

DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 33

7th July 2011

Dear Parents

The end of another year! In the last week alone we have had numerous highlights which emphasises the energy, the enthusiasm and innovative ideas of the children and staff at Dunannie.

The Summer Concert was memorable with the children performing a wide variety of songs to a very appreciative audience on a hot and sticky Friday afternoon. They certainly rose to the occasion and I should like to thank Debbie for all her hard work and Mark for his accompaniment.

Once again Dunannie was represented at the Petersfield Art and Craft exhibition. I know I am biased, but our work did stand head and shoulders above the other schools and was much admired by the visitors. Thank you Jacqui for selecting the work and displaying it so creatively.

Congratulations to Evie, Ernie, Livvy, Felicity and Issy who all achieved High Distinction in their recent LAMDA examinations. We are particularly proud of them as it is unusual for such young children to achieve this level.



All children from Reception through to Year 3 set off on Tuesday to the Cass Sculpture Park at Goodwood. Many parents joined us and following a sunshine picnic we explored the exhibits in their natural surroundings. We were enthralled, fascinated and inspired by what we saw. Thank you so much to James Bidwell for arranging our visit.

Looking ahead to the Badley weekend in September, I am thrilled to say that the Outside classroom will feature highly in the activities for the day. Richard and his team from Estates will make sure that the barn is prepared and ready for our work to go ahead.

The Whizz –Kidz appeal has come to end with a whopping cheque for £7650 being presented to Sophie Egan, the Regional Whizz- Kidz organiser, at a special assembly today. This amount is certainly enough to buy a powered wheel chair and Sophie has promised that when the chair has been allocated we shall be sent some information about the recipient. Thank you Fiona for your enthusiastic leadership of this fundraising - but most importantly to all of you for your very generous donations.

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Finally the sad part of my letter – the farewells!

We say goodbye to Fiona and thank her for everything she has done at Dunannie. We shall miss her enormously (especially her laughter) and look forward her return to Dunannie to demonstrate her new acquiredskills!

Farewell also to David (and Nela) who leaves for exciting pastures new! I am sure his new school will soon discover his hidden strengths that have been so valued here. I wish you much happiness and success in your new role.

Kessie is leaving Dunannie for the very best of reasons as her Chinese teaching in and out of Bedales is so busy that she needs a full week to fit it all in. Thank you Kessie for all the hard work you have done in Year 1 - we shall miss you.

Helen, our Dance teacher is leaving to fulfil her additional commitments. I should like to thank her for her work of this year and wish her luck for the future.

Dot joined Year2 in January and soon made a big impression upon us all! She has been tirelessly devoted to the children of the class and we shall miss her very much.

Goodbye too, to all our Year 3 children. You have blossomed this year and are well and truly ready to move through to Dunhurst. Good luck and don't forget to come and see us!

Thank you everybody for all the support and enthusiasm you have shown this year – it really does make a difference.

I hope you all have a brilliant summer holiday wherever you may be!
Best wishes and many thanks for all you have done to make it such a successful year.

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REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- 📍 **Address/Contact Information:** In order that we can get the address books out as quickly as possible next term, please can you ensure you let the office know of any changes as soon as possible. Please do send an email to nhoward@bedales.org.uk if the office is closed as it will be looked at before term starts.
- 📍 **Lost Property:** Please check the table in the entrance hall. Anything remaining in the holidays will be taken to a charity shop or used for spares.
- 📍 **Tennis Camp:** Do book your places with Helen Retter
- 📍 **School Kit:** So that everyone is ready for next term, please can you make sure that all kit is clearly named and loops added if necessary. It will need to be in school every day.
- 📍 **LAMDA lessons:** Anyone who wants to sign up for LAMDA who will be in Years 2 and 3 next term needs to let Marian know as soon as possible (please note the LAMDA paragraph in Jo's letter!).



Congratulations to the following child for all his hard work in Mathletics...

James (1 bronze & 1 silver) brilliant

Well done,
David

SCIENCE CHALLENGE

A super effort from everybody who spotted the rather obvious error in the Science Challenge. Stars can be seen through the moon. Although the moon sometimes appears to be a crescent, it is always a solid sphere. Over the course of a month, part of the moon cannot be seen because that part is not being lit by the sun.

Well done to Tiger, Adam, Florence, Archie, Clemmie, Nela and Molly.
David

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Year 1 harvested 52 potatoes from seed potatoes we had planted in May. What an exciting treasure hunt!



We washed, boiled and tasted them. Which variety was your favourite? Kestrel, Rocket, Winston or Basic Seed?



YEAR 2
Out and About



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Reception having great fun using water...

Working as a team...



NURSERY



Thank you to Amanda, Sarah, Vicki and Celia who have been helping us with cooking this half term. What a treat!



On Monday we went to visit the Medley's new house. It was great to see the end result!

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YEAR 3

Year 3's fantastic exhibition morning!
Well done year 3 - you were brilliant!

