



DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER

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Dear Parents

It has been another busy week albeit very quiet with Dunhurst camps.

The Academic Forum last Saturday was very well attended and I enjoyed meeting many Dunhurst and Dunannie Parents. Keith and Dominic were masterful in their delivery of the message that you can have it all at Bedales...academic rigour alongside the 'fizz'. We hope to plan another forum in the not-too-distant future.

Year 2 had fine weather on Tuesday for their walk to Steep to learn about the immediate locality but Reception had a rather blustery day at the Submarine museum. The children however, found it so interesting that they really didn't notice. Nursery parents were invited into school yesterday and enjoyed looking at their children's learning journals which are filling up quickly with evidence of all the exciting things they do!

Everything in the Dunannie garden is blooming ...the carrots are shooting up, the first crop of peas have been picked and the strawberries been enjoyed by us all. If any children would like to foster their interest in gardening and enter the Children's section of the Steep Flower Show they could pick up details from Marian. The show will be held at Bedales on 27 August.

At the end of term we shall be saying a sad farewell to David who will be leaving us to further his career at St. Mary's Primary and Portswood Schools in Southampton. I would like to thank David for his important contribution to so many aspects of life at Dunannie and wish him every success and happiness for the future.

I am keeping my fingers crossed for a fine day tomorrow. Please note that there will be no activities or Swallow Club tomorrow.

With best wishes for a lovely half-term!

Jo



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REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- 🌱 **Raising the Temperature Campaign – Whizz-Kidz:** Fiona is organising a craft, cake and cookie stall to be held in Ram's Walk, Petersfield on Thursday 2nd June. If anyone would like to contribute a cake, a bag of cookies or some craftwork, we will be able to boost funds for our Raising the Temperature campaign. As this date is in half-term, you can either drop things off at Fiona's house on Wednesday 1st June or bring them to Ram's Walk on the morning (9.00am) of Thursday 2nd June. **The children can continue to do chores to raise money and if you want another form, they are available from Marian in the office.**
- 🌱 **Tuesday 21 June 2.15 pm** (This is a new date for your diary)- there will be a follow on talk from Dr Tom Smiley. It doesn't matter if you were unable to come to the last one – this will stand-alone – but will go into the subject in more depth.
- 🌱 **TOP INSTRUMENTALISTS COME TO BEDALES ON TUESDAY 7 JUNE:** A double-bill for the Bedales Jazz Series on Tuesday 7th June at 8pm gives a chance to hear some top flight instrumentalists playing in the intimate and atmospheric setting of the Olivier Theatre. Do check on-line the credentials of **TONY WOODS** (sax), **MIKE OUTRAM** (guitar), **ROB MILLETT** (vibes and percussion), **ANDY HAMILL** (bass), **JIM HART** (drums) and **PETE CHURCHILL** (piano). Though part of a Jazz Services national tour linked to the launch of a new album by the **AVALON TRIO**, we have negotiated a second-half featuring the **TONY WOODS PROJECT** to create a programme with even greater variety. The Trio plays music inspired by English music of the early 2^{0th} Century while the Project plays melodic, accessible and original folk/rock/world influenced jazz. It should be a great evening! Tickets from One Tree Books or the Theatre Box Office tickets@bedales.org.uk or 01730 711 511.
- 🌱 **Minstead – Year 3:** Please can you ensure all health information forms are back to us as soon as possible.
- 🌱 **Newcomers' Morning Tuesday 7th June:** There will be samples of school clothing on display in the Dunannie Library from 11.30am to 12.30pm.



Congratulations to the following children for all their hard work in Mathletics...

Jonty (1 Bronze)
Evie (1 Bronze)
Ernie (1 Bronze)
Charlie (1 Bronze)
Athena (1 Bronze)
Andrew (1 Bronze)
Rowena (1 Bronze)

Well done,
David



SCIENCE CHALLENGE

This week's challenge was far easier than last week's. The error was that carrots do not grow on trees. Carrots are root vegetables that grow underground.

Well done to the following children for spotting this error:- Anne, Tallulah, Lorenzo, Archie, Athena, Evie, Theo, Nela, Leela, Daisy, James, Hamish, Tiger, Tory, Felicity, Issy and Ernie.

Well done everyone!
David

DANCE & DRAMA

In the three short Mondays we've had this half term we have been focussing on Drama (always with a bit of movement of course!). The children have started to explore mime and actions, breaking them down and examining the different ways we can tell an audience a story. They started working without words, responding to music or other sounds, and trying to show how the sounds made us feel and move - without speaking. The younger children used particular sounds to make them move in particular ways, for example, banging a drum to stomp like a big, grumpy elephant and finding that a triangle made them do lighter, quicker movement on tiptoes like a happy little bird. The older children tried doing 'happy' movements to 'sad' music and so we all discovered how closely movement, music and mood are connected.

Next we worked without sound or movement, having great fun with facial expressions. Sitting very still the children had to show us how they were tired, angry, puzzled, shocked and excited just by using their faces. It was very tempting to whisper and whimper, jump up, wiggle or use hands but after a few goes (some people had to sit on their hands) almost everyone managed it! Much harder than we thought it would be and showed just how important using the whole body is in drama.

Finally we tried to work without sight, feeling different objects and trying to show whether they were nice or nasty by using the right kind of movement. The older children moved on to play the same 'game' but without a real object, having to use all their expressive skills to show the audience what they were 'holding' or standing in....

All the children then worked on trust exercises with their friends, allowing them to lead them, shape them (place them in different static positions) – and, for the older ones, to save them from falling – with their eyes shut. Everyone was still friends at the end of it, not many people crashed and the children with their eyes open learned how important it was that their partner could trust them. We saw some fantastic, imaginative 'shape' work and all the children tried really hard to keep their eyes shut – though some just couldn't help peeping!



Summer PE



Year 3 girls ready for Rounders with Group 1

We have spent this term doing all sorts of games and athletics activities on the field, making the most of the glorious weather. Whilst the Year 3 girls have been practising their Rounders skills and getting to grips with the rules, the Year 3 boys have been playing cricket with the Group 1 boys.

The Year 2 children have been working on their batting and fielding skills and using them in some exciting games of '3 ball Rounders'. This is a variation on the classic game which uses all the skills but with fewer rules.

Year 1 and Reception children have also been practising batting, fielding, throwing and catching and playing small games based on Kwik Cricket and Rounders.

All the children are getting ahead with their preparations for the Dunannie Sports Day. They have been enjoying the challenges of team tasks as well as individual activities such as sprinting races where some are extremely competitive!!

Fiona

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Here are a few shots of Reception and Year 1 children playing games on the field.

children

