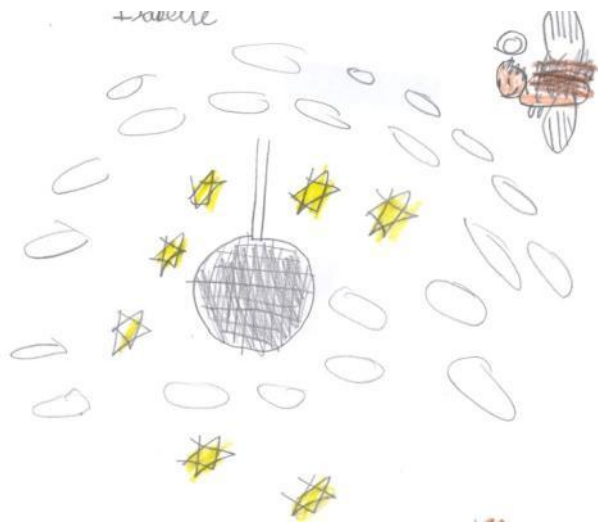


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Dear Parents

Today is World Book Day and it has been fun from beginning to end! The costumes were amazing ...so thank you to all parents who worked so hard putting together such whimsical and inventive costumes! The children have enjoyed looking closely at all the books from around the world and trying to work out where the quotes came

from. We have had some very interesting answers! At 11.45 am I rang a bell and the whole school stopped to read. What a joy and luxury! We all stopped ...the children, the teachers and me! Thank you Jo Kingsley-Pallant, Amanda and Jacqui for all your help.

I do hope you enjoy reading Isabelle's story as part of book day. Fiona very kindly knitted Year 1 children three gorgeous hedgehogs as part of their project. She wondered whether they could write about a hedgehog adventure. All the children set to the task. Amanda said you could have heard a pin drop the concentration was so intense! I hope you enjoy the story.....no help was given, nothing has been changed and the spelling and vocabulary are all hers!

Please remember that after school children playing outside are the responsibility of parents. I should also be grateful if school equipment is not used.

Tom Smiley will be giving the second parent talk of the year on Tuesday 15th March at 2.30 pm entitled "Oh! Please can I stay up a bit later?" – negotiating our wonderful 3 – 8 yr olds. Tom has already been in to school to get a feel for what would be a relevant topic to speak about so I know it will be interesting and not to be missed!

I have enjoyed seeing many of you at Parent Evenings which I am sure you found to be useful and enlightening.

With best wishes

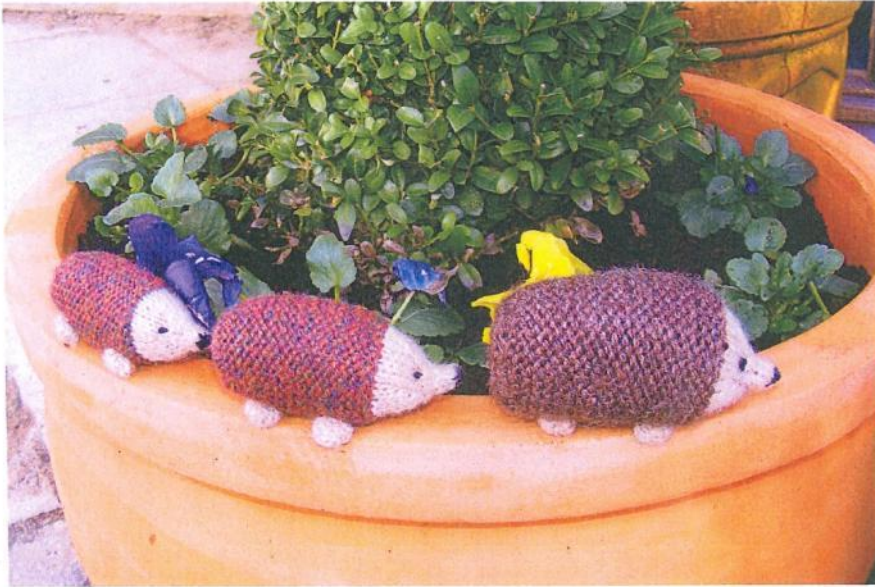
Jo



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Name: - Isabelle Bluestone Date: - Thursday 17th February

The Hoglets.



Once upon a time there lived three hoglets.
The smallest was called Susan, the middle sized one
was called Charlie, and the biggest was called
Henry. Their Mummy was in town. It was Mothers
day so the hoglets went to get some flowers.
Henry screeched "Mabeey we could go to the flower forest
to get some flowers." "Thats a great idea!" Snuzzled Susan.
They got some lovely roses and brought some choch-
late cake.

Their Mummy was so surprised that they were so kind! (because they quite naughty sometimes.) She was so happy that she let them play on the monkey bars!



They told it to their teacher. She was so surprised as well she letted them play outside. They were so happy that they played all day that they played all night as well!

They went to a disco. Susan thought it was fantastic to be alive. She wanted to dance the cha-cha with Charlie! Charlie screamed "I wish every hedgehog could come to this disco." And then in a flash, all the hedgehogs and hoglets all around the world came! But they were really tired in the morning so their Mummy told them off. The hoglets were sad. They cried they would never do it again and they didn't.

The End

By Isabelle Bivestone

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-  BPA Meeting: Alex Oldham and Noni Needs are now the reps for Dunannie for which a very warm thank-you. If you have anything you would like them to raise at the AGM, please contact them. All are welcome at the AGM which will be this coming Saturday, 5th March from 10.00 – 12.30pm at the Lupton Hall at Bedales. If you do not know the hall, do go to Bedales Reception and they will direct you.
-  Nursery Materials Needed: Please can you let Nursery have any boxes for junk models they are making.

FOOTBALL MATCH
Year 3/Group 1 v. Langrish House
Thursday 10th March 3.45 on
Dunhurst Field

Tea to follow match – Pick up at 4.45pm in the dining room.



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

Theo (1 Silver) Brilliant
Andrew (1 Bronze)
Tiger (1 Bronze)
James (1 Bronze)
Hamish (2 Bronze)
Leela (1 Bronze)
Rachel ((1 Bronze & 1 Silver) Brilliant
Rowena (1 Bronze)
Freya (1 Bronze)
Giselle (1 Bronze)
Issy (1 Bronze)

Apologies for not including Ernie before half term (1 Bronze). Well done!
David

SCIENCE CHALLENGE

It is not possible to light a fire on the moon. There is no oxygen in the moon's minimal atmosphere. Because fires require oxygen to burn, a fire would not burn on the moon. Several children wrote that it would not be possible to have a fire on the moon (Ernie, Theo, Florence, Daisy, Molly, Hamish, Rowena, Rachel, Athena, Millie, James, Felicity and Tallulah). Only Archie and Dominic wrote that this was because of the lack of oxygen. Archie, Felicity and Tallulah all wrote that sticks are not found on the moon. Florence and Ernie queried how the astronauts would eat the marshmallows if they couldn't take their helmets off? Hamish and Nicolas queried why the Earth appears to be above and not below the moon in the picture. Several children said that the sticks and rocks would float away because of the lack of gravity. Although the pull of gravity on the moon is weaker than on Earth, the moon does have gravity.

Well done everyone
David

You are warmly invited to a concert of chamber music including Mozart, Bach and Monteverdi at St Luke's Church in Sydney Street, London SW3 on Wednesday 16th March 2011 from 1.00 – 2.00 pm. Please join us from 12.15 if you can for a drink and a chance to chat to staff - do bring a friend. RSVP to Sara Sexton on 01730 711572 or ssexton@bedales.org.uk

Reception News

Reception went to visit Portchester Castle...



We were met by a knight.



Nikolas tried on a helmet.



Sage and Jago were king and queen

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Elizabeth tried a long bow.



Sam's chainmail was very heavy!



King Theo and Queen Phoebe



The trip was enjoyable and interesting but very cold – many of the children thought they would like to come back another day to see and find out more when the weather was better. Thank you very much to Marina and Charlotte who helped us on this visit and were experts at warming chilly hands and feet!

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Year 2

Signs of spring



Enjoying a walk around Bedales, looking for signs that spring is arriving.



Year 2 found many changes in our countryside, to show that spring is nearly here.

Sticky buds from chestnut trees show us how the tree grows. We looked very carefully at the evidence of new growth.



Flowers and shrubs in Bedales grounds

Jacqui