

DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 26

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Dear Parents

I think everybody at Dunannie has been relieved to complete a full week at school. That might sound strange but the children have benefitted from a week of work and routine. It is an incredibly short term so we need to make the most of every day. I know it is difficult with the wonderfully light evenings but the children all need to go to bed early to wake up ready for their day at school.

I should like to invite you all to an Academic Forum on Saturday 21st May where there will be an opportunity to hear how Bedales combines inspiration, breadth of learning and inquisitiveness with academic rigour. Keith Budge and Dominic Oliver will be leading what I am sure will be a very interesting morning. The forum will be held in the Dunannie Library from 11.30am – 12.30pm with coffee being served from 11am.

Our annual Dunannie Fun Run is happening on Friday 27th May at 1.30pm and the theme this year is 'Seasons'. Thank you Issy Lock for your inspirational suggestion! The FODs are providing Pimms and scones but you are more than welcome to bring a picnic of small snacks to keep the runners energised.

May I remind you that entry to Dunannie must be through the Dunannie gate and not up the driveway....it is just too dangerous as the drive is used constantly and needs to be kept free for disabled access?

I look forward to seeing Year 3 parents tomorrow for the Minstead Study Centre meeting. Please let me know if you are unable to come. Coffee will be served from 8.30am in the classroom.

With best wishes

Jo










Mr Jones, Education volunteer from the RNLI (the Royal National Lifeboat Institute), came on Wednesday to see us and tell us all about the dangers and different flags at the beach. We saw a black and white checked flag which means only surfboards and hard equipment allowed here, a stripy yellow and red flag – which means soft equipment like boogie boards and inflatable boats allowed here and a red flag which means DANGER – do not go in the water! We also heard about the boats that rescue teams use in emergencies, as well as the larger boats that go further out to sea. Everyone will have a book from the RNLI to bring home too.

By Issy Lock and Molly Montagu Year 3



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REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

-  **Whizz-Kidz Plant Sale Friday 13th May at 3.30pm outside Year 3:** Here is another reminder for our Whizz-Kidz Plant Sale. Please bring in some flowers and plants for us to sell outside Year 3 Classroom after school at 3.30pm on Friday 13th May. And come and buy lovely plants! The money will go to Whizz-Kidz. Thank you from Florence and Daisy, Year 3.
-  **Lost Property:** Anne Novak is missing her glasses –this is the second pair. They both have thin metal frames. Please can you make some checks.
-  **Container to Swazi School:** 99 Boxes of books, bikes, stools, two pianos and plenty of teaching materials were packed into a container bound for Swaziland this week by Ransi Jayatissa and a team of students and teachers. The books will fill our partner school's new library built thanks to Bedales' fundraising. Ransi, Alex and Lindsey would like to thank everyone from the Bedales community for their contributions, which are now on their long journey to Mbalenhle Primary School.
-  **Child Talk:** Dr Tom Smiley will now be giving his talk on 21st June (instead of 24th May).
-  **Reception Parents' Assembly** is on Wednesday 18th May starting at 9.00am with coffee served from 8.30am.
-  **Teacher Profiles:** On the website this week is a profile of Sharon Rose which you may wish to look at. <http://www.bedales.org.uk/teacher-case-studies/>
-  **Raising the Temperature Campaign – Whizz-Kidz:** Fiona is organising a craft, cake and cookie stall to be held in Ram's Walk, Petersfield on Thursday 2nd June. If anyone would like to contribute a cake, a bag of cookies or some craftwork, we will be able to boost funds for our Raising the Temperature campaign. As this date is in half-term, you can either drop things off at Fiona's house on Wednesday 1st June or bring them to Ram's Walk on the morning (9.00am) of Thursday 2nd June.
-  **Summer PE Kit:** Please remember the PE kit and in particular white socks are important especially as we are outside practising athletics in warmer weather now!



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

Adam (1 Bronze)
Athena (1 Bronze)
Sam (1 Bronze)

Well done,



SCIENCE CHALLENGE

The bubbles are cubed shaped. Single bubbles always form the shape of a sphere, regardless of the shape of the bubble wand. A sphere is the shape with the smallest surface area which causes the least amount of stretching on the bubble's surface. It is possible to make a square bubble shape by joining bubbles together. An American entertainer Tom Noddy was able to achieve this by blowing smoke into the square gap made by the bubbles. Parents may wish to Google Tom Noddy for examples of his work.

Well done to the following children for spotting this error: Charlie, Athena, Adam, Rowena and Archie. Rachel thought that the shapes resembled ice cubes and pointed out that this was also impossible.

Well done everyone!
David

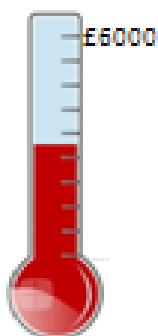
CRAFT, CAKE AND COOKIE STALL

Whizz-kidz
move a life forward

In aid of

Whizz-kidz
move a life forward

'RAISING THE



TEMPERATURE'

Dunannie School is fund raising for

Whizz-kidz
move a life forward

To provide a powered wheelchair for a child in Hampshire

**THURSDAY MORNING 2ND JUNE: RAM'S WALK,
PETERSFIELD.**

YEAR 2



Year 2 are thoroughly enjoying their new topic this term. Each day a new creature is proudly carried into the classroom. It is encouraging to watch the children showing their newly acquired mini beast and listening to all the information they are learning. The internet is invaluable for searching out a fact and helping to identify a new find. They are realising that mini beasts are living creatures and should be treated with respect.

In English we have been writing mini beast stories inspired by a trip to the orchard. Mini doors were placed in curious spaces. Who lives in a house like this? These will shortly be ready to read, in the classroom. We have also been enjoying poetry this term, looking at writers who enjoy nature and miniature beasties, and reading different styles of poetry. Does a poem always need to rhyme? The children have collected a whole range of new vocabulary and are now using this in their own poetry. Here are a few they have written:





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Crane Fly

A colourful crane fly

Gliding, gracefully,

Through the morning breeze

From a window

To a hole in an old, dark oak tree. By Hamish

Spider

A fuzzy, bushy spider

Creeping suspiciously

Under the decaying stump

In the shade

Of a dark, haunted woods. By Ruby

Spider

Hairy Spider

A huge, hairy spider

Hanging

On the frail jewellery

The crystal maze

That glistens in the morning sun. By Theo

Woodlouse

Scurrying, crawling

Woodlouse

Rolling in the grass

For protection

On his way home for dinner

Digging in the silver slime

Very deep underground. By Ben



Last week we had an enjoyable day at Alice Holt Forest. The children spent the day pretending to be mini beasts. What did it feel like to live underground in the dark? What does the forest smell like? Is it easy to camouflage yourself in the woods? It was a very informative day and a great way of starting our mini beast adventure.

Information Some children are outgrowing their painting overalls. Please could these be changed. It is important to feel comfortable during creative activities.

Best wishes
Jacqui

RECEPTION NEWS

Reception has been very enthusiastic about their new project this term and seems to be real boat experts! They have particularly enjoyed using the woodwork tools to make balsa wood boats and we had a good discussion about how to use tools safely. Their designs and models are in the classroom and we are looking forward to showing the boats in our **Parents' Assembly next Wednesday (18th May, 9am)**.



The children have been watching and listening to the story of Noah's Ark and retelling it in their own words, sequencing the story and using 'story language'. We all enjoyed Phoebe telling the story to the whole class in great detail yesterday at story time. They are also composing 'rain' music ready for part of our Assembly and were very keen to use the percussion instruments to make sound effects.



In our creative activities we have looked at some examples of seascapes and talked about how the various paintings make us feel. The children were very perceptive and were fascinated by all the different colours artists use to create pictures of the sea in different conditions. They are working on their own seascapes at the moment, mixing colours and trying different techniques.

On the Thursday before half term we are planning to go to the submarine museum at Gosport (more details next week). We are also hoping to have a 'floating and sinking' science workshop with Toby Hardy (Head of Physics at Bedales, and Charlie in Year 2's Dad) during the term.



Best wishes
Julia, Nicola, Georgina and Bryony