

DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 8

4th November 2010

Dear Parents

I do hope you all had a restful half-term holiday and managed to re-charge your batteries.

Everyone has returned refreshed and eager to start rehearsals for our Christmas Play! More details will follow shortly with regards, tickets but just to remind you that Reception and Year 1 parents are invited on Wednesday 1st December and Years 2 and 3 parents on Thursday 2nd December at 2pm.

Thank you to all parents who attended the launch of the John Badley Foundation on Monday and I hope you found it informative.

We were reminded by Year 3 children of the dangers of fireworks when they entertained their parents with their Autumn Term assembly! We had a very cheery Guy Fawkes, a formidable James I and beautiful firework dancers who choreographed their own dance. We very much look forward to the other class assemblies in the coming weeks.

We have managed to organize a visit from Raindrops on Tuesday 9th November. They will have a stock of various sized and coloured waterproof dungarees with them for you to purchase here at Dunannie. These are most essential and I haven't seen many in the cloakroom as yet!

Please note that from now the children may wear a red or navy hoodie to their games lesson giving them another opportunity to wear this item of clothing.

I look forward to seeing you all at Parents' Evenings next week.

With best wishes

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Fireworks Poem

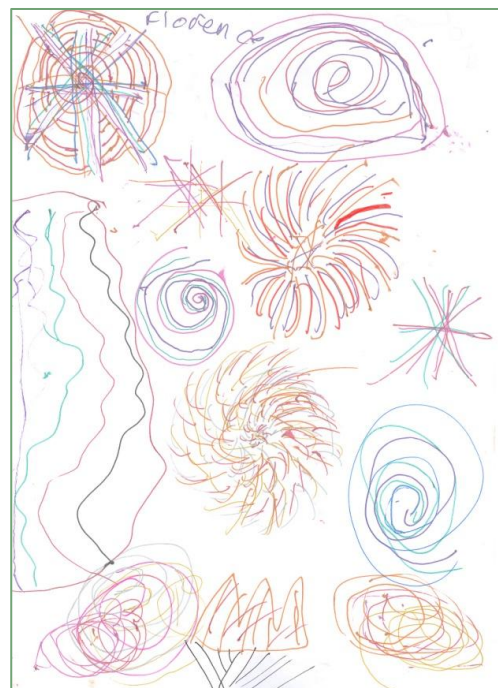
I can see red, orange, white, purple and green fireworks
I can hear bangs and crackling,

I can smell smoke

I feel hot


I can taste ashy potatoes

By Lily K ~ Year 1



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REMINDERS FOR PARENTS


-  African Drumming Workshop with Kristian Bediako – Tues 9th Nov
Kristian will bring some drums, plus we will use the ones from Dunhurst so every child will have their own drum. This activity will take place in the Dunannie Library and parents would be welcome to watch or join in too!

09.30 – 10.00am Year 2

10.00 – 10.30am Reception

11.00 – 11.30am Year 1

11.30 – 12noon Year 3

-  Friday 19th November – Children in Need Appeal
All children, staff (and parents!) encouraged to wear their best spots!
“Are you ready to show your spots?”
Attached is a flier from Scholastic – another way of raising money and filling stockings too!

NEXT WEEK

Monday – Parents' Evening 4.00 – 5.30pm

Tuesday – African Drumming Workshop

Raindrops waterproof clothing for sale 3.00 – 4.30pm

More information on the FODS newsheet.

Wednesday Reception Class Assembly for Parents 9am

Parents' Evening 6.00 – 8.00pm

Friday – Dunhurst Bonfire Night (see FODS newsheet)



Congratulations to the following children for their great efforts in Mathletics :-

Livvy (2 bronze)

Issy (1 bronze)

Archie (1 bronze)

Charlie (2 bronze & 1 silver)

James (1 bronze)

Tiger (2 bronze)

Nicolas (1 bronze)

Lorenzo (1 silver)

SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Thank you for everyone who suggested an answer to this weeks' challenge (don't forget to write your name on the sheet of paper).

Several children observed that the swing was too high (Nela, Felicity & Livvy) and others noted that the girl's hair was flying in the wrong direction (Daisy, Felicity, Olly, Ernie, Issy, Adam & Molly). The girl's hair is blowing in the same direction as she is swinging. Wind resistance should be pushing the girl's hair back as she swings forward. *David*

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YEAR 1 NEWS

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Clemmie who has joined Year 1 this week. The children have been so kind and friendly and have included her in everything. Well done to Clemmie for listening and joining in with a smile.

We have been using our wonderful environment for lots of activities. As part of Maths day, Bridget took the children on a Shape hunt around Dunannie. What good detectives your children are! Outdoor work has been very exciting recently. The children enjoyed a Senses Walk before half-term when we used our senses of touch, smell, sight and hearing to observe features around the Bedales estate. We heard and saw loud traffic when we stood on the bridge over the A3. Smelling freshly cut grass and a bonfire was exciting. We only tasted one thing – a biscuit for our picnic snack on top of a hill! Touching prickly and smooth plants was interesting but we just looked at the sharp brambles and nettles!



On Tuesday we collected ingredients from the Orchard for an Autumn Spell. Thank you for returning the collecting bags. We hope you enjoyed seeing what was found. The children laid out their ingredients carefully and wrote their own spells. We used an exciting word processing programme called Clicker 5 to compose the spells. The children could click and hear the words they had selected and typed, developing their reading skills.



Here are some magical Autumn spells.



Autumn Spell
A handful of floating leaves
A scattering of Autumn nuts
A pinch of yellow leaves
A shower of Autumn seeds
by Jonty

Autumn Spell
A shower of yellow nuts
A pinch of crunchy twigs
A handful of red leaves
by Henry

We are looking forward to a very exciting Body Workshop with Claire and Toby this afternoon which was postponed from before half-term.

With best wishes from Amanda, Dorota and Kessie

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YEAR 3 NEWS

Dear Parents

Yesterday Year 3 presented their Parents' Assembly and told the story of Guy Fawkes and why we remember him on Bonfire Night.

Our presenters, Florence, Daisy and Molly, did a great job explaining why Guy Fawkes and his friends had plotted together to blow up the Houses of Parliament. They had hoped James I would help the Roman Catholics by changing the strict rules forbidding them to practise their religion in public.

When he didn't they worked out a dangerous plan involving barrels of gunpowder, a long fuse and the cellars underneath the Houses of Parliament....



Olly, Max and Ernie (with Jacobean collars and moustaches) acted the story and Ernie was probably the most cheerful Guy anyone had ever seen and Archie made a very majestic James I.



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We have been listening to Philip Pullman's story "The Firework-Maker's Daughter" in our class. Anne was lucky to have seen a brilliant production at the Weal and Downland Open Air Museum in the summer. We chose a section of the story to present – when Lila has journeyed to Razvani the fire-fiend's grotto and tells him of her dearest wish, to be a fire-work maker herself. Maddy, Felicity, Tallulah, Issy and Evie worked out the choreography themselves and danced brilliantly with fiery masks and sparks of flame!



On to traditional Bonfire Night food, and a Ready Steady Cook food tasting! Livvy was a very confident TV presenter trying to persuade the studio audience to try out sausages, toffee apples and sticky parkin (a traditional dark gingerbread made with treacle and oatmeal). Here our chefs get ready!



We finished with two very safety conscious safety experts, Lorenzo and Dominic, who took everyone through the firework code. They have organised copies for everyone to bring home too!

With not much time to prepare, I was very impressed with how well the Year 3 children managed to organise themselves, perform confidently and all take part so positively. A big WELL DONE to you all!

Have a safe Bonfire Night everyone!
Best wishes from Catherine and Ros