



## Dunannie Thursday Letter issue 2

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Dear Parents

Our second week of term has been full of exciting things! Year 3 children went to Southsea Castle on Monday morning where they were set thought-provoking tasks which required good team-work and co-operation! Catherine, David, Ros and the children now know each other a lot better! On Tuesday the Hall changed into mini Mexico and we welcomed the children from Churcher's and Steep Schools to share a morning's activities based on the Aztecs.

I have very much enjoyed the Reception and Year 3 Curriculum presentation and I do hope you too have found them helpful and informative. I look forward to seeing Nursery parents this evening and year 1 and 2 parents next week.

The Badley Weekend is nearly upon us! Marian has put up a list in the entrance hall for you to indicate whether you will be coming on the day. On arrival at 11.00am you are invited for refreshments in the Library where you will have opportunity to hear about the John Badley Foundation. At this point we will have whisked the children away to do some creative writing! At about 11.15am the day will truly start. I do need a party of helpers to clear out the PE store so if you would be happy to help please let me know. There will also be activities for you and your children to take part in throughout Dunannie including sewing, cake decorating and the creation of individual plaques to go on the new entrance way. If you have anything 'natural' at home that we could use eg. off-cuts of wood, raffia, corks etc. please send them in.

On 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November you will have an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss the first half of the term. Lists will be put up nearer the time for you to book your appointments.






Please don't forget that this newsletter can be viewed on the school website after 5.00pm each Thursday.

With best wishes



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## REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

-  **Health:** Nit Check: this has been re-scheduled to Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> September.
-  **Date List:** Please can you add in Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Year 3 Assembly for Parents. Can you also amend Year 2 trip to Weald and Downland Museum: this is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (not Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November).
-  **Address Book:** This will be produced as soon as possible but as yet not all the data check sheets have been returned. If you have not already done so, please let Nicky or Marian have yours so that we can get the new year's address book circulated.
-  **Woodwork Club:** On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October there will be no club as Richard Nice will be away. Please let Marian know if you need a Swallow Club space.
-  **Badley Day –** Please bring in your old newspapers

### **PLAN FOR BADLEY DAY- 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**11.00 AM**      ***PARENTS INVITED TO THE LAUNCH OF THE JOHN BADLEY FOUNDATION (children with teachers for drinks, biscuits and a fun writing/drawing activity)***

**11.15-1.30 PM** ***CLEARING OF PE STORE***

***CAKE DECORATING & SEWING (Reception)***

***CREATING A “HEAD, HAND & HEART” PLAQUE IN YR1, YR2 AND Y3.***

**Please tie back all hair of shoulder length and longer**



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## NURSERY NEWS

The Nursery has had a fantastic week settling in here at Dunannie. On Monday afternoon in Dance/Drama, Helen helped us imagine we were on the beach: to move like the waves and create dances about different sea creatures.



On Tuesday morning we were busy in the nursery garden; we dug up the carrots and potatoes. We found this incredibly exciting! We took them inside and washed them, then in the afternoon we cooked and ate them! Delicious work!





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It's been an exciting start to the new school year and both groups of children in Year 2 and Year 3 have been eager to spend time in the Challenge Lab. The children have been very interested in solving several of the puzzles around the room and as expected many of the puzzles were solved! These are gadgets that most adults struggle with. As the term moves on we expect groups of children to use the room to investigate and research their own interests.



Year 2 have made a good start on their design project of puppet making. Last week they explored several types of puppets and discussed not only how they worked but also how they were made. Our main focus will be on glove puppets and the children have begun designing their own puppets, deciding on a character and the materials they require.

Year 3 have begun their science investigation into the concept of magnetism. They've explored the classroom locating the materials that are attracted to magnets. After a long discussion the children agreed that metals are attracted to magnets. However they couldn't determine whether all metals are attracted and this will be our next line of investigation.



In ICT both year groups have been using Microsoft Word. They have become familiar with manipulating text and inserting clipart into documents. I've been very impressed with their ICT skills and look forward to an exciting year.

Have a great weekend!

David