

DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 6

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Dear Parents



Life at Dunannie continues to be as busy as ever! ... and talking of busy bees we had a visit from Lesley Morris, an enthusiastic Bedales beekeeper, who came and talked to all the classes about keeping bees. The children were able to try on bee-keeping outfits or bee masks and also tasted honey from around the world. We are hoping that soon we shall be able to try our own from Bedales Outdoor Work. During the poetry week that had the Bee theme, the children wrote really imaginative poems, one of which is overleaf, and produced wonderful illustrations to go with them and we are now preparing our own book of poetry to go in the Library.

We were thrilled this week to hear from HMS Warrior at Portsmouth that they would come and bring their Victorian Seaside workshop to us to replace the one that we had had to cancel when we were evacuated. The children had a really interesting afternoon, dressed as Victorians. They played the parts in Punch and Judy, packed their suitcases and heard all about Victorian holidays.

Year 3 continue to explore the Aztecs and this week they created their own Aztec market. At the market they needed to estimate the cost of the goods on sale, use Aztec currency to purchase the goods and work out the change for the customers. Tortilla chips were on sale and proved to be very popular at playtime!

The highlight of the week was of the Harvest Assembly. I must thank Anne for producing an excellent programme of songs that the children so enjoyed singing and they did so quite beautifully. The Library looked absolutely stunning: Alex Oldham, Noni Needs, Kate Day, Lydia Rainford and Lou Gray spent much of Tuesday transforming the Library into a real



'Harvest Barn' and Joan Gorman (Dunhurst parent) made a brilliant straw man. Thank you all very much indeed. After a very tasty ploughman's lunch, Linda Penney and Meredith Rae with help from Year 3 set off to Ramscote and The Roberts Centre, Portsmouth to deliver the goods. The children's beautifully decorated boxes were greeted with great enthusiasm by the recipients.



Best wishes

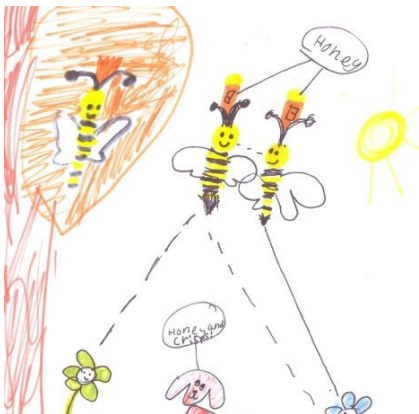
Jo

Year 2 Poem

Ben the Bee

Ben is a buzzy dancing bee
He wants to dance on "Strickly"
He tries to dance rock and roll
And wants to reach his dancing goal.
He uses every buzzy chance

And soon begins to tap dance
After visiting his buzzy hive
He thinks he'll learn to do the jive
He then decides to make DVD's
Like the famous BEE GEES
Because he wants to be on TV
Finally he learns to do a hop
But the judges shout out
BEN STOP STOP STOP!



YEAR 2



“Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!” Year 2 had a fantastic afternoon of storytelling and role play, when “Mrs Mabel Slipper” came to tell them all about the seaside 150 years ago. Her husband worked on HMS Warrior as a footman to the Captain, and she was planning her once in a lifetime holiday to a lodging house in Southsea. She showed us her costume for travelling in, together



with two petticoats and bloomers, and her bathing costume of fashionable black wool. She carried a black lace parasol, and told us she would not be seen out in company without it. The children had the chance to promenade along the sea front, admiring all the new wheeled beach huts, “all in vogue now, my dears!”



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REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- **Dunhurst Opening Morning:** This has been postponed from last weekend (Saturday 9th October) and is now on Tuesday, 19th October 2.15-4.00pm. Booking is essential through Janie Jarman please on 01730 711733
- **Maths Day:** This will now be on Thursday 21st October. Details to follow.
- **Northbrook Fundraising : Christmas paper:** please bring in your orders for Christmas wrappings and cards as soon as possible.
- **Swimming Bags:** These are available at £5 each– please speak to Marian if you want one.
- **Address Book:** We are still awaiting the signed Annual data checksheets from some parents. If your child's name is written below, please can you return the form by Monday 18th October. We need these signed and returned in any event, but it helps with checking your contact details. Thank you.



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

James (1 bronze)
Theo (1 bronze)
Andrew (1 bronze)
Issy (1 bronze)
Archie (1 bronze)
Charlie (1 bronze)

Well done
David

YEAR 2 & YEAR 3 CHALLENGE CLASS

Year 2 and Year 3 have begun new science investigations over the past week. Year 2 have discussed electricity in the home. We identified several objects in the home that run on electricity and whether they run from the mains or use batteries. Our main focus next week will be on keeping safe when using objects that run on electricity and then moving onto safety in and outside the home.

Year 3 have begun their investigation into 'springs'. We have also identified where in the home we would find springs and have discussed in detail the forces applied on and by a spring. The children came up with some good definitions to describe what a spring was and decided on:

'It's a bouncy thing'

'Push it down it, springs back up'

'Stretch it and it goes back to its original shape'.

On the glass panels outside the Challenge Lab, the children have noticed the 'Science Challenge of the Week'. This week, many children correctly noticed that that thermometer fixed to the tree was showing a high temperature even though it was cold outside. Well done to Ernie, Florence, Max, Issy, Evie, Olly and Molly.



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I'll attach a new challenge every Monday and would welcome all children to write their explanation about what is wrong with the picture. Please write your name on the explanation.

In Maths this week, the Year 3 children have been hard at work with solving money problems. We have been looking at different ways of writing in pounds and pence. They have been discussing the correct amounts of money they would choose to buy items.



Year 2 have been looking at the clock and finding out how to read the clock after several hours have passed. They enjoyed my assembly a few weeks ago when I talked about a boy who described the time in terms of o'clock but without the numbers for example 'bed o'clock', 'breakfast o'clock' and 'bath o'clock'. It is a great experience for children to practise reading clocks at home and telling the time.

Have a great weekend

David

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NURSERY NEWS



Last week the Nursery children went out on the school minibus to visit the site of the Medley's new house. They were fascinated by the building work taking place. Do pop into the Nursery to see more photos of the trip.

The children decided that they would like our role play area to become a castle, so we have transformed it together. Several knights in shining armour and princesses in beautiful hats have been spotted in and around the barn!

We have been baking bread this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and have been thinking about where food comes from, as well as being able to participate in the school Harvest Festival. Do have a go at baking bread at home!



Dunannie Nursery 'Bake Some Bread' Recipe

1. Sift 450g of strong white bread flour into a large bowl with a teaspoon of salt and two teaspoons of dried yeast. Stir together.
2. Make a hollow in the middle of the flour. Pour in 300ml warm water (which has been boiled and mixed with two tablespoons of olive oil)
3. Stir to make dough.
4. Put dough on floured surface and knead for 10 minutes.
5. Put in a clean bowl, cover with cling film and leave in a warm place for an hour and a half.
6. Put dough back on floury surface and knead again.
7. Break dough into an interesting shape. Lightly brush with milk.
8. Bake in oven gas mark 7 or 220 C for about 40 mins.
9. Enjoy delicious fresh bread!
10. Let us know how you get on!

Best wishes from Sharon, Donna, Bridget, Harriet, Donna and Belinda