

# Dunhurst *Friday Report*

29—04—2011

Friday 29th April	Royal Wedding Day School ends for day children Groups train departs Petersfield Groups train arrives Waterloo	4.00pm 4.18pm 5.23pm
Saturday 30th April	Groups Activity—Drama Leave weekend begins Boarders train departs Petersfield Boarders train arrives Waterloo	11.30—1.00pm 1.00pm 1.48pm 2.51pm
Sunday 1st May	Leave weekend	
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday Boarders return Train departs Waterloo Train arrives Petersfield	7.00pm 6.45pm 8.11pm
Tuesday 3rd May	Group 3 trip to Museum on the Mezzanine, Gosport Childtalk—Al McConville 'Bedales Assessed Courses and iGCSEs'	10.00—2.30pm 4.30—5.30pm
Wednesday 4th May	U13 Cricket v Great Ballard (A) U11 Cricket v Churchers B (H) U12 Rounders tournament at Westbourne House U11 and U9 Rounders v Churchers' Junior School (A)	2.30—6.30pm 4.00—6.00pm 2.00—5.30pm 3.30—5.30pm
Thursday 5th May	Piano Summer Platform Concert	6.15pm
Friday 6th May	Year 3/Group 1 Liaison Jaw Athletics	2.00—3.15pm 4.30—5.30pm
Saturday 7th May	Bedales Open Morning FoDs meeting in Dunannie Library	10.00—12.30pm 11.00—1.00pm



## *Letter from Penny...*

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Despite the rather odd and difficult mix of holiday (and more holiday) and the start of the term we are, I think, all happy and enjoying ourselves. No sooner will we settle down than Camps Week will be upon us. I suppose that is the Summer Term for you!

Welcome, also, to Ralph who has taken up his post as Deputy Head this week. Do introduce yourselves to him in passing and remember that he has taken up residence in James's seat in the office to the side of reception which also houses Alan Simmons. Block 2 parents were able to meet Ralph over a glass of wine on Thursday evening, an event enjoyed by all.

The Royal Wedding has been a focus this week and, by the time you read this, the day will be nearly over. The staff and children have worked together to provide a different sort of school day to mark this historic occasion and join the spirit of national celebration and partying. School for Blocks is as usual on Saturday morning.

This coming week has much on offer; Group Three visit the Museum at Gosport, a variety of rounders matches and the much anticipated piano summer platform concert. Jaw athletics is back on the agenda on Friday afternoons with great thanks to Rachel and her team for the complicated weekly logistics required to make this a success.

Could I also draw your attention to Tuesday's Childtalk when Al McConville, Director of Teaching and Learning at Bedales will be talking about Bedales Assessed Courses and iGCSEs. In addition please note a second parental forum to be held in the Dunannie Library on Sat 21st May from 11.00am to 1.00. The subject this time will focus on academic initiatives at Bedales and will be 'fronted' by Keith Budge, Head of the three schools and Dominic Oliver, Managing Head at Bedales. The forum will be conducted in the same friendly atmosphere of shared communication and interest as the highly successful 'Healthy Choices' discussion of last term.

I very much look forward to popping into FoD's on Saturday morning next week, 7th May. In the meantime enjoy the remaining Bank Holiday on Monday.

*Penny*



## What's going on ...

### Train Arrangements

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April—for Groups only

Depart Petersfield 4:18pm      Arrive Waterloo 5:23pm

**Taxi will be departing at 4:00pm**

#### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Depart Petersfield 1:48pm      Arrive Waterloo 2:51pm

Arrive Guildford 2:15pm

**Mini bus will be leaving at 1:20pm**

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Depart Waterloo 6:45pm      Arrive Petersfield 8:11pm

Depart Guildford 7:32pm

**Gaps Duty Mobile Number 07827478489**

### **BLOCK 3 ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2011**

Keith's secretary, Sarah Emson, left Bedales on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Any queries that you have regarding Block 3 admissions for this September will be handled by Jo McConville. Jo can be contacted by email at [jmccconville@bedales.org.uk](mailto:jmccconville@bedales.org.uk) or by telephoning main Reception on 01730 300100. Janie Jarman, the Registrar, will also be able to help you with any queries. Janie can be contacted at [jjarman@bedales.org.uk](mailto:jjarman@bedales.org.uk) or by telephoning 01730 71173.

### **Group 3 Parents**

**Amy Wilson-Smith's email address is not correct in the summer calendar. Her correct address is [awilson@bedales.org.uk](mailto:awilson@bedales.org.uk)**

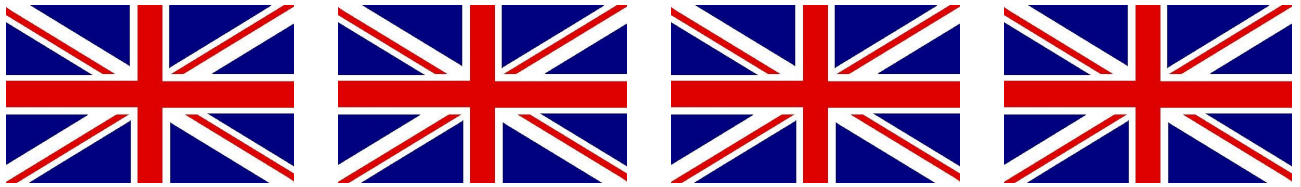
### **Childtalks:**

**Tuesday 3 May 4.30 – 5.30pm** – Al McConville, Director of Teaching & Learning at Bedales. 'Bedales Assessed Courses and iGCSEs'.

**Saturday 14 May 11.45 – 12.45** – Gill Harris, current Head of Block 3 : 'Life in Block 3 at Bedales'



## What's going on ...



### Royal Wedding Day

Some of the fun activities the children will be involved in on this memorable day.

Royal Assembly

Hat making

Marriage Maths

Picnic lunch with staff

Royal music

Cake decorating

Debates

Hat parade and hand shaking

As well as access to watch live coverage of the wedding.

### WHO AM I?

**Name:** Ralph Morel

**Position:** Deputy Head

**What I wanted to be:** David Attenborough

**Favourite school memory:** Prep school days.

**Best book ever read:** World of the Plains and Gods of War by Conn Iggulden

**Last CD bought or album downloaded:** Day and Age by the Killers, favourite song Human.

**Favourite Dunhurst moment so far:** Children wearing flip flops.





# What's going on ...

**World Poetry Day** saw a week of poetry writing for the Blocks. Students looked at ballads, Haikus, Cinquains, Free Verse, poems from other cultures, Tennyson and performance/ protest poetry by Benjamin Zephaniah. They even read poems in French with the Modern Foreign Languages Department! A competition for the whole school was held and there was a wonderful response demonstrating the great creative talent here at Dunhurst. The winners are listed below. **A big thank you to everyone that took part – the English Department loved reading all the entries.**

First Prize Tutor Group Poem: Fran Box's Tutor Group, *'Dunhurst'*

Second Prize Tutor Group Poem: Liv Burnett Armstrong's Tutor Group, *'The Sun'*

First Prize Block II: Eve Allin, *'Rose'*

Second Prize Block II: Jack Voorhees, *'Earth Song'*

First Prize Block I: Noah Clarke-Hall, *'The Perilous Plight of a Bird without Flight'*

First Prize Block I: Josh Mazas, *'The Ice Bear'*

First Prize Groups: Tom Bradford, *'Upon the Stormy Seas'*

Second Prize Groups: Callum Sendall, *'Moon Fall'*

## The Perilous Plight of a Bird without Flight! By Noah Clarke Hall (Block One)

The great auk lived on Icelandic shores,  
Blurting out his cackling 'caw',  
When one day an explorer came,  
Who was of well reputed fame.  
His men were over-ridden with disease,  
And quite literally on their knees,  
And when they saw this food supply,  
They gave a start, a shout, a cry.  
The great auks being unable to fly,  
Were defenceless to the shots whizzing by.  
And so were picked off one by one,  
Until there were remaining none.  
And this occurred in Svalbard also,  
And blood stained the fjords of Oslo,  
And in the realm of Shetland too,  
The craggy cliffs coated in vile goo.  
In due course came the year '43,  
In the nineteenth century:  
A 'ping', a 'bang', a stab of pain,  
And another species down the drain.  
People of the earth heed thy warning,  
A brand new age of extinction is dawning.

## A Poem from Fran's Block One Tutor Group

To be delivered in the same rhythm as the 'Take a Poem' by John Carter.

### DUNHURST

We can write a poem,  
The best in Block One!  
We're Fran's tutor group,  
We have lots of fun.

We're obliged to tell you  
A description of Dunhurst School.  
It's arty, funny, easy money  
And everyone is cool.

Maths, art and English –  
All of them are fun,  
No matter what character  
Variety for everyone.

Although there's Saturday school,  
There's Wednesday afternoon,  
We go out to Petersfield  
But we will be back soon.

Friday night activities  
Everyone takes part.  
Discos, dress up, movie night  
It's a boarders' special art.

Dunhurst is a family,  
You will be impressed,  
You'll make loads of friends,  
Our school is the best.

## Upon the Stormy Seas by Tom Bradford (Group Three)

The wave was a torrent of darkness upon the stormy seas  
The rain was a shower of bullets upon the stormy seas  
The wind was a dog shaking and whining upon the stormy seas  
The froth on the sea was like a cappuccino upon the stormy seas



## *What's going on ...*

### **Deputy Head News**

Thank you to everyone for such a friendly welcome. I have quickly warmed to being called by my first name and the children have enjoyed testing me on their names each day!

Part of my first assembly with the Block children looked back at why the Bee and the Rose was chosen as the school symbol.

I reflected on five aspects of the bee's life and how that could easily represent us here at Dunhurst;

Honey is the only substance that has all the nutrients necessary to sustain life – just as Dunhurst has such a rich array of opportunities to offer this term and I hope the children will make the most of them.

Microbes can't grow in honey – this gives a protective feel to the school and I talked about how we are all responsible for creating a safe working environment that will allow each child to leave their comfort zone and stretch themselves.

Bees vote on where to swarm or which food source to concentrate on, they vote by moving nearer the proposer – just as the pupil council has a say here. I am passionate about giving the children as much responsibility and ownership for what happens here at Dunhurst and I look forward to hearing about the children's creative ideas.

Younger honey bees learn from older and wiser relatives on how to make honey – which is so true for a school where the older children are all role models for those following in their footsteps and I hope the children have taken this on board and feel empowered by the fact that each one of them is playing a crucial role in how the school develops. Elaine and the Block 2 peer listeners presented an excellent assembly on Thursday and now is the time for the block 1 to apply to be a Peer listener.

Honey bees dance to communicate – I discussed how Dunhurst is a place where the children can learn many of life's lessons in preparation for the ventures ahead – just like the bees teach each other where to fly to find the nectar! Mistakes will be made and that is a great thing. I am very much a fan of empowering the children to take that leap of faith and have a go at each challenge school offers, knowing that there is a safety net to redirect them if it doesn't quite work out! If the mistake is linked to behaviour then again, school is a place where lessons are to be learnt and such qualities as honesty and empathy are finely tuned.

I am very much looking forward to my time here at Dunhurst. I was particularly drawn to John Badley's motto;

'Work of each for the Weal of all '

My door is always open, so please approach me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Enjoy the Royal wedding, the children will hopefully have a super day here and be ready for the extra day off on Monday!

Kind Regards

Ralph



*What's going on ...*

# BOOK FAIR!



Dear Parents and Pupils

I am pleased to announce that a Book Fair by the Travelling Book Company will be in school on the following dates:

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011 until Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

Children can view/purchase the books at the following times:

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Lunchtime	Groups 1.00-1.30pm/Blocks 1.30-2.00pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Lunchtime	Groups 1.00-1.30pm/Blocks 1.30-2.00pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Lunchtime	Groups 1.00-1.30pm/Blocks 1.30-2.00pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Lunchtime	Groups 1.00-1.30pm/Blocks 1.30-2.00pm

This is an excellent opportunity to introduce the children to a wide and varied range of good quality books. At the same time, you will also be helping the school to receive a selection of new books for the library and classrooms, through the commission we earn on each book sold.

**Please can you authorise the amount your child can spend by simply filling in the form below and return to me. Your child does not have to spend the full amount you have authorised and only the actual amount spent will be put onto your bill.** If it is easier for you please e-mail the amount your child is allowed to spend to [amowat@bedales.org.uk](mailto:amowat@bedales.org.uk). I would prefer not to accept cash as the book fairs are very busy. Please ensure all slips are returned by **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011**. **Please be aware that unless I receive an authorised slip or e-mail, your child will not be able to buy any books.** Many thanks.

Please come and visit the Book Fair to see the complete range of books available. I look forward to seeing you!

Angela (Librarian)



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**BOOK FAIR REPLY SLIP**

**I AUTHORISE MY CHILD ..... (NAME)**

**CLASS ..... TO SPEND £ ..... AT THE BOOK FAIR**

**SIGNED .....**



*What's going on ...*

## Boarding News

Summer is here and the house staff have been arranging the Fun Filled Friday activities for this term.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April – **Bowling**



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May – **BBQ & Games**



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May – **Caribbean Evening**



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May – **Swimming Fun**



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June – **BBQ & Treasure Hunt**



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – **Aussie Evening**



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – **School Play**



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July – **Trip to the Beach**





## What's going on ...

### Groups Saturday Activities

30 April	11.30 - 1	Drama
7 May	11 - 1	ODW
14 May	11.30 - 1	Drama
11 June	11 - 1	ODW
18 June	11.30 - 1	Drama

### Mandarin

Following the enthusiasm Dunhurstians showed for Mandarin when we had Chinese visitors Daisy and Alice visiting the school in November, pupils will soon have another chance to open their minds to this fascinating language. On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, a teacher of Mandarin is coming to Dunhurst to give some introductory lessons. These will take place periods 1-3, and Groups and Blocks pupils alike are encouraged to put their names down and have a go. If you have any questions, please ask Liv.

### Johnny Flynn returns to Bedales

For one night only, on Friday 13 May, Johnny Flynn, star of stage and sound, is coming back to Bedales to play a gig to raise funds for the John Badley Foundation, the schools' bursary fundraising campaign. Johnny will be ably supported by some of Bedales' finest musicians – so the audience are in for a real treat. You can see some clips of Johnny's music at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABjhV\\_LutUE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABjhV_LutUE).

If you would like to be part of the special audience, tickets cost £20, and are available by emailing [fundraising@bedales.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@bedales.org.uk) – please specify ticket quantity and whether you would like to pay by cheque or add the cost to your school bill.....Come along and bring your friends!

### Group 3 Trip – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011

Group 3 will be visiting the Search Museum & Discovery Centre in Gosport next Tuesday to give the children a hands-on learning experience to help with their Topic this term – The Home Front.

The trip will be during the normal school day ( coach leaving @ 9am , returning by 3.30pm), children are not required to bring anything with them apart from a light coat.

If you require any further information please email [awilson@bedales.org.uk](mailto:awilson@bedales.org.uk)



## *What's going on ...*

### **Effort and Attainment Grades**

*A quick reference guide:*

#### **Effort Grades**

- 1 = giving their best, using their skills and abilities to the full
- 2 = putting in effort, trying hard
- 3 = reasonable effort shown
- 4 = some cause for concern – lack of effort
- 5 = real cause for concern – effort well below that expected

#### **Achievement Grades**

- A = Excellent; outstanding work
- B = Good; above average
- C = Competent; work generally of an average level
- D = Below average; clear confusion in areas
- E = Finds the work difficult and find comprehension of most topics

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### **Block Activities**

**All block activities will finish at 1900 with the exception of Cricket on a Monday which will finish at 1930.**

**Horse riding – if your child can not make one of the Horse riding dates please make sure I, or the centre, has advanced warning.—Ralph**



## What's going on ...

### Dunhurst Sponsored Swim

Further to the letter and sponsor form sent out in the end of term mailing, I spoke to the children in Thursday's assembly regarding our big charity event of the term. The sponsored swims will be organised during the two weeks prior to camp week, so that does not give us long to get those all important sponsors. I know that a good number of children have already started to gather sponsors and spare forms have now been placed on Dunhurst reception.

The three charities we are supporting are Mirafior School, specifically to fund resources for the extra 200 pupils that it will soon be able to cater for, one of our HOPIT charities, CCHF 'All about Kids', which Ryan supported recently when he ran the London marathon.

This charity provides severely disadvantaged children activities and respite breaks and Whizz-Kids a well respected charity that focuses on giving children with mobility disabilities a degree of independence that would not otherwise be able to have. We all agreed that it would be wonderful to provide one disabled child with a lightweight wheelchair to give them the independence they need to keep up with their friends...but that alone costs £3400.

We are setting our sights high and the children know that for some of them swimming widths will be just as fantastic achievement as swimming the maximum 30



lengths of the school pool.

We now have just over a week for the children and staff who are swimming to get the sponsors signed up and I will publish the swimming schedule in next Friday's report. The children have been told to only ask family and friends but that every little bit will help.

This is a super opportunity for our wonderful community to support children in

need both at home and abroad. We very much value your support.

Many thanks, Alan Simmons





## *Sport ...*

### **SPORTS ROUND UP**

We were lucky to be able to arrange cricket and rounders matches for the second day of day. The boys went to Prebendal for a 25 overs game – a useful practice match to switch on their brains to cricket. We also took 15 girls to King Edwards for a training match which Dunhurst won easily. Some of the groups girls attended team trials ready for a match on Thursday but we were very disappointed that some group 2's decided not to turn up and no groups ones came either. It also seems that only 2 Blocks girls read the calendar and turned up for trials with most deciding to go to Petersfield shopping. So well done to those that turned up and to the rest:

**PLEASE READ THE CALENDAR AND FIXTURES LIST** that are sent home before term starts!! We need much greater commitment!

Rachel

### **Under 13 Cricket vs. Prebendal**

With the calendar the way it is this year, we took to the field without any opportunity to practice beforehand. I expected some rustiness and unfortunately that's what we got. Some of the bowling was initially wayward but it did improve and some unplayable deliveries were bowled by our bowlers. Orlando and Max bowled neatly and picked up 3 wickets between them. They were supported by Milo, Rory George and Cameron who all put their batsmen under pressure. Our bowlers took 6 wickets but there were two outstanding runouts, the first from Cameron who, with one stump to aim at, threw an excellent throw running out their strongest batsman. Then near the end of the innings Jeff chased a ball to near the boundary, picked it up and unleashed a bullet of a throw to run out their man. Some encouraging signs for the season!

Chasing 140 to win our innings started slowly. Max Y and Rupert were difficult to remove but were scoring slowly. Max soon went to a good ball bringing a jet lagged Rory to the crease. He showed some good technique but he struggled to time the ball and soon went to a good delivery. That brought Milo to the crease who is a powerful batter. He scored a quick fire 24 runs from 22 deliveries involving one six and four fours! Unfortunately, the wickets were falling regularly at the other end stalling our progress. George hit a few good shots to score his 10 but unfortunately it was not to be our day. We finished the innings on 99, 41 runs short of our target.

Bad luck guys! Mark



## *What's going on ... Friends*

**Happy Summer Term!**

Please do come along to our next  
  
**Friends of Dunhurst meeting**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**11.00 - 1.00 Dunannie Library.**

**Everyone Welcome**

**- we'd love to see you -**



## *Parents' **action** page ...*

1. Please help your child fill out their sponsored swim forms.
2. Group 3 parents please ensure your child brings a coat for Tuesday's trip.
3. Group 3 parents please note Amy's email address.
4. Do make sure you have the up coming Childtalks in your diary .
5. Don't forget to fill out a slip for the Book Fair.