



DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 8

3rd November 2011

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. It seems as if Christmas is beginning in earnest with lights being tested, costumes appearing from cupboards and songs being practised in the Library! It is all rather scary but we have to get prepared. On that note may I ask all those parents who are able to give up some time to sign up for assisting with costumes, scenery or props! The plans are all in place so it really will be following patterns and instructions, I promise! Thank you to those who have already volunteered...we shall be having a 'briefing' after drop-off on Tuesday 8th November in the Design Centre where Jacqui will talk about her plans.

As you know Debbie is now on 'garden leave' and we wish her much luck in the future. We have been very lucky as Gill Robins, who was due to start in January as Dunannie Music teacher, has been able to bring her start date forward even though she is in the middle of writing a book! We are very grateful to Gill and welcome her to Dunannie.

The Great Dunannie Bake-off was a big success and may I say huge thank-you for all the delicious things that were donated. We raised a total of £206.18 and this will be presented to Allen Parton for Hounds for Heroes when he comes to our Assembly on Friday 18 November.

Well done Year 2 and Year 3 children who are now arriving at school, organising themselves and their possessions and going to their classrooms in such a responsible and independent way.

I am sure you have all appreciated the opportunity to meet class teachers this week and to hear how the children have settled into the new school year and how they are progressing. Please don't forget that if you have any concerns we are always here to listen.

During the week of 14th November we shall be implementing a new PSHE initiative where our youngest children will learn the importance of a healthy lifestyle. The programme of learning is delivered by Life Education, with whom I have worked before, in a very age appropriate way. If you would like to know more, parents are invited to meet Vicki Solly who will be leading the sessions, on Monday 14th November after drop-off in the Library.

Best wishes



REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- 🍽️ **Lunch Menu:** There have been a few minor changes to the menu. If anyone would like a copy, please see Marian.
- 🎭 **Christmas Play:** Volunteers are needed to help prepare for the Christmas production – for costumes, props and scenery. There will be a parent meeting for volunteers on Tuesday 8th November at 8.45 am. Can anyone loan Year 1 children white shirts, possibly with lace on the front, suitable for well-dressed pirates? Also, Year 2 boys need white jeans or white trousers and a pair of old sunglasses which will be painted.



The Best Bonfire Night in Hampshire?
Quite Possibly..

Friday 4th November

6pm Cobbs Field

Tickets: £7.50 adults, children free

Ticket includes fireworks and food
Hot Chocolate and Soft Drinks available to purchase



Purchase Tickets from:

- Reception at Dunhurst or Dunannie
- Bottom of the steps w/c 31st October or on the night



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YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 are having an enjoyable journey, travelling from the 1960's to the dark, distant past of the Victorians. They have researched Queen Victoria and found some interesting facts. Did you know.....

- o She had 9 children
- o She wore a white wedding dress and set the world-wide trend of white wedding dresses
- o Her first language was German but she also spoke English, French and Hindi
- o She survived 7 assassination attempts.

A very interesting lady, Queen Victoria reigned over 63 years and during that time Great Britain changed a great deal. Everyone liked the idea of being a rich Victorian with a

whole household of servants. Nobody wanted to be the



"Tweenie" maid who fetched and carried for

everyone....including the scullery maid! We made a chimney stack, regulation 23 cms square, and all the children tried to climb up it. For some it was rather a tight squeeze, but they decided the starvation diet to become the right size, would not be much fun. Selling matches on the street didn't rate very highly either nor being a "mudlark". In Theo's words: "Yuck! I wouldn't like that." His face was a picture! (A mudlark was a child who raked the mud of a local estuary for fallen goods from steamers and shipping.)

Everyone has enjoyed writing about being a servant and the life of a poor child. Next week we are visiting Manor Farm, a Victorian cottage and school room, to role play some more adventures. The children will be dressing up to make our visit a real experience.

We will shortly be researching "The lady of the lamp" and Victorian health.

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YEAR 1

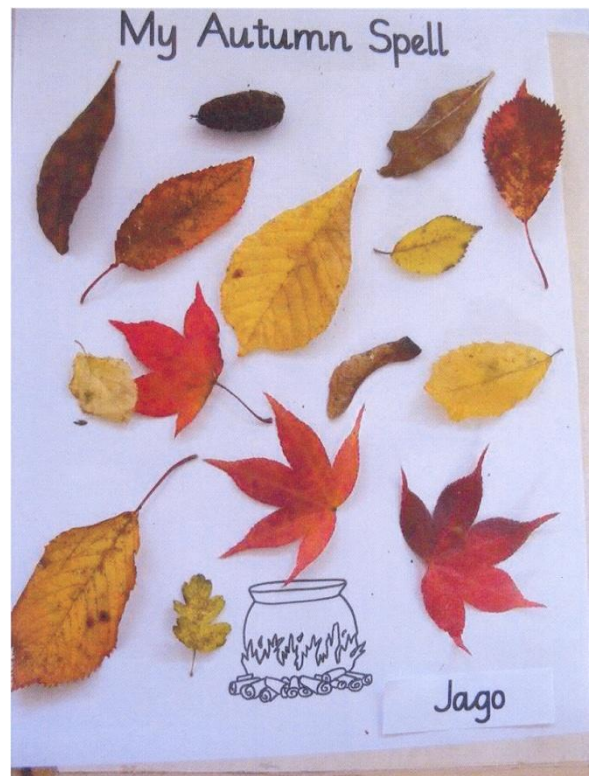
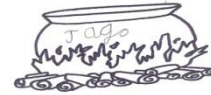
My Autumn Spell

A handful of ladybird red leaves
 Some sun yellow leaves
 One colourful orange maple leaf
 A pinch of spiky leaves.



My Autumn Spell

Three larva coloured leaves
 One spiky pine cone
 A pinch of maple seeds.



My Autumn Spell

A handful of shiny brown conkers.
A drop of light brown acorns.
Two light pine cones.
Lots of golden leaves.



My Autumn Spell

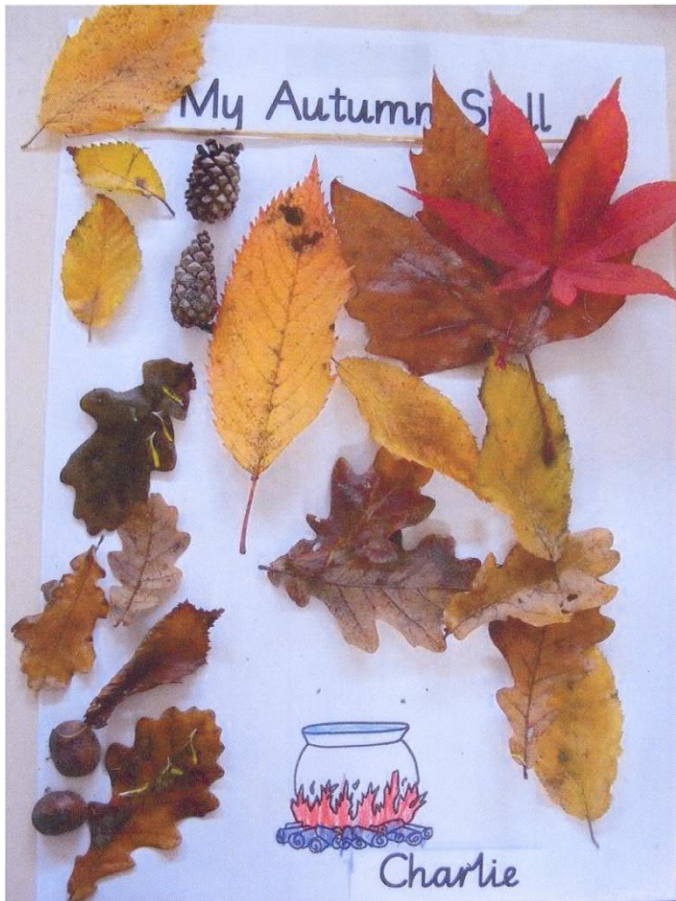
A bunch of flying seeds - A!
A handful of fire red leaves
Three long fir-cones
One spiky seed.



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My Autumn Spell

A sack of bonfire red leaves
 A frock of vanishing acorns
 sinking into the pot and the
 bubbles pop.
 Spiky pine cones sp washing!



My Autumn Spell

one spiky chestnut
 case
 a dash of rosy red
 leaves

Nitke pine cones as
 brown as mud
 It makes a
 symmetrical spell.

