



Dunhurst *Friday Report*

14/01/11

Friday 14th Jan	JAW: Damian Hinds MP	4.30—5.30pm
Saturday 15th Jan	All in weekend for Blocks Play Groups ODW Activity	2.00—5.30pm 11.00—1.00pm
Sunday 16th Jan	All in weekend for Blocks Play	9.30—5.00pm
Monday 17th Jan	Blocks play rehearsals	All day
Tuesday 18th Jan	Blocks Play rehearsals	All day
Wednesday 19th Jan	Dress rehearsal U9, U10, U11, U12, U13 Cross Country at Westbourne House U13 A and B Boys Hockey VII v Meoncross (H) Scholarship lesson with Philip Young	Am 2.00—5.00pm 2.30pm 4.30—5.20pm
Thursday 20th Jan	Wind in the Willows at the Olivier Theatre (pick up from Olivier Theatre)	7.30—9.30pm
Friday 21st Jan	JAW: Tom Clowes, Everest climber Wind in the Willows at the Olivier Theatre (pick up from Olivier Theatre)	4.30—5.30pm 7.30—9.30pm
Saturday 22nd Jan	Block 1 Parents' Appointments with Penny, James and Alan Wind in the Willows at the Olivier Theatre (pick up from Olivier Theatre) U11 Netball Tournament at Windlesaham Groups Drama Activity	8.30—1.00pm 2.30—4.30pm Tbc 11.30—1.00pm



Letter from Penny...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I do hope that you all enjoyed the very best of Christmas holidays. Prior to your return Dunhurst hosted a wonderful Assessment programme (most of you will remember it) during which many embryonic Dunhurstians dipped their toes into aspects of our school life. Many of our visitors will be joining the school in September.

Let's start with the brilliant news that work has already started on repairing the Adventure Playground! Many thanks to Richard Lushington, Bursar, for keeping our needs firmly as a priority. Within two to three weeks the children should be having their usual fun on a totally safe structure.

A big welcome to Debbie who comes to teach music, to Amy who takes over one of the Group Three classes, to Liv who starts her first term as Head of Modern Foreign Languages and to our three new GAP Students Charlie, Ellie and Amy. I am sure you will be delighted to know that Ralph Morel, who joins us as Deputy Head after Easter, will be visiting the school on January 21st. If you happen to see him do stop and say Hallo!

On a slightly less happy note I have included within this week's Friday Report the text of two letters that I have already written to parents. The staff and I remain concerned that parents continue to support our policies on mobile phone and internet usage in and around school. Our prime concern at all times is for the welfare and safety of your children. I have re-printed the two letters to remind you how seriously we take this responsibility and that we hope for and expect the support of all parents to this end. I would also like to re-iterate that the school cannot take responsibility for internet exchanges between children from home computers out of school time.

The All in Weekend (this coming Saturday and Sunday) focuses on rehearsals for *The Wind in the Willows*, the Blocks Play to be performed on 20th, 21st 22nd January in the Olivier Theatre. We have re-sent timings and arrangements for both weekends contained originally in the end of term mailing and are happy to confirm at any time if you ring into reception.

All Block One parents please remember to book you interviews with either Penny, James or Alan with regard to Bedales preparation and Entrance. Frances is taking bookings for Saturday 22nd January as already published. We very much look forward to seeing you.

Penny



What's going on ...

Train Times

Saturday 15th January

No train needed due to play rehearsal

Sunday 16th January

Depart Waterloo 6:30pm Arrive Petersfield 7:37pm

Depart Guildford 7:10pm

Gaps Duty Mobile Number 07827478489



If any families are clearing out old Lego in the New Year, we would like to inherit it in Dunannie. Thank you Jacqui.



RECYCLE YOUR OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you have not already thrown out your old Christmas cards, then Fran would be glad to have them. Each year, the children help me to recycle them into gift tags which are then sold for charity. Please bring them to Fran's room, or leave at reception for me. Many thanks, Fran Box

Block Activities this term.

In order to reduce the long days this term we will be running Block Activities from 6.00pm – 7.00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and from 6.30pm – 7.30pm on Thursdays. Unfortunately, due to shared sports facilities with Bedales, there are a few exceptions. These are 7.30pm finish for hockey and swimming on Mondays and Rugby on Tuesday.



What's going on ...



In the penultimate week of last term, Dunhurst had the pleasure of hosting a visit from Daisy and Alice, two Chinese teachers from Chuansha School in Shanghai. Chuansha School was visited by Keith and Moony during their sabbatical, and Daisy and Alice were on a return visit to Bedales.

We wanted their three days at Dunhurst to give them a real flavour of the children's experience here, while at the same time giving our pupils an insight into some Chinese culture. So, we set about organising a programme for them, covering as much of what makes Dunhurst special as we could, and hoping also to include things that we felt would be very different from Chinese school.

Daisy and Alice observed lessons in PSHE, religion, Outdoor Work, English and maths. They spent an afternoon in Dunannie, and presented the trophy and medals at the U13 football tournament. They gave lessons in calligraphy, Mandarin, the buildings of Shanghai, and the Chinese story of the Butterfly Lovers, and they gave the school an assembly, where Meg and Saoirse sang a song and Rory spoke, all in Mandarin. Then Dunhurst asked questions about Chinese New Year, the Great Wall of China, and a typical school day for a Chinese child. All the while, the Groups' play was taking shape before our eyes, the Well was transformed day by day, and Daisy and Alice were able to see the end result as they watched the dress rehearsal on Friday afternoon.

As usual, all the children were lively and appreciative recipients of everything they were shown, and all the staff entered wholeheartedly into the spirit of the visit. Daisy and Alice left with a great appreciation of the variety of activities included in a Dunhurst day, and we were left a little more knowledgeable about China.

All this will be particularly pertinent for Group 3, as they begin their first topic of the term – China! We hope their memories will be stirred and they will enjoy some of the lovely gifts Daisy and Alice left for us.





What's going on ...

COMMUNITY SERVICE

All those who started Community Service **last** half term will be continuing into this February half term. Well done to all those pupils who signed up for Community Service **last** term and made such a good impression with those they **were** helping. I have already had very positive feedback **about their contributions**. Block pupils have been helping out at play times at Dunannie, reading and project work at Steep Primary School and a variety of activities at Hollywater School for the Learning disabled. The two latter services occur weekly on Wednesday afternoons so those volunteers have been giving up their free time to participate.

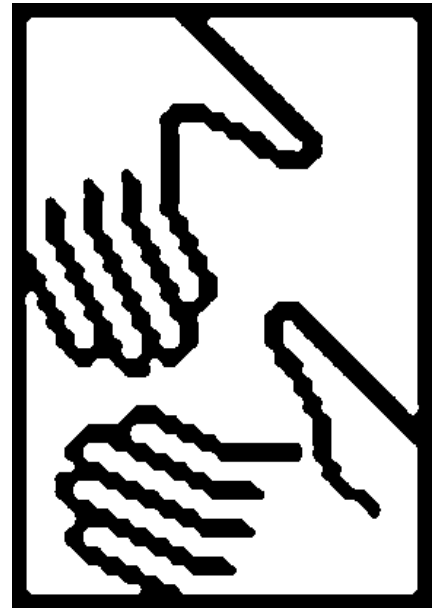
The expectation is that **every pupil in Block One and Two** will, at some point in the two years, sign up to do a community service for **one whole term**.

PARENTAL SUPPORT

Many thanks also to Fiona Blackley and other parent helpers for assisting and driving pupils to Hollywater School.

I would like to ask parents to support us in making sure their children stick to this commitment, especially those involved in visits to Steep School and Hollywater on Wednesday afternoons. We have a responsibility to fulfil our arrangements made with institutions in the wider community and it is important that they and their service users can rely on us to keep to our commitment. **Once a pupil has signed up for a Wednesday afternoon Community service option they are expected to forgo their Petersfield or 'home' option (until 3.30pm) just for that term.**

Thanks for your cooperation with this.—Louise



BLOCK 1 TRANSITION TO BEDALES

Penny, James and Alan will be available during the morning of Saturday 22 January to discuss the Bedales entrance process with Block 1 parents. This is an opportunity to raise any queries and talk through any questions/worries you may have. The children have already started working towards the tests in English and Maths and they will be prepared for their interview nearer the time. If you have not already done so, please e-mail Frances, fharris@bedales.org.uk, or ring 01730 711690 to book a 10 minute slot. If you are unable to come on 22 January, please make an appointment during the following week.



What's going on ...

I-phones

In our continued desire to protect your children from the more uncertain sides of the internet, we are taking the decision to ask that all phones brought into school by pupils, both boarders and day, do not have internet access. In particular we are concerned about our pupils and other parties' access to Facebook whilst in school for which the school cannot take responsibility.

Historically phones have been used to allow pupils to keep in contact and talk to their parents and we fully support that. Our children are still young and we are confident that you will support us in our continued duty of care to the children.

School phones are available for children's use twenty four hours a day.

Iphones and ipods

We write to you in order to elicit your support to help us fulfil our duty of care and child protection duties to your children. With the mass of technological advances over the past couple of years, it is now possible for iPhones and iPods to be used for greater purposes than first designed.

Earlier on in the term we checked the contents of every child's device and found some to have inappropriately aged films or content. The children were very honest and open and none of the material was above 15 certificate. Nevertheless as a school it is part of our duty of care to monitor what they see or hear. Before technology took off, and as stated in the boarding handbook, pupils were allowed to listen to music on their MP3 players to help them drift off to sleep and we do not want to lose this important option. However, at present children can watch appropriate aged films in their beds late at night or play games on their iPods, which is not always easy to monitor. This then of course leads to fatigue and associated issues.

We would ask you to support us in the appropriate use of these devices by ensuring that your child returns to school with only appropriate music on their iPods. The children will be asked to sign a contract at the start of next term confirming that their devices have no films or games and that the music they listen to has no inappropriate or explicit lyrics.

The children will still be allowed their phones until 8.45 pm and their PSPs and other hand held games until lamps out.

We value your support in this area and please do e-mail Alan or Pam if you have any queries.

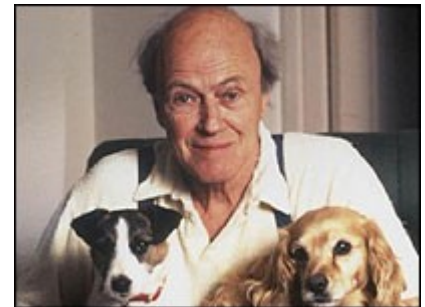
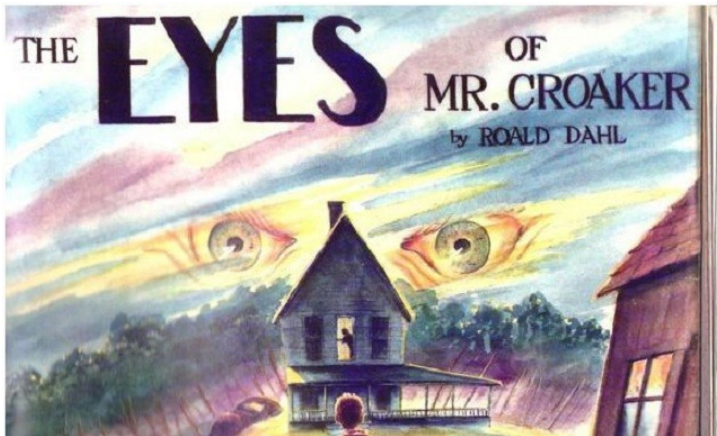


What's going on ...

DUNHURST STORY WRITING COMPETITION

You may have read in the press before Christmas that the beginning of an unpublished story written in 1982 by famous author Roald Dahl has been discovered. It is called:

"The Eyes of Mr Croaker"



In the story, Mr Croaker lives on the edge of a wood and children are scared of his staring eyes. It begins: "Not one single person in the whole neighbourhood liked old Mr Croaker. It wasn't just the way he looked, though that

was bad, nor the nasty way he talked, though that was worse. It was not only his strange dark house on the edge of the woods that put people off. It was something frightening about his eyes." Dahl then goes on to introduce Stewart, a nine year old boy, "who did not like to admit he was scared of anything" and his best friend, eight year old Susan, who had "once caught sight of Mr Croaker carrying into his house a sack that wriggled....worse still Mr Croaker had seen her seeing him". Susan does not want to go for a picnic in the woods because "she knew they would have to walk past Mr Croaker's house on the way there and back". The children go on their jaunt, after Susan is reassured by the presence of Scruff, Stewart's mongrel dog. Scruff runs up the path to Mr Croaker's tall rickety wooden house, where most of the shutters are closed. A dark shape was behind the glass of one window pane staring out.....

Roald Dahl wrote this beginning with the idea that children would finish it themselves. SO....we are going to have a Dunhurst story writing competition based on this theme. The competition will be open to all pupils at Dunhurst, to their parents & grandparents, to older & younger brothers and sisters and to staff of the three Bedales schools.

It does not matter whether the exact opening words are used or not, but the story should be called "The Eyes of Mr Croaker" with the same characters and opening idea.

I'd like to collect the stories together and produce a book of the work of the Dunhurst pupils, families & staff. This might later be sold for charity at the Christmas Fair – depending on copyright restrictions. It will anyway be a lovely school memento.

Book token prizes will be offered to categories for different year groups, as well as to under eights and adults/older pupils.

It would help if the story could be submitted to me in typewritten format – though this is not compulsory for the younger children.

It is suggested that the maximum length for the story should be 2000 words from adults, but only 100 words or one page is acceptable from younger authors.

Deadline: start of the summer term – **Tuesday 26th April.**

Please email copies to Fran Box fbox@bedales.org.uk or hand to me at school.

Any further queries about the competition please email me.

I know there are a lot of very talented writers among Dunhurst pupils & their families.

PLEASE USE YOUR IMAGINATIONS AND START WRITING.

Fran Box



What's going on ...

Wind in the Willows Performances

Thursday 20th and Friday 21st January

Performances at 7.30pm

Pick up 9.30pm at

Bedales Olivier Theatre

Saturday 22nd January

Performance at 2.30pm

Pick up 4.30pm at

Bedales Olivier Theatre

**PLEASE NOTE THESE
TIMINGS ARE DIFFER-
ENT FROM THE ONES
PUBLISHED IN THE
CALENDAR.**



Sport ...

U11 Tournament at P.G.S

The team, that was Willow-captain, Chilli, Scarlet, Rachel, Cecily, Pippa, Cressie and Rosie all went out to P.G.S on the 12th of Jan and played really hard. It was really wet and cold. The first match was against P.G.S A team they beat us 6-0. It was a tough match, the next match was against Brighton Collage they were a good team and beat us 7 to 0, the match after that was against Princes Mead we beat them 1-0 and returned triumphantly to the mini bus to shiver, we then beat P.H.S 4-2. We went up against Millfield and they beat us 5-1. I think we all learnt a that from then on it was sleeping bags and woollies when it was cold. In the end P.G.S A team won. And the Bees knees went to Rachel well done all of you!!!! Cecily



Sport ...

SPORTS ROUND UP

What a great start to term we've had with lots of keen sportsmen and women hard at work in hockey, rugby, netball and football activities. Our new hockey coach is a great asset to the school and our children are enjoying some extra expert coaching.

On Wednesday we took an U11 netball team to a tournament at Portsmouth Grammar

School where they played against some of the best schools in the South. This was a great experience for them and they managed to hold their own in a few matches.

Our U9 and U10 footballers went to Prebendal for a very wet and muddy match where they demonstrated their toughness and fighting spirit.

Our U13 girls hockey team took on Meoncross with huge success winning 9-0 (we even gave them Tara our GK in the second half and she managed some great saves throughout the game.) Rory the captain showed strong stick work as well as leadership with some fantastic passing between her, Rosie, Ellie W, Ems and Jemima. Ems scored a lovely goal – using a move we've been practising in training. Our defence: Breanne, Ashley and Robyn were like a brick wall, impossible to get through. All the girls swapped positions to challenge them a little more. Well done girls – a fantastic start!



MOUTHGUARDS – IMPORTANT!!!!

Please remember that children cannot participate in hockey or rugby without a mouthguard. If anyone arrives to lessons / activities without a mouthguard next week the PE department will provide a temporary one and add it to the bill. PLEASE e-mail Rachel if you would **NOT** like your child to have a temporary mouthguard: rhearnshaw@bedales.org.uk



What's going on ... Friends

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!!

Reps and Committee – Spring 2011

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Please do call any of us if there is anything we can help you with



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Bedales Parents' Literary Review

¶ We are excited to launch the Bedales Parents' Literary Review straight after the FODs meeting on 28th February, in Scoffs, 9.30-10.30am. ¶

¶ Our aspiration is to discover and rediscover wonderful books together. The theme we will begin with is 'Missed Classics', and our first book is 'Frankenstein' by Mary Shelley. ¶

¶ We are planning to use the Worlds Classics edition of the book, which is available from One Tree Books. ¶

¶ Please come along to enjoy a lively discussion. ¶

¶ In the meantime, happy (and scary) reading. ¶

¶ Lydia, Monique and Angie. ¶

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Parents' action page ...

1. Do book your tickets for Wind in the Willows.
2. Please bring in any old Christmas cards you may have for re-cycling.
3. Block I parents phone Frances for an appointment with Penny, James or Alan regarding the transition of your child to Bedales
4. Please donate any unwanted Lego to Dunannie.
5. Please ensure your child has a mouthguard for this term's PE.