



DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 31

23rd June 2011

Dear Parents

There is much to get excited about at Dunannie at the moment! Year 1's assembly was wonderful! It was clear they had all worked so hard on their re-telling of the "Mrs Armitage" story. I hope you enjoy looking at the photos.

Tomorrow we have our first (possibly the last!) Dunannie's Got Talent. This has been organised by Year 3 children and judging by the number of children who have signed up to perform, it shall be a long but highly entertaining afternoon for us!

On Tuesday we welcome Baroness Grey-Thompson to Dunannie. We very much hope that she will bring her medals and enjoy meeting the children and hearing about our Whizz-Kidz fundraising. More news and photos next week!

The weather is set to change and it looks as if Summer may be arriving this weekend! This is just what we need for Sports Day next week. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 29th June at 1.30pm. Many of the children do not have trainers in school so please send them in.

Parent Evenings are on Monday and Tuesday. Please may I ask that we keep to time (so do knock on the classroom door at the time of your appointment) and that if you are unable to come, please let us know.


Please can I remind you all that at the end of the school day when children have been dismissed from the Library they must be supervised by parents at all times at both Dunannie and Dunhurst. Thank you very much.

Best wishes








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REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

-  **Summer Concert Friday 1st July Reception – Year 3:** As mentioned last week, please could the children bring in their instruments for orchestra on Monday 27th and Wednesday 29th June. We would really like to establish a sense of occasion/good presentation/stage manners etc. for the concert, so can we ask the children to wear a plain T-Shirt (red, royal blue, green or yellow)? It creates a kind of colourful mosaic. Then smart full length jeans and a clean pair of shoes. Hair should be tied up for girls. Could we also ask if the children could bring in a couple of T-shirts if they can, just in case someone cannot manage it? Please make sure the concert T-Shirts are in school for the dress rehearsal as it helps the children to get into role. Please see class teachers if you have difficulty with the above.



-  **Sports Day Wednesday 29th June at 1.30pm:** Please can the children bring in their wellies and their trainers for Sports Day. We are also in need of lots and lots of newspapers - to Marian in the office as soon as you are able. Thank you. If it is wet, the reserve day is next Thursday, 30th June. There will be no after-school clubs on Wednesday or swimming for Reception or orchard play. Dunannie Times will be available for sale on the day.
-  **Judo Club:** Next week is the last Judo and parents of club members are welcome to come along and watch at 4.15pm on Thursday.
-  **Year 3 Exhibition day Wednesday 29th June:** Please see the invitation from Catherine. There will be a sign-up sheet in the entrance hall for lunch which may be a buffet in the library; children will be eating in the dining room.
-  **IMPORTANT – Data held by us regarding your children:** In previous years we have sent out an individual check sheet for each pupil for you to check and send updates. We have decided not to do this in future but we ask instead that you consider carefully that we do hold all the current information that we need so that we start the new year with the most up-to-date information. Address books will be sent out at the beginning of next term. Please check that we have the correct:
 - Names and telephone numbers of anyone who is allowed to pick up with their relationship to your child (it is not necessary to give us other Bedales' parents)
 - Current nanny information if appropriate
 - All phone numbers including mobiles and address details
 - Current medical information ie any changes in allergies, conditions, medication, doctor, etc.
-  **Sports Shop:** Remember that the final day for the shop this summer will be Friday 1st July.

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 **Library Books:** Please return all outstanding library books to the Green Box by Friday 1st July.



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

Tory (1 Bronze)
Tiger (1 Bronze)
James (1 Bronze)

Well done,
David

SCIENCE CHALLENGE

This week's challenge proved to be very tricky. Many of the Year 3's managed to find out what was wrong from our discussions on weather. Well done to Issy, Milly, Evie, Sammy, Lorenzo, Emie, Florence & Anne. Athena wrote that fire would not be seen in a hurricane. Theo and Adam thought that the hurricane was too big and going the wrong way.

There is a hurricane in the Midwest. Hurricanes form over the ocean and do not last long once they hit land. The Midwest is too far inland to be hit by a hurricane.

David

YEAR 1



Assembly moments.....



..... your children were amazing and they were pleased that so many of you came to watch. We have plenty of budding directors and performers in Year 1!

Last week Dot very kindly showed us her road and mountain bikes and her cycling equipment. The children were very interested and asked a lot of questions.

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Everyone was curious about Dot's lights, computer, helmet, special shoes and clothes. The children noticed the differences between the tyres and the handlebars.

Dot told us about her charity cycle ride from London to Paris that she will be doing in July. Everyone compared the weights of the two bikes by lifting them.

A huge thank you to Dot for sharing her bikes and explaining so clearly about cycling and the need to be aerodynamic....will your children remember what that means?

We will need some small boxes (smaller than a shoe box) to make vehicles next week, if you have any spare?



With best wishes from Amanda, Dorota and Kessie



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YEAR 3



Here is a selection of some of our Minstead photographs. We all had a brilliant time last week - in the sun and the rain!

Minstead Study Centre have an Open Day on Saturday July 16th 12.30-4.30 p.m. So if anyone wants to go and explore, you are all very welcome - it's a very special place.



Best wishes
Catherine and Ros



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