

DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 25

5th May 2011

Dear Parents

Our Royal Wedding celebrations are still fresh in our minds as we settle down to the Summer Term! It was truly a day to remember! Before our 'street party' in the Library the children watched the ceremony and you could hear a pin drop! The children were totally absorbed and having been learning about the Royal Family during the week they were able to recognise the major participants! Everyone was dressed for the occasion and enjoyed a piece of 'wedding cake' cut by two of our distinguished guests, Florence and Jonty.



The Queen's Gallery is looking most impressive with the beautifully framed pictures of the Queen. On the day of the wedding the children created their own versions of 'the dress' with recycled materials and the results are

very stylish!

Arianne Blackley, whom we welcome to Dunannie each Wednesday, is going to be walking through the tunnel at Hindhead on Saturday 14 May. This will be an amazing achievement for Arianne and so if you wish to sponsor her please follow the link! <http://www.justgiving.com/Ariannewalks/3>
Good luck Arianne!



The Minstead briefing for Year 3 parents will be taking place on Friday 13 May in Year 3 classroom at 8.45am with coffee served from 8.30am. This will give all parents and children the information necessary for this exciting week and an opportunity to ask any questions. On Wednesday 29 June there will be an exhibition of the children's work following the visit together with their 'Final Assembly'. Please note that this replaces the 6 July as stated in the calendar.

Year 2 and 3 enjoyed a fascinatingly creative day today with a range of activities based on the theme of Antarctica. This was a workshop run by the artist Frances Hatch (well known to Matilda and Lulu, Dunhurst parents) who used to be taught by her!) I hope you enjoy looking at the results of the day!



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The Year 1 children have all worked very hard in their first week of learning the recorder. Well done! Please remember to bring your recorder to school on the day of your lesson and a little practice at home will really help! Please contact Debbie if you have any queries.

Well done to the children who completed many jobs at home during the holidays to raise money for this term's charity Whizz Kidz. As you know, we are trying to raise a substantial amount of money to buy a powered wheel chair. Don't forget to bring in the money you have 'earned' so far. This initiative is driven very enthusiastically by Fiona and we hope that when Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson comes to Dunannie in June we shall be able to present her with a large cheque.

This would also be a very fitting tribute to Fiona who sadly leaves us at the end of this term. No, she is not retiring by any means - in fact she is probably going to be even busier! She is going to be 'project managing' alterations to her home and garden, working with disabled children, playing more tennis and practising her clarinet! I am delighted to say that Fiona will still be keeping in touch with us all at Dunannie as she will continue to run the sewing group with Dorota.






With best wishes

Jo



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REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

-  **Summer Term:** Please can all children make sure they have a pair of (named) trainers in school. These are additional to shoes worn to school. Also, just a reminder about sun hats and sunscreens as mentioned last week. It may be cloudy and cold this morning...but we plan for more sunny days!
-  **Summer Concert:** Please can you reserve Friday 1st July at 2.15 pm in your diaries for the concert. This date was NOT in the date list this term.
-  **Year 1 Recorders:** Please can Year 1 remember to bring their recorders into school on FRIDAYS from next week.
-  **Newspapers for Nursery:** Please could you bring in any newspapers you have for a Nursery project. Many thanks.
-  **Whizz Kidz** Could you please bring in the money collected for all those wonderful chores the children did over the Easter holidays in their fund-raising efforts? Thank you.



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

Felicity (1 Bronze)
Archie (1 Bronze)
Tiger (1 Bronze)
James (1 Bronze)
Andrew (2 Bronze)

Well done,
David

SCIENCE CHALLENGE

In this week's challenge polar bears and penguins are shown living together in the same habitat. Polar bears live in the northern hemisphere. Penguins live in the southern hemisphere. These animals do not interact in the wild because they live on opposite sides of our planet.

Well done to Theo, James, Florence, Felicity, Adam, Issy and Archie. Archie also asked why the penguins appear to be without any eyes.

Well done everyone!
David



**The Whizz-kidz
Plant Sale
On Friday 13th May
at 3.30pm**

outside Year 3

**Come and buy beautiful
plants for your garden and
greenhouse!**

**We need lots of plants to sell,
so please bring donations of
plants in pots to Year 3 on
13th May in the morning.**

Thank you from Year 3!

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NURSERY NEWS

The Nursery had a fun week preparing for the Royal Wedding...painting bunting and dressing up in Ruby's bridesmaid dress!



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On Friday we dressed up again, Sharon and Rew showed us what they wore on their wedding day! We made our own wedding cake and enjoyed our street party lunch. A really special day to remember.

Sharon, Donna, Bridget, Belinda and Harriet





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CHALLENGE CLASS

Our new term is upon us and it is wonderful to be able to use the environment outside for our studies this term. Year 2 are very excited about their minibeasts project. Over the next few weeks we will be studying at length the many varieties, their habitat and behaviour. On Wednesday they visited Alice Holt and were able to spend some of the time exploring in the woods, searching for minibeasts. We hope to make some minibeast models over the next few weeks and will endeavour to keep all of the real creatures out of book bags and pockets.



In ICT we are looking at data and information. We have already created a pictogram on Excel and have started discussing different ways to ask a question.

Year 3 will be creating some amazing masks this term. Their main focus is Australia and they have already created some designs based on Australian animals. I have asked that they bring in a cardboard box for next Tuesday (anything slightly bigger than 30cm x 30 cm x 30 cm would be ideal).

Year 3's ICT studies will be also focussed around everything Australian with independent research leading to a class PowerPoint. Our science investigations will be about Rocks and Soils.

Best wishes, David