

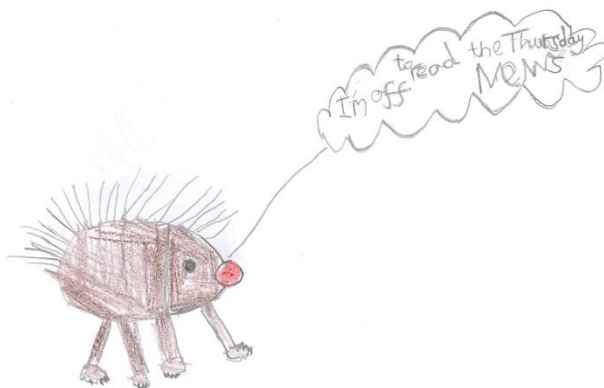


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Dear Parents

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the recent Curriculum Evenings. I am sure that you now feel fully informed about the year ahead and up to date with all the requirements of your child's new class. I look forward to seeing Nursery and Pre-Nursery Parents (tomorrow) in the Library where, following refreshments, Sharon will talk you through the Nursery day and the curriculum.



Daisy and Maddy

The Badley 'weekend' is on Saturday and I hope to see many of you there. We shall start with refreshments and a presentation about the Development Trust and then it's off to enjoy the activities! The PE store (and soon to be outdoor classroom!) is now clear of all unwanted items so no clearing is required! The room will be open for you to look at during the day. Bedales events start at 1.30pm on Saturday and culminate in a procession of lanterns and percussion instruments on Sunday evening.

On Tuesday we had a fire alarm at the end of the school day. This highlighted the importance of completing the yellow sheet in classroom saying where your child is going after school. It is also essential that the children shake hands with their class teachers before they go home. By doing this we are absolutely sure of where each child is and that they are safe.

The weather is absolutely appalling today and the children have just come in from play in a rather damp state! The tractor suits are wonderful and have a much needed purpose at Dunannie but I should like to suggest that each child has a pair of waterproof dungarees in school at all times. In the Nursery we use dungarees from 'Raindrops'. They are hard wearing (available in navy, red, yellow or green) and can be bought from their web-site or from their shop in Midhurst. Not only would a pair of waterproof dungarees be useful in school, on class visits or field trips, but they can be worn throughout the year when the children use the water-feature.







Thank you, Maddy, Livvy and Daisy for your wonderful illustrations. I wonder who will decorate our pages next week?

Best wishes



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REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

-  **Health:** Nit Check: this has been re-scheduled again to Monday, 27th September.
-  **Assemblies:** Parents' Assemblies start at 9.00 am and last for 30 – 45mins.
-  **Nursery Name Tapes:** Please could anyone help with sewing on Cash's name tapes onto Nursery clothing – this can be done at home. Many hands make light work! Please speak to Sharon if you can help.
-  **Bedales Arts:** Jazz tomorrow night (24th September at 8.00 pm) with the Asaf Sirkis Trio and Inner Noise. Tickets £9 tickets@bedales.org.uk
-  **Woodwork Club:** On Wednesday 29th September and Wednesday 6th October there will be no club as Richard Nice will be away. Please let Marian know if you need a Swallow Club space.
-  **Data Check Sheets:** There are still a number of families who have not completed, signed and returned these. If your child or children's names are given below, you will know who you are! Please can you do so at the earliest opportunity; if you are missing yours, please let Nicky know (nhoward@bedales.org.uk) so that she can let you have another one. Until we have these all in, it is difficult to produce the address book. Thank you.



Well done to Florence and Tiger for their great efforts in Mathletics. Florence has recently achieved a bronze certificate and Tiger has managed to achieve 4 bronze certificates and 1 silver since the start of term.

David





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RECEPTION CLASS NEWS

We have had a busy few weeks in Reception, getting to know each other and the new routines. The children have talked about what they like to do and painted portraits of themselves, learning when to use thick or thin brushes and how to wash the brushes in water between each colour. They thoroughly enjoyed using clay, firstly making marks using different tools and then applying their new skills to make a model of their faces.

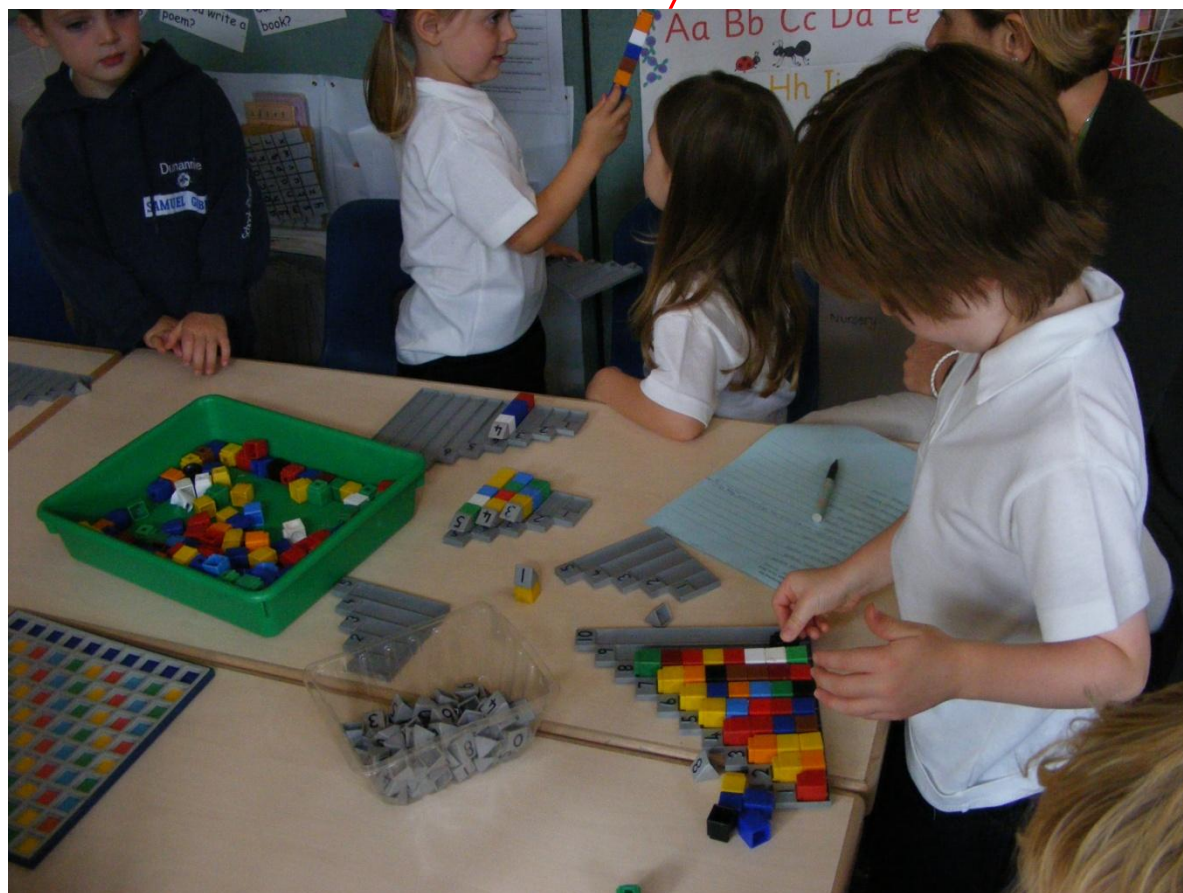


We were able to get out for a walk around the Bedales estate last week, looking for and picking blackberries. The children helped to cook the berries and then press them through a sieve in order to use the juice to dye some fabric – a beautiful colour was produced and the results can be seen on the wall in the corridor next to the fish tank. Do also have a look at our apple and pear collage in the library. The children are learning a song about apples and pears with Anne, ready for the Harvest Festival in October.





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In our maths activities this week, as well as working on basic counting and number recognition, we have looked at coins in preparation for a visit to Petersfield Market next Wednesday (letter to follow). The children looked carefully at the different coins, sorted them and are beginning to recognise and name them. They have also been 'buying' fruit and vegetables from our shop in the classroom using 1 pence coins.

Thank you all for bringing in the children's school kit; just a small reminder that anyone with shoulder length hair needs to have it tied back for school and that the children's PE shorts need to be in the classroom (or worn) for Thursday and Friday.

Best wishes
Julia, Nicola, Georgina and Bryony



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YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have enjoyed the first two weeks of term imagining they are back at the seaside in the warm summer sun. They have discussed their own holidays and where they have visited around the world. Ben won the furthest distance as he had travelled to New York.



The children then began to think what holidays were like many years ago. Did people go on holiday? What did they do there? Did they wear bathing costumes like us? Old photographs and paintings were a very good source of information. However we realised that some photographs were not what they seemed!

Questionnaires were sent home and Grannies were very good at remembering their own childhood holidays. The children were surprised to learn some grandparents did not go on holiday as beaches were fenced off due to the war. Everyone enjoyed visiting their family and ice cream was still the treat of the holiday.



Next week year 2 are visiting Southsea where we will become seaside detectives and learn more about the buildings and life near the sea. There are many old buildings near the beach and it will be fun working out their age, from 1500 to the present day. Then on to a workshop aboard HMS Warrior to find out what Victorian Holidays were like.

Best wishes
Jacqui, Jo and Gemma