

DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 15



19th January 2012

Dear Parents

It was a chilly start but balmy end to the week. With the weather being so unpredictable it is difficult to know what the children need to wear to keep them warm outside. I think the best answer is to have coats, hats and gloves in school (**named please**) and then we can clothe the children appropriately for everything the British weather throws at us!

Year 3 had an excellent day at Chichester Cathedral and the children were enthralled by the windows and sculptures, responding very well to the tasks they were set for the visit. Their sketch books illustrate their burgeoning observation skills as the quality of their work is very impressive.

The hair inspection went smoothly and parents have been informed if treatment is necessary. Please be aware, though, that this is an ongoing problem and continued vigilance is necessary. If you need advice on how to combat these little visitors please ask.

Victoria Lambert came to our Assembly yesterday and, through her many photographs, made her October visit to Sentebale come to life for the children. The children sat transfixed as they heard about the very different lives of children in Lesotho - how little they have but how happy they are. They also heard about the importance of traditional rugs to keep warm and Victoria explained how these much treasured items were essential but for some too expensive to buy. Keep your eyes peeled as Victoria has a plan for a raffle to raise funds! I would like to say a huge thank you to Victoria for taking the time out of her very busy schedule to come and talk to us.

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Next week Year 3 is going to Pulborough Brooks on Wednesday, Year 1 are visiting Intech on Friday and we also celebrate Chinese New Year with Kessie. A busy week ahead!

On Friday 27th January you are invited to the first 'Child Talk 'of the term and the details of this Internet safety talk are attached. I do hope you can come.

Best wishes



REMINDERS

-  Supplies for Year 1: Please could you bring in any kitchen roll or wrapping paper tubes. Thanks very much..
-  Childnet Talk on Friday 27th January at 2.15 pm: Please see attached letter.
-  Menus: The Spring term menus are available from the office if required.



Congratulations to: Raef (Year 3) – Bronze Award

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YEAR 2

Our project this term is fire and ice. Antarctica has 90% of the world's ice.

Here are some of the facts Year 2 have discovered about their project this term:

- Antarctica is actually a desert.
- No land animals survive there, except penguins.
- There are NO polar bears.
- Many people have tried to reach the South Pole.
- One explorer's teeth cracked with the cold weather.

The children are thoroughly enjoying researching Antarctica and comparing it with where they live. They imagined what it would be like to go on an exploration and have done some excellent thinking about what might go into their backpack. Later in the term we will be talking to several people who have visited the South Pole and can tell us what it is like.

It is the centenary of Scott's fateful journey to the South Pole, 17th January 1912 and the children have been excited to recognise photographs of explorers in the newspapers. We all agreed it must have been devastating to be beaten by another team.

Helen Skelton, Blue Peter presenter, has nearly reached her goal of riding, skiing, walking and boarding to the South Pole. We were all very amazed to find out that there is a shop at the South Pole selling chocolate and woolly hats! We felt the environment there should be kept as undisturbed as possible.



We have been enjoying the work of artists Klee and Kandinsky, both artists working a hundred years ago. The children have used their work to make patterns with Colour Magic.

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In games this term Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been busy practising their football skills:



Year 3 have been getting to grips with their mouthguards and are taking part in hockey/netball and Tag rugby/football this term. During the winter months the children will need to wear thin gloves for these lessons.

For Years 2 and 3 swimming has now stopped and the children are taking part in Outdoor and Adventurous Activities (OAA) and Orienteering. In OAA the children will be taking part in problem solving and team building activities.

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Gymnastics continues this term and I am delighted with the standard of the skills, sequences and ideas the children perform.

