



## Dunannie Thursday Letter issue 30

24th June 2010

Dear Parents

Thank you for coming to the Parents' Evenings this week to discuss your child's report and I hope that you found them helpful.

I would like to thank Ellie for organising such a wonderful French Day. It flew by with exciting French moments happening everywhere you looked! I will never forget Romy who wore a French beret at a jaunty angle from the beginning to the end of the day, working hard to complete her group's Eiffel Tower with Ken or Rachel - who managed to eat four delicious omelettes at lunchtime! Thank you to everyone for such a great day and we are already making plans for one next year!

The Nursery Sports Day was another occasion to remember! Fiona organised a brilliant range of activities where the children could demonstrate their developing physical skills to their parents. The 'track' events at the end of the morning showed how well the children can hold, run and send adoring smiles to the spectators all at the same time.




Year 2's Assembly was a wonderful mix of creative activities. A power point presentation of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' showed the parts the children had enjoyed acting, followed by the biggest death scene imaginable with the whole class 'dying' in a highly dramatic fashion! The children went on to recite their Bug Poems followed by the re-telling of The Ugly Bug's Ball and a display of their fantastically imaginative creatures! Thank you very much to everyone involved.

Year 1 had an excellent time at Marden Farm and the accompanying pictures show you just some of the wonderful moments the children experienced. I would like to thank Kate Olphert very much indeed for allowing the children to go to her farm and the care she took in looking after them.

The final week of term has arrived and what a week it will be! I hope to see you at as many events as you are able to attend.

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## REMINDERS

-  Please return all library books by tomorrow Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June.
-  Nursery – please could parents return any borrowed clothing. If anyone has spare trousers please can they be donated to the Nursery store? Thank you.
-  End of term countdown sheet attached.

### Year 2

The children thoroughly enjoyed making their French strawberry tarts and Mont Saint Michel!






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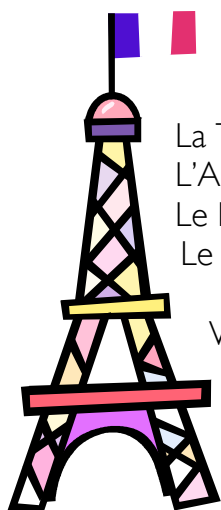
## French Day !!!

What a fantastic day we all had on Monday. The sun shone and the children did too with all their amazing creations. We started the day by revising our numbers, using a website that teaches through a variety of games. The staff were expert by the end at their numbers and using a website that was entirely new to them! The children were, as usual excited and animated by the games.



 We then looked at a power point that explained all about 4 major monuments in France.

La Tour Eiffel  
L'Arc de Triomphe  
Le Pont du Gard  
Le Mont St Michel



We learnt a little about the history of these monuments and where they were situated in France.

Then, there was the very well deserved “*goûter*” of a *pain-au-chocolat*.

We then all made *Tartelettes aux Fruits*, chopping up various fruits which we then wrote on our vocabulary board. Some words we already knew and some were new to us. We carried on adding words throughout the day. Words we found interesting or useful, like “*facile*” and “*difficile*” for example.

The staff expanded on the idea with the older children and created fantastic boxes to put the *Tartelettes* in to, or made beautifully designed name tags to identify each one.

Jo had, had a quiet word with the kitchen which produced “*omelette-frites*” for lunch. This proved a huge success and I believe one child enjoyed 4 “*omelette au fromage*” With *profiteroles* for dessert all I can say is “Isn't school *fantastique*!!!!”

We had story time for a little while and then all out in *le soleil* to play.

In the afternoon, each of the four classes made one of the monuments that we had learnt about in the morning.

Year 3 made La Tour Eiffel with Ken out of hazel and willow

Year 2 made an incredible Mont St Michel out of anything that Jacquie could get her hands on!

Year 1 made Le Pont du Gard complete with the river and boats beneath it.

Reception made L'Arc de Triomphe with the road system and vehicles circling it.

It was fantastic team work from everyone involved and by the end we had 2 art installations in the hall and 4 sculptures outside.



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We then relaxed and watched Le petit Bateau Rouge in the library.





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## Reception

Reception has really enjoyed using the hammers, saws and nails to make their own models out of balsa wood. We have some very keen carpenters!





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## Year 1

We had a really fantastic day yesterday – courtesy of the Olpherts (Kate, Head of Groups, Dunhurst) – and we hope these pictures convey some of the awe and wonder of the children as they experienced farm life.





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## Nursery

On a gloriously sunny Tuesday the Nursery children welcomed their parents and grandparents to join them for a morning of sports activities and races, held on the Bedales Memorial pitch. The activities included throwing bean bags into a pot, kicking and rolling balls through a 'goal' and negotiating a gymnastics circuit. A highlight was the parents' team obstacle race where the competition was stiff!! The children took part in their own obstacle, potato and spoon and running races with lots of enthusiasm and determination. A relaxing picnic lunch rounded off a very happy morning of activity.





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Class 3D



Year 3C Practising for Sports Day!





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**THANK YOU!**

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all staff for the marvellous children's reports they have produced.

**AND**

Please don't forget to pop in your diaries the drinks party on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 6-8pm.

**LAST BUT NOT LEAST...**

Thank you to Lulu and the outgoing class rep's for all their hard work on the Friends of Dunannie over the past year.

**HAVE A FABULOUS SUMMER!**