazing – not only presenting a wonderful assembly to their parents, visiting the Milestone Museum, enjoying a variety of Reception pets (including a ferret), finding out about the tradition and history of pantomime, but rehearsing for the Christmas play as well! Well done everyone for being so focused and energetic!

We also welcomed our visitors from China, Daisy and Alice, who were thoroughly entertained by the children practising their play, giving them an insight into a traditional British Christmas.

There are many lists in the entrance hall for you to sign up to, such as the Healthy Choices forum, the Christmas plays and the Drinks party – so don't forget! Please read carefully the dates, times and information attached.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday for the Lighting of our Christmas tree.

The Children in Need day raised £150! There were spots everywhere, including our snack and a Spotty Dance Club, organized by Felicity was the highlight of the day.















The weather reports are fairly ominous for the next two weeks. Our snow plan is secure but you do need to check the website before a member of staff or another family telephone to inform you of the school's plans.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jo', is written below the text.

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## REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

-  Swallow Club : Last week of term
-  Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 Healthy Choices Forum: We look forward to seeing as many parents as can make it.
-  Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal: This will be on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00 pm. This is for parents with young children, nannies and grandparents.
-  Lighting of the Dunannie Christmas Tree: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30 pm – carol singing. Last play ball session will be at 3.45 pm.
-  Christmas Play Extra Seats: These will be allocated on Friday afternoon – please see board on Friday pm.
-  Christmas Play for Reception & Y1 parents: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2.00 pm (there will be no swimming)
-  Nativity Play for Nursery parents: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 9.15 am. Children to be dropped off at Nursery 8.30-8.45am. Coffee will be available in Dunannie main entrance.
-  Christmas Play for Y2 and Y3 parents: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 2.00 pm (no PE)
-  Friends of Dunannie Christmas Drinks: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 6.00 – 8.00 pm in Dunannie Library.
-  Christmas Activity Day: 6<sup>th</sup> December. Sign-up sheets in the classrooms.
-  Sports Shop: The last day of opening this term is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1.30 – 2.30 pm.  
It will reopen on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30 – 2.30 pm.
-  Christmas Post Box – This will be available for internal post only during the last week of term. Please make sure names and classes are clearly written on the envelopes.
-  Activity Clubs for Spring Term: The letter and request form will be going out to parents next week.
-  Library Books: Please ensure all library books are returned into the green book box in the library by the end of next week latest.

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Congratulations to the following children for their great efforts in Mathletics:

Issy (1 Silver)

Lola (1 Bronze)

Adam (1 Bronze, 1 Silver)

James (1 Bronze)

Andrew (2 Bronze)

Theo (1 Bronze)

Mabel (1 Bronze)

Tiger (1 Silver)

Well done!

David

## SCIENCE CHALLENGE

This week's challenge was very popular. Well done to the following children for noticing that the spider only has 6 legs:-

Olly

Nela

Andrew

Theo

Archie

Ernie

Anne

Nicolas

Hamish

Tallulah

Evie

Issy

Dominic

Max

Lucien

Spiders have 8 legs. There were some other very clever observations:-

**Anne, Livy and Felicity** said that the bright window was not the natural habitat for a spider.

**Molly and Tallulah** said that the leaves in the garden were stripy on one side. They should have the same pattern on each side.

**Athena** said the house is as nearly as tall as the trees.

**Hamish and Andrew** said that the curtain should be nearer the window.

**Hamish** said that there is shadow on the ball but no sun in the sky.

Wonderful thinking everyone

David



## RECEPTION NEWS



We are well under way with our pets week in Reception – thank you very much to all those who have brought in their pets to show us. The children have really enjoyed finding out about the different animals and have talked a great deal about them over the last few days. They have been designing their own pets' homes, using some of information they have found and are starting to make miniature homes for pretend pets. We are hoping that they will have time to make some clay model pets next week to go into their 'homes', in between the various performances of the school Christmas play.



Our visit to the pet shop in Liss was short but very much enjoyed – thank you to Gemma Bedford for accompanying us. We were able to handle some rabbits and stroke a guinea pig during the visit but probably the favourite creatures were the wide variety of fish on display. In class, the vets and pet shop role play areas have been very popular and we have seen some fantastic imaginary play going on.

In our literacy work, we have started to look at what the children call 'tricky words' (words that they cannot sound out using the 42 sounds we learn in Reception). The children are learning to read and spell these words. So far we have worked on 'I', 'the', 'me', 'he', 'we', 'be' and 'she'.

Best wishes from Julia, Nicola, Georgina and Bryony

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## YEAR 2 NEWS



On Tuesday Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Milestones Living Museum, in Basingstoke. They were totally enthralled with all the different devices and gadgets they found in the Changing Rooms section. They looked at a room which was decorated in 1930 through to 1970 style. What was different? What was the same? How were these rooms similar to our rooms today? After learning how long it took to do the washing in 1930, everyone decided that it was much easier to live today. Carbolic soap was also not that appealing!

Hairdryers with rather scary looking electric plugs, and vacuum cleaners which you sat on and pumped were displayed alongside a huge collection of the most fantastic household equipment. It was also fun for the teachers as everyone had a childhood memory of something long ago discarded, in favour of today's technology.

After lunch everyone had chance to wander around the Victorian section of the Museum and to dress up. We soon had a crowd of gentlemen, ladies, sailors and workmen in our midst. It was also fun visiting the little Victorian cottage and finding out from the inhabitant what life was like in her little house. It was quite a shock finding the privy with its occupant. They were thoroughly engaged with being time detectives and hunting out artefacts. It was a pleasure to see the children so excited by history. Best wishes – Jacqui, Jo and Gemma

