

DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 21

17th March 2011



Dear Parents

As I write this we have five new members of Dunannie.....fluffy little chicks. The excitement levels have been huge coupled with the anxiety of watching the birth and those first few steps! The incubator has been a magnet for us all today ...children and grownups too!

Reception will be having two more furry visitors to the classroom next week...Theo's lambs. Please talk to Julia if having live animals in the classroom is a problem for you.

Years 2 and 1 have had very interesting visits this week. Year 2 to Tangmere Air Museum and Year 1 to Intech. On both visits the children were able to astonish nearby adults with the depth of their knowledge and enthusiasm.

Year 3 children will be going to Chichester Cathedral on Monday 21st March to study some stunning and rare objects there and to explore signs and symbols, light and dark.



DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 21

We welcomed Dr Tom Smiley to Dunannie on Tuesday and the feedback I have had has been excellent. He gave up a large part of the afternoon and made time to talk to everyone who came. We shall start off earlier next time (and there most certainly will be one) and I shall try and organise a crèche too.

Friday afternoons will never be the same again. Afternoon tea with Jo has quickly become part of the Dunannie life. It is an opportunity for me to celebrate and thank the children who have shown acts of kindness in school. So far I have entertained Lorenzo, Max, Lola, Andrew, Shanklin, Esme, Ernie and Flissy and I look forward to more kind pupils this Friday.

Starting this week all Year 2 and 3 parents are welcome to take their children to the classrooms on Friday mornings to see the activities the children have experienced that week. It shall give you an opportunity to look at their work and find out more about the class projects and future plans. Please remember though that on any other day of the week you must talk to class teachers if there is something concerning you that may affect your child's day in school and you do not wish to leave a message.

Next week we are going to trial the following.....the children will collect their coats from the cloakroom before you pick up in the Library. This will take time but hopefully they will speed up. If it does not work out we shall think again and make a different plan.

Red Nose Day is on Friday! The children may wear their red noses and red hoodies if they wish. They could also prepare something funny for our assembly! Thank you all in advance for the cakes you have made for the sale. It is very much appreciated and I am looking forward to a highly calorific weekend! Please collect your children and take them to the sale.








Please don't forget that Year 3 parents are invited to meet Jane Grubb this evening in the Dunannie Library at 7.00 pm.

With best wishes



DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 21

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

-  Spring Fair on Thursday 31st March Please look out for toys, games, DVD's etc for the toy stall, nail varnish for the beauty salon and any prizes for the lucky dip. Also jam jars of special treasures such as sweets, go-gos or stickers – any fun ideas most welcome. Please drop these into to Marian in the office.
-  Sports Shop: Please note that the last day for the sports shop this term will be Tuesday 29/3/11.
-  Lost Property: A navy blue hood for a coat has been lost – please can you look out for it?
-  Instruments: Please can the children remember to bring in their music and instruments for rehearsals and concerts:
 - Reception & Y1: Monday and Tuesday
 - Y2 and Y3: Wednesday and Thursday
-  Spring Concerts: Please sign up in the office. Reception and Y1 is on Tuesday 22nd March and Years 2 and 3 on Thursday 24th March – both 9.15 start. Tea/coffee will be served in the Challenge Room 8.45 – 9.15am.
-  Clubs: Please note that next week is the last week of after school activity clubs. Swallow Club will be operating for an extra week (28th – 31st March) for those who wish to use it – please sign up on the list in the entrance hall. It is our experience that by this stage of the term many of the children are quite tired and benefit from going home at 3.30pm. Ballet – Yolande is very happy for parents to watch the last lesson in the library. Similarly, Judo - Ray is happy for parents to watch the last ten minutes of the last lesson in the hall. The letter regarding clubs for next term will be sent out next Thursday.
-  Year 3 PE Clothing: is needed on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



EASTER TENNIS COURSE 2011

held at Bedales School, Church Road, Steep, Petersfield

2 day Tennis Course

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st April 2011 10.00am – 3.00pm

Available to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 – 13 years old

COST £58.00

Kit required: Tennis Racket, trainers, shorts/tracksuit bottoms, T-shirts, jumper, jacket, swimming costume and towel.

Packed lunch/water bottle

For more information contact

Helen Retter 07739835240 or hretter@bedales.org.uk

Caz Hulbert 01730 711653 or chulbert@bedales.org.uk

Application forms (attached to this letter) must be returned by Thursday 14th April 2011



RED NOSE DAY

Friday 18th March

Do wear Red Noses and Red Hoodies!

Please bring in cakes etc by 8.30am

Cake Sale starts at 3.00pm in the Library



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

Theo (1 Bronze)
Sam (1 Bronze)
Issy (1 Bronze)
Giselle (1 Bronze)
Elliot (1 Silver) Brilliant!
Leela (1 Bronze)
Rowena (1 Bronze)
Tom (1 Bronze)
Nela (1 Bronze)
Shanklin (1 Bronze)
Tiger (1 Bronze)
Andrew (1 Bronze)
James (1 Gold) Fantastic!!!

Well done, David

SCIENCE CHALLENGE

A hippopotamus is eating a fish. Hippos are herbivorous and do not eat fish.

Several children spotted this mistake. Well done to Molly, Olly, Athena, Hamish, Adam and Anne. Leela, Giselle, Tory and Isabelle all thought that the teeth looked wooden and Rachel thought that there were too many teeth. Hippos actually have 40 teeth but as the incisors and canines grow long it may seem that they only have four. Ernie wrote that the fish would die if it wasn't in the water. Andrew wrote that the grass wouldn't grow on a hippo.

Well done everyone. David



DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 21

News from Year 3

We are very fortunate to have Ken teaching art with us on Tuesdays. As a ceramicist and painter himself, he has a wealth of skills and knowledge to pass on. This term he is continuing an exploration of painting – colour, pigments and creative and technical effects.

Another group is working on practical photography and how to use photos as a creative media. We are learning how basic cameras work and making our own pinhole cameras. Last week we were lucky to have a really sunny afternoon for our light photo experiments. Using photographic paper and a variety of objects to block out the sun, we watched how the light affected the paper and it changed colour. A fixer solution stopped the process – or the paper would have continued to get darker and darker! Using David Hockney's photo-montage work as our inspiration, we then made our own images from assembled sections of photographs. Look for our re-configured penguins, meerkats and peacocks in the corridor! Our plan is to use daffodils next..

BUT - if daffodils could talk, what would they say? What stories would they tell us? Imagining the scene led to some brilliant poems. Here are a few!

Daffodils! by Archie

Daffodils, oh daffodils,
You're bottom is at the top!
Daffodils, oh daffodils,
Why is your beard at the back?
Trumpeting like the horn of Spring,
Dancing like anything,
Wearing rain-drops like jewels,
The daffodils drink from pools.

Daffodil by Evie

If you were the sun you would sing like god
But you are a daffodil
With a stem as clean as a lime



DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 21

Daffodil Daffodil by Florence

Daffodil daffodil
You daffle all day
Crinkly leaves, yellow and green
You have a massive nose
And tiny toes
And your petals glow
Like a blanket of snow.
You smell like honey
And you're very funny.



Photographs by Year 3

Our Golden Rules have inspired the Goldie awards with Years 2 and 3 focussing on one at a time – currently 'be kind and helpful'. Outstanding kindness and helpfulness is recognised and valued, as we all learn how important these social skills are.

Our latest arrivals – the youngest members of Dunannie - have been hatching this week!

With unprecedented levels of excitement and broodiness we were thrilled to see the hatching of chick 6, shortly followed by brothers or sisters. The children are entranced and several have been overheard saying "I'm a dad" and "I need to see the babies again". Chick fever is running up and down the corridor, and we have a competition for chick names which will be decided in the next few days! Many thanks to Bridget for organising such a wonderful project for all of us.



Livvy and Issy sewing their Easter Chicks

With best wishes from Catherine Ros and Year 3

Reception Class News



After our visit to Portchester Castle we have been busy painting castle pictures, learning how to do a colour wash background and adding detail on top. The resulting pictures can be seen in the classroom. Thank you for all the cardboard boxes that have come in over the last few weeks: the children have really enjoyed making their own castles and are now busily adding details such as beds, princesses, flags and knights to their designs.

This week we have been really excited by the various signs of Spring that have appeared in and around Dunannie. The tadpoles have been fascinating to watch and the children have become real experts on the life cycle of

a frog; Jo introduced them to the word 'metamorphosis' when she came into the class to read her weekly story and we will be adding that to our 'wow words' notice board!

The chicks hatching have also caused much interest and we are popping down to the challenge room at every opportunity to check on progress – do ask the children all about it. It has been good to see so many children leafing through information books together trying to find out about hens.



DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 21



Ready for a display for the Spring Concert next week, we have been looking at daffodils *and painting, using pastels or creating collages of them. The children have been able to choose which technique they would like to use and some very careful work has been produced.*

and also starting to pay for items in our shop with pennies, two pence and five pence coins. Understanding the worth of different coins is difficult but with lots of practise everyone is beginning to get the idea.

Next Wednesday we are hoping to have a lamb visit our class – do let us know beforehand if you have any difficulties with this (health issues/allergies etc).

Best wishes,
Julia, Nicola, Georgina and Bryony

