



Dunhurst *Friday Report*

17—06—11

Friday 17th June	<p>Groups Maths Day</p> <p>U12 Cricket Tournament at More House</p> <p>Jaw Athletics</p> <p>Block 1 Parent/Teacher Meetings</p> <p>Groups train departs Petersfield</p> <p>Groups train arrives Waterloo</p>	<p>9.00—3.50pm</p> <p>4.30—5.30pm</p> <p>4.00—6.00pm</p> <p>4.18pm</p> <p>5.43pm</p>
Saturday 18th June	<p>Block 1 Parent/Teacher Meetings</p> <p>Blocks train departs Petersfield</p> <p>Groups Saturday Activity</p> <p>Blocks train arrives Waterloo</p> <p>All in weekend</p>	<p>11.00—1.00pm</p> <p>1.48pm</p> <p>11.30—1.00pm</p> <p>2.57pm</p>
Sunday 19th June	<p>All in weekend</p> <p>Train departs Waterloo</p> <p>Train arrives Petersfield</p>	<p>6.30pm</p> <p>7.37pm</p>
Monday 20th June	<p>Play rehearsals</p> <p>Childtalk: Julie Whitehead—Laugh Your Way To Health and Happiness</p> <p>U8/U9 Rounders v Langrish (H)</p>	<p>All day</p> <p>4.30—5.30pm</p> <p>4.00pm—5.15pm</p>
Tuesday 21st June	<p>Play rehearsals</p> <p>Strings Summer Platform Concert</p>	<p>All day</p> <p>6.15pm</p>
Wednesday 22nd June	<p>Dress rehearsal of 'The Isle of Wonders'</p> <p>U11 Cricket v Prebendal (H)</p> <p>U13 and U12 Boys Tennis v Portsmouth Grammar School (H)</p> <p>U11 Rounders Tournament at Westbourne House</p> <p>U12 Girls Tennis v Portsmouth Grammar School (H)</p>	<p>Am</p> <p>2.30—5.30pm</p> <p>2.00—5.00pm</p> <p>2.00—5.00pm</p> <p>2.00—5.00pm</p>
Thursday 23rd June	<p>LAMDA exams</p> <p>U9 Boys Cricket v Churcher's (A)</p> <p>Welcome drinks for new families Sept 2011</p> <p>Production 'The Isle of Wonders'</p>	<p>3.00—5.30pm</p> <p>6.15pm</p> <p>7.30pm</p>
Friday 24th June	<p>Jaw Athletics</p> <p>Production 'The Isle of Wonders'</p>	<p>4.30—5.30pm</p> <p>7.30pm</p>
Saturday 25th June	<p>Dunhurst Parents' Day</p> <p>Production 'The Isle of Wonders'</p>	<p>10.30am</p> <p>1.45pm</p>



Letter from Penny...

Dear Parents

Congratulations to children and staff who participated and enjoyed the very first Dunhurst Factor which took place on Tuesday. Teams from Alton Convent and MeonCross joined us for this exciting Team Building Event organised by Ralph and Rachel. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the sun came out too! On Monday, children and staff from The Roche School, Wandsworth joined Nick and the Outdoor Work department for an 'outdoor classroom' day with survival skills and outside cooking all on the menu. It is wonderful to share our privileges of grass, trees and space with children from other schools. Thank you to all staff concerned.

I have written to all Block One parents informing them that, following consultation with the senior school, from next academic year the Bedales Assessments will take place in the second half of the Spring Term. There are many advantages, not least for the children who will have longer to prepare and fewer restless months in the 'run up' to entry. Nonetheless please do come in and see me if you are in any way concerned. I understand that a lengthier letter from Keith is on its way to current Block One parents and that he will be writing to Group 3 parents next week.

A special mention this week for the Girls Rounders teams who played against Frensham on Wednesday. The results were good, the U13's winning 16½ - 7½ and the U12's winning an astounding 26-4. Well done to you allbut we celebrate, too, the Dunhurstian spirit that led Rory and Hebe to step in at the last minute, having been let down by others, so that the match could take place. Thank you Rory and Hebe.

We all wish Tracey Thornton, our Day Matron, every happiness and success as she moves to Old Buckenham Hall, Suffolk in September. Wendy, who has been with us these past two terms teaching some French and organising Careers and Work Shadowing initiatives, will be leaving Dunhurst permanently at the end of this term.

This weekend is "All In" under the direction of Simon, as the school prepares and rehearses 'Isle of Wonders' for Parents Day. I look forward to visiting the marquee at various times over the weekend and seeing the performance progress.

Could I draw your attention to the last Childtalk of the year - a particularly super one! Julia Whitehead will be leading a Laughter workshop on Tuesday 21st June at 4.30 - 5.30pm. This session should be the greatest fun ever - do come!

Penny



What's going on ...

Train Arrangements

Friday 17th June—Groups Train only

Depart Petersfield 4:18pm Arrive Waterloo 5:43pm

Taxi will be departing at 4:00pm

Saturday 18th June

Depart Petersfield 1:48pm Arrive Waterloo 2:57pm

Arrive Guildford 2:15pm

Minibus will be leaving at 1:30pm- for Blocks

Sunday 19th June

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

Depart Guildford 7:10pm

Gaps Duty Mobile Number 07827478489

The Eyes Of Mr Croaker

I'm sorry It has taken me such a long time to choose the winners of the Mr Croaker story competition.

There were such a lot of good entries, that I have been reading & re-reading the stories. It has been a very hard job to decide!

So well done to everyone who entered and for the quality of your entries!

WINNERS:

Adults – Andrew Bartlett

Block Two – Freya Priestly

Block One – Noah Clark-Hall

Group Three – Flissie Mackenzie

Group Two - Nicko Caines

Group One – Angus Forbes

Siblings not at Dunhurst – Darcy Bartlett



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

Presentation of book token prizes will be at the start of Monday's assembly 20th June, 8.40am.

Next term, I'm hoping to produce a Mr Croaker book of all the stories entered.

I need a team of willing pupil & adult helpers to assist me in producing the book.

We need to proofread & edit the stories and I would like lots of illustrations.

So please let me know if you would be interested in helping.

We will then distribute the book at the HOPIT Fair. (An ideal Christmas present for someone you know?)

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN EVERYONE—Fran



What's going on ...

Childtalk - 21st June

Julie Whitehead—LAUGH YOUR WAY TO BETTER HEALTH

4.30—5.30pm in the Humanities Room

Parents may wish to bring a yoga mat or towel to lie on.

A fun and informative **inter-active** talk about the health benefits of laughter. 75% of illness is stress related. We all know the phrase "Laughter is the Best Medicine", and you will learn why the medical and scientific world are amazed at what happens when we have a hearty laugh. Laughter is a great Stressbuster so come and experience for yourself the benefits of Laughter Yoga and have a chance to practice your Humerobics routine! You will leave feeling relaxed, yet uplifted and energised and looking younger too!

Julie is one of two UK Laughter Ambassadors appointed by Dr Madan Kataria the Founder of the Laughter Yoga movement. She is Co founder of the Laughter Network the only organisation in the UK promoting health, happiness and work life balance through laughter related activities.

Yoga has been in Julie's life for over 30 years, even when she ran her own Residential Letting business and she has taught her style of Stressless Yoga for 12 years and runs holistic yoga holidays in Turkey, Spain and Egypt.

In 2002 her life changed when she trained with Dr Kataria to become a Laughter Leader Teacher and she now facilitates regular laughter training courses. She is one of UK's leading Laughologist bringing a sense of fun to all occasions and encouraging a better understanding of the mind/body relationship, which can be very empowering. Both laughter and yoga are complimentary to good health, developing a positive approach to life, and Julies' work is a fusion of this. She has been influenced by Positive Psychologist Robert Holden and trained on his Happiness Course.

Julie has taken laughter into the whole of society from class rooms to board rooms, from hospitals to health resorts, and has given talks at major shows such as The Yoga Show and Complementary & Natural Healthcare Show. Several TV and radio programmes have featured her work. She now lives locally in Clanfield.

Congratulations to.....

Everyone who took a Music Exam before 1/2 term!

We had a fantastic set of results – all 47 pupils passed with excellent grades – a huge number with high merits or distinctions with comments to support their musicality – certificates will be handed out very soon!

Parents Day—Saturday 25th June

1030 – parents welcome to tour the school

1200 onwards – lunch

1345 – Play performance starts

You are warmly invited to.....

The String Summer Platform Concert

Tuesday 21st June at 6.15pm

Dunhurst Well

The following pupils will be performing:

Superstrings	Group 1 String Quartet	Groups String Trio	
Toria	Finn Wr	Grace	Ellie E
Fiamma	Charlie F	Thomasina	Olivia B
Tara	Marlene	Robbie	Emma D
Olo	Clemmie	Kath	Plus 2 Dunannie pupils



What's going on ...

The Dunhurst Factor

This was the first time Dunhurst has run a Team building event; in fact, it may well have been the first time any school has! After losing so many athletic events to the rain, Rachel decided to create an event that the weather could not interrupt! So, come rain, hail or lightening, this event was going to happen.

Maybe when you don't need the sun, you get it anyway and we were gifted with the perfect day!

MeonCross and Alton Convent took up the challenge and turned up carrying a dry set of clothes, with curious but excited looks on their faces. With Dunhurst entering two teams from the Block Ones, The Roses and the Bees, the day started with a 'hot sand dance' and some face stretches, so no muscles were pulled as they attempted the first event - the helium stick.

The aim was to lower the stick to the ground, but as the name describes, it had an uncanny tendency to rise. Throw blindfolds into the equation and the teams had to quickly draw together in order to succeed.

Four more challenges followed on and below is a snippet of what they had to deal with;

"You are trapped in a submarine! Unless you can crack the code your oxygen supply will slowly run out. The only problem is that the code area is contaminated with radioactive rays. Your team must, in turn, enter the coded area and stand on the..."

"The Year is 4011 and we now live by the power of a magical golden egg. It emits all the energy you need to live. However, your village is under threat from a volcanic eruption and the egg must be moved."

"Indiana Jones's most sort after treasure is hidden in a black tube very close to you! Hidden in its depths is the key to all life. To access the message, you have to bring it to the top using water, but watch out for the holes!"

The latter event was perfect for a hot day, as the minute 1 team member let some water escape, it wasn't long before cascades of water covered the more determined members who refused to abandon their posts!

As the day progressed, the teams 'tool bag' of skills grew. On every task, the teams had to think laterally and try out as many of their ideas as possible.

It was finished off with a great BBQ and certificates to prove they had survived the 'Dunhurst Factor!'

Look out for future events as we hope to give you all that factor feeling!





What's going on ...

Music Rehearsals for the All In Weekend

Saturday: In the Lully Room

1.45 – 2pm: Storm in a Ship

(Antonia, Patrick, Tara, Rhea, Marlene, Nico, Jack V, Hebe, Max H, Tristan, Louis J, Rupert)

2 – 2.15pm : Finale

(provisionally – Patrick, Peter, Nico, Tristan, Delilah, Louis J, Hector, Marlene, Tara)

2.15 – 2.30pm: Sycorax

(Peter, Patrick, Ali, Delilah, Louis, Tristan, Nico, Hector, Jack V)

2.30 – 2.50pm: Stephano's Song

(ALL TROUBADOURS, Peter, Ali Mc Donald, Delilah, Ashley, Nico, Patrick)

2.50 – 3pm: Caliban

(Rory A, Patrick, Peter, Tristan, Jack V, Louis J, Rupert, Nico, Ben A)

3 – 3.15pm: Full Fathom 5

(Delilah, Patrick)

Sunday : In the Hall with the dancers

9.30 – 10.15: Sea Fever

(Patrick, Josh, Antonia, Delilah, Louis J, Tara, Marlene, Tristan, Ben A, Nico, Jack V)

10.15 – 10.45: Come Unto

(Patrick, Peter, Tara, Nico, Antonia, Stella)

BREAK

11 – 12: Finale

(as Saturday)

12 – 12.45 – Stephano's Song

(as Saturday)

LUNCH then **1.15pm MUSICIANS LOAD / UNLOAD MINIBUS AND SET UP IN MARQUEE**

All Musicians required for Sunday afternoon - whole cast / musicians / dancers working together in the marquee.

Sponsored Swim

Thank you to everyone who has managed to hand in their money for the sponsored swim. The total so far is extremely impressive. Please could everyone endeavour to have collected all their sponsors in by Friday 24th June.

Mandarin Morning at Dunhurst!

Last Wednesday there were lots of Chinese girls and boys running around at Dunhurst – children from the Groups dressed up for their Mandarin morning. Elizabeth and Lou from 123 Mandarin in London introduced us to the ancient Chinese pictograms and showed how these had become 'square' pictograms today. Groups pupils had the chance to copy the symbols and create a picture telling a story. Those pupils in the Blocks who had signed up for Mandarin were not disappointed; their lesson also focused on pictograms, and they tried their hands at origami, cutting out the symbol for 'Double Happiness'.

Following the success of the morning we are hoping to offer a Mandarin activity for Groups and for Blocks from September. These will be led by Kessie, who currently gives private Mandarin lessons at Dunhurst.



What's going on ...

Isle of Wonders

Rehearsal

Saturday 18th June

Marquee

2.00 – 5.30pm

Prospero, Miranda, Brunella, Ariel, Spirits, Caliban, Sycorax, Stingweed, Foxglove, Crowfoot, Nettle,

Alonso, Isabella, Antonia, Sebastian, Sebastiana,
Dr Pestatore, Captain Salvador, Adrian, Bernado,
Donatella, Gonzalo, Berto, Cardo

Stephano, Trinculo, Matteo, Ferry, Beppe, Bombastini, Dario

Master, Rasmussen, Bos'un, Enrico, Courtney, Bullo, Tavio, Enzo, Fabio, Guillermo, Andreo



Sunday 19th June

Marquee

9.30 am – 1.00pm

Prospero, Miranda, Brunella, Ariel, Spirits, Caliban, Sycorax, Stingweed, Foxglove, Crowfoot, Nettle,

Alonso, Isabella, Antonia, Sebastian, Sebastiana,
Dr Pestatore, Captain Salvador, Adrian, Bernado,
Donatella, Gonzalo, Berto, Cardo

Stephano, Trinculo, Matteo, Ferry, Beppe, Bombastini, Dario

Master, Rasmussen, Bos'un, Enrico, Courtney, Bullo, Tavio, Enzo, Fabio, Guillermo, Andreo

2.00pm – 5.30pm

Whole Cast

Musicians – please see overleaf the separate sheet from Kathy.



Please remember that while the weekend is hard work and great fun, you will need to bring something to do during the boring bits: prep, book, cards, drawings, iPods etc. However, games consoles have proved a bit of tricky issue in the past so I'd like you not to bring them this time.



What's going on ...

Miraflor and the Nicaraguan Embassy Reception



Martina at the Embassy

Last Thursday I was delighted to attend a reception in the Nicaraguan Embassy. This was in recognition of all the support Dunhurst has given to the Coffee Fairy project and the Miraflor community. The event was an official launching of the newly re-named ethical coffee business which is now called Hada del Café. As well as representatives from the Nicaraguan Embassy there were also High Commissioners from other Latin American countries such as Belize, Honduras and El Salvador who were interested in the project. Martina who set up the business gave an address in Spanish and explained about the charitable work the business is doing in addition to paying the coffee farmers a fair price for their beans and the impact this is having on the local community. Her coffee has received a lot of interest recently due to Radio 4's Food

Programme last month which featured an interview with her (you can still download this, *The Coffee Business*, under Radio 4 iPlayer). The programme loaned Martina recording equipment during her last visit so that she could interview the Miraflor farmers she works with.



Louise Banks and Bianca Jagger

Just to sum up why the families of Miraflor need our help; Nicaragua is the least developed country in Central America and the second poorest in the Americas. After its economy was ravaged in the 80s due to the Contra war, it has since suffered from debt, the global recession, low coffee prices, and drought. Miraflor, where we are helping build a school, has also recently endured flash floods which has affected the harvest and created major transport problems for the community. Martina's next aim is to get a new bridge built!



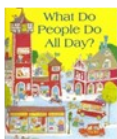
Miraflor school

While there I talked to Bianca Jagger about Dunhurst's involvement in this ethical business initiative and the schools fundraising for a new school in Miraflor. Being a Nicaraguan herself she was particularly interested to hear of our Nicaragua cross-curricular week. A life long human rights worker, she has done much to support the rights of indigenous peoples in Latin America. She told Martina she would like to accompany her on her next visit to Miraflor to see for herself how the project is working.

Many thanks to all those pupils and staff on whose behalf I was invited to this very special event – recently this includes the HOPIT committee for their amazing sum of £600, Ryan for his fundraising run, Alan Simmons and all those taking part in his sponsored swim (a third is going to Miraflor) and all those parents who have given their support.

The Hada del Café coffee will be served on parents day and donations will go towards the new solar paneled school being built.

At the end of the embassy reception Martina said "I can't wait to go home, ring Marlon and tell him all about this!". She explained how overjoyed the Miraflor farmers would be to hear how much attention their coffee is receiving. "After all that they've been through - it will make such a difference."



Dunhurst Careers - WORKSHADOWING 2011

It is now the turn of this year's Block 2 students to take part in our workshadowing day, the final and key stage of the Dunhurst Careers programme. All pupils are now aware of the workplace they will be visiting and we have already had several sessions of practical preparation for this important experience. Phone calls of introduction and checking have been made and postcards sent to the employers, all done by the students themselves, with support from Judy and parent helpers.



Just before half term we had a team of twelve Block 3 students come back to Dunhurst to recount their experiences last year, to give pointers and advice and to answer questions. They were all, without exception,



wonderfully positive, enthusiastic and encouraging; they had clearly seen their day as enjoyable and productive, and had many lively memories and words of wisdom.



Yesterday saw the next stage when a team of parent and Bedales helpers led classes and worked through social skills, dress code, and workplace awareness. Our experienced team were able to raise a few good smiles whilst being serious and instructive.

Now, with only a few more tasks to complete, we await TUESDAY 28TH JUNE.



Sport ...

Sports Round up

Some fantastic results on Wednesday. Rounders against Frensham Heights:

U13's won 16.5 – 7.5

U12's won 26 – 4

Rachel

Summer Tennis Course

Two day course on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th August

Available to boys and girls of all abilities.

Aged 5-13years

The course will start at 10.00am and finish at 3.00pm and on the final day parents will be welcome to attend a presentation at 2.45pm.

Students will need to bring their tennis rackets, lunch and drinks.

For a short period of the day the students will be able to experience a variety of other sports.

In the tennis sessions the children will be arranged into groups according to ability and age. The players will learn through fun activities with techniques and skills applied within their play.

The cost of the course is £58.00 with a 10% discount for siblings.

Please make cheques out to Helen Retter Summer Camp and return to Bedales School Church Road Steep Petersfield Hampshire GU322DG by Friday July 1st 2011

Helen Retter is a P.E. Teacher at Bedales School and has additional qualifications in tennis coaching and Caz Hulbert is a qualified tennis coach.

Contact details:

Helen Retter: 07739835240 or hretter@bedales.org.uk

Caz Hulbert: 01730711653 or chulbert@bedales.org.uk

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BOOKING APPLICATION FORM

Child's Name:

Age:

Address:

Post Code:

Contact Number:

E-Mail Address:

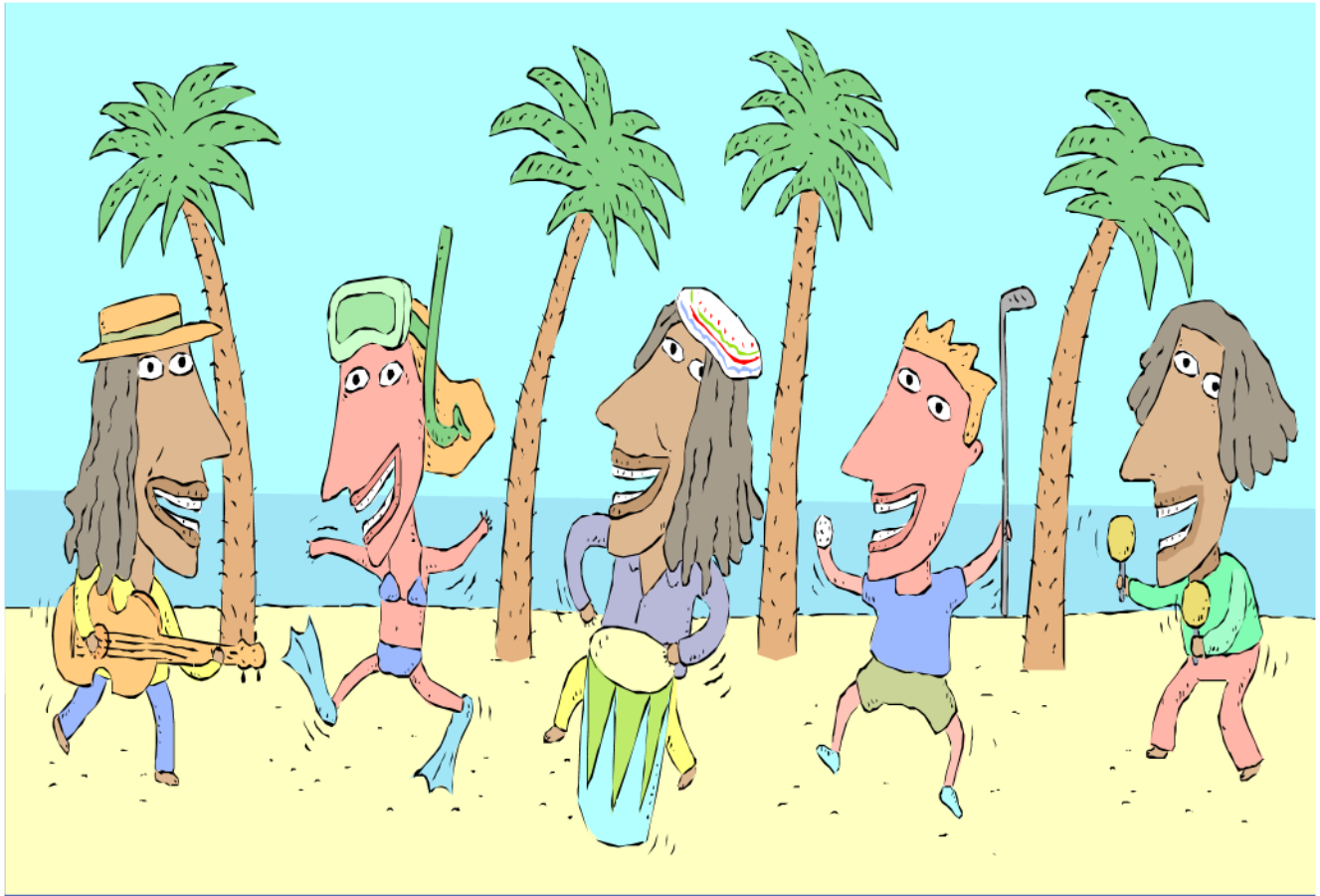
Medical Information:



What's going on ... Friends

Friends of Dunhurst

invite you to



Caribbean Night!

When? Friday 1st July 6pm – 8.00pm **Where:** Dunannie Playground. **How Much?** £10 per adult £5 per child to include supper. Cash bar.

Be part of the best TIN POT band in town! – get your friends together, dress Caribbean style and make a band out of anything you have to hand (no 'real' instruments)! **Limbo Dancing** – how low can YOU go? **Face Painting** – impress your friends **Hair Braiding** – impress your parents! and more...

PRIZES – PRIZES – PRIZES – PRIZES

For tickets apply to sam.featherstone@me.com

There are no paper tickets this year – the cost will be put on your school bill.



*Parents' **action** page ...*

1. Check the calendar for the numerous upcoming events this week.
2. Don't miss the Childtalk 'Laugh Your Way to Better Health' on Tuesday.
3. Do note the timings for Parents Day next Saturday.
4. Do come and support the String Summer Platform Concert.
5. Please collect in any outstanding sponsored swim money.