

DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 2

15th September 2011

Dear Parents

The second week of term and what a busy one it has been! Swallow Club and Activities have started so routines are being established and Information Afternoons and mornings have taken place. For those of you who have attended, I hope you have found them useful and informative. The new timing of these is a trial and so in the coming weeks the FODs will be contacting you to find out your thoughts.

I am very impressed by the way the older Dunannie children are going to their classrooms independently and organising their own possessions. After half term all Year 2 and 3 children will go to their classes on their own, so practising now would be very helpful.

A few reminders from me!

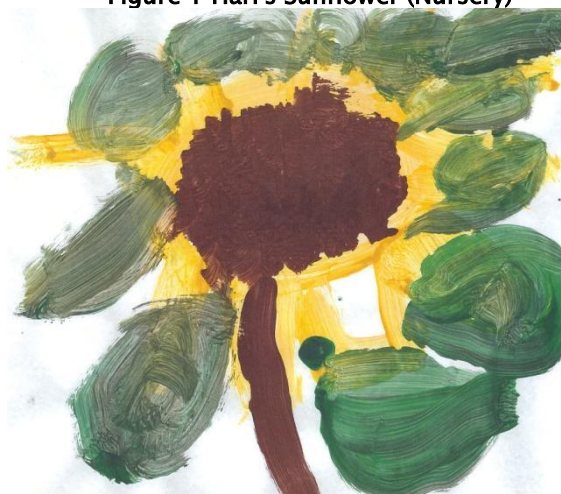
- Please remember that an adult needs to pick up from Swallow or Activity clubs and not siblings, unless they are much older.
- The children's kit will be inspected next week so please make sure that all items are named and that white socks are included in kit bags.
- It is most important that any change to pick-up arrangements is recorded on a yellow form. Please remember to complete one of these at the beginning of the day.

The Badley Weekend is coming soon on the 24 September, 11.00am – 1.30pm. During the morning there will be some work to do in the Outdoor Classroom, some planting at the Dunannie Gate (volunteers required) and 'Recycle Fashion Extravaganza!' Children and parents can spend the morning creating a piece of clothing, or a complete outfit using re-cycled materials...hence the request last week. The culmination of this fashion frenzy will then be taken to the catwalk using our own Dunannie models. It should be great fun so please start collecting! Information regarding Bedales events will be posted in the Saturday Bulletin.

Best wishes

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Figure 1 Hari's Sunflower (Nursery)



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REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- 🍎 **Football Club:** The club is now open to Year 1. Please see Marian if you would like to join. This does not mean any extra kit at this stage as trainers will suffice.
- 🍎 **Health:** Please can any child who has been sick remain away from school for 24 hours after the last episode.
- 🍎 **Football Year 3:** On Friday mornings Year 3 boys should have football boots (with velcro fastenings if laces are inappropriate), shinpads, long socks, top and shorts. All named please!
- 🍎 **Lunch Menu:** The menus are on the notice board in the entrance hall. If anyone needs a copy to take home, please ask Marian in the office.
- 🍎 **ALLERGIES:** Just a reminder, and for information to new parents, the whole of Dunannie must be nut and seed free. Please be aware of this very important point, especially when bringing in cakes, sweets, snacks etc.
- 🍎 **Nit Check:** This whole-school inspection will take place shortly and Georgina has kindly offered to do this. Very many thanks Georgina.
- 🍎 **Badley Weekend:** A final request for recycling materials so that the children can make up costumes from bit and bobs of materials, cardboard, (not inner tubes from toilet rolls!), silver foil – anything you can think of! Can you bring them in by Friday 23rd September.
- 🍎 **Sports Shop:** Margie Tegg will be at a staff training day on 22nd September so the shop will be closed.
- 🍎 **Address Book:** You will be receiving an address book today. As in Dunhurst, this is issued for each family in the school once a year. We do our best to print the correct information but we do rely on parents providing us with up-to-date details. Any changes or moves during the year will be printed in this reminder section of the Thursday letter. For new parents, please remember that this address book should be treated confidentially.
- 🍎 **Bedales Arts:**

WORLD
CLASS

WORLD
MUSIC

Guitar
Cello
Percussion
Bass



ANTONIO
FORCIONE
QUARTET

8pm FRIDAY
23 SEPTEMBER

£16/14conc.

tickets@bedales.org

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Antonio Forcione has been described in the national press as “one of the world’s great acoustic guitarists”. He appears with his Quartet (featuring cello, percussion and bass) at the Bedales Olivier Theatre next Friday, 23rd September, at 8pm. There are a few tickets still available at the time of writing (£16/£14 conc.) Please contact the box office via tickets@bedales.org or telephone 01730 711511 if you would like to book. Antonio Forcione last played at Bedales in 2003 and it is still remembered as a quite exceptional evening.

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MUSIC

It has been a busy time arranging just over 250 individual private music lessons, 30 of these for Dunannie children in Years 1, 2 and 3. Everything started up this week and the sound of music has been permeating through the school in the form of individual music lessons, choirs, a recorder group and an African drumming activity. Last week the children were treated to a violin and cello demonstration given by Catherine and Allyxa. These two VMS (*Visiting Music Staff*) talked about their instruments, performed, demonstrated various playing techniques and allowed the children to have a try. We have a fair number of Dunannie children taking 'cello and violin lessons and I do hope the demos, and forthcoming demonstrations of other instruments, will generate even more interest. Please do make contact if you have any questions about individual music lessons (dadamson@bedales.org.uk). We offer a range of instruments and have twenty-three visiting music staff.

I have had some wonderful lessons with Dunannie children this week and it is a sheer pleasure teaching such enthusiastic and keen children. My week kicked off with some lovely whole-school singing in the library, followed by a lesson with the Nursery children. After a welcome song in which we learnt how people in different countries greet each other and some favourite nursery rhymes, these little children were confident and bubbly. Very enjoyable!

The Reception class started their Harvest songs this week. They used a music software program where they had to recognise the sound qualities of different instruments.

Year 1 started Harvest songs as well and spent time recognising different dynamics in music. They walked out 'piano' (quietly) for the fire drill in the middle of the lesson.

Year 2 and 3 also spent time on Harvest songs, music notation, recognising a range of instruments, listening to music and commenting on it - using as much musical terminology as they could. The Dunannie class music tuition is this year shared between me and Lucienne and the children will experience a vast range of music activities.



YEAR 2 NEWS

Rock and Roll!

As part of our "Through the Keyhole" project this term, Year 2 are discovering what life was like in the past. Our project has a strong historical bias, covering several decades. First stop -1960. The children have discussed living in 2011 and have made mini timelines recording their own lives. They are now comparing their lives with people from a different time in history. Questionnaires have been sent home and we are now using this information. Thank you to everyone who helped us. The children were very surprised to learn that television was once in black and white, computers and dishwashers were not in every household and iPods had not even been thought of! Cliff Richard, The Rolling Stones and of course the Beatles were the X Factor of 1960. We will shortly be visiting Milestones Living Museum, where the children will be able to see many artefacts and household goods from the 1960s.



They are also busily making "Gonks" in design. These are colourful, cuddly toys made out of fabric scraps and wool. Everyone is enjoying thinking up creative ideas for their "Gonk" and can't wait to start stitching. In art the children are exploring black and white, through line and pattern. We will be looking at the Op Art style of Bridget Riley, with her exciting line patterns.

Autumn will soon be here and the countryside is changing. Our science project is "Living Things", especially the plant life in our woods. We hope to go on a woodland walk with Bridget next week, exploring fungi and plants.

A huge welcome to Theo, Jack and their families.

