



# DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 23

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Dear Parents

It has been an incredibly busy but invigorating term for everyone at Dunannie and a much needed holiday is on the horizon! Three restful and enjoyable weeks for everybody and then a return to an equally action-packed Summer Term.

The Spring Fair was an enormous success and the children thoroughly enjoyed spending their money and practising their mathematical skills! Thank you very much Noni and your team for your hard work, support and enthusiasm.

We have included today a large list of reminders that I would appreciate you noting. In addition I must remind you that it is essential that pick up arrangements, if different from the norm, have to be noted on the yellow classroom lists. By doing this it will avoid potentially embarrassing phone calls that may need to be made to verify permission. Thank you.

I do not wish to steal the thunder of The Reporter's Club, or Fiona, by revealing a well-kept secret, so all I shall say is that we are looking forward to raising lots of money for a powered wheelchair and look forward to welcoming a rather special visitor. In order to find out about the mystery guest you must buy the Dunannie Times. I have just read my copy and it is an amazing publication! Thank you Catherine, Victoria and all our reporters for another brilliant edition.

Have a wonderful holiday.

With best wishes












**Friends of Dunannie would like to thank the staff for all their hard work over a successful Spring Term and to wish everyone a very happy Easter holiday!**



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## REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

-  Holidays! School closes tomorrow at 2.00 pm. There is no Swallow Club.
-  Reception: In the Summer Term Reception stay in school for five whole days (ie stay on Wednesday afternoons).
-  Nursery: The children need a pair of trainers in their boot boxes for the Summer Term.
-  Class Photographs: A date for your diary as there will be the class photographs being taken on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Please can all the children wear smart clothing. Nursery and pre-Nursery children not attending on Wednesdays may come in at 9.00 am to join the class photograph.
-  After School Clubs and Swallow Club: The Summer Term lists are on the Parents' board. The clubs start the first week back after Easter but there will not be Clubs on the Royal Wedding Day (Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April).
-  Library Books: These should have been returned already but if there are any outstanding please bring in by tomorrow and put in the book box. Thank you.
-  Royal Wedding Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April: Another plea to keep recyclable materials in white or cream: please save tissue paper, fabric, lace, net, ribbon, trimmings, beads, plastic, bubble wrap or any other ideas you may have and bring items in on the first day of term.
-  LAMDA: The current class took their exam this week and LAMDA does not run in the Summer Term. If Sylvia Coates is still able to do LAMDA in 2011-12 a class will commence in September.
-  BEDALES GALLERY: There is an exhibition of photographs by Mike Morrison an ex-Bedales teacher. Private view is on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 7.00 – 8.00 pm. The Exhibition will run from 26<sup>th</sup> April to 6<sup>th</sup> May Monday to Friday 2.00 – 5.00pm and Saturdays 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.



## Raising the **temperature**

We would like to kick-start our fundraising campaign with a challenge for the children in their Easter holidays. They will be bringing home a 'Chore chart' and have been asked to help their families by doing some extra-special chores around the house and garden. They can do up to ten chores (or even more!!!) for which they can be paid. All the money will go towards the campaign. PLEASE support this challenge and raise as much as possible in the holidays.

Happy Easter. Fiona

## SWAZILAND PROJECT

This year the project is to ensure that when Bedales leaves Mbalenhle School there is sufficient income stream to support the orphans and vulnerable children that board there and maintenance of the site is sustainable. The way in which we plan to do this is by creating a small poultry farm and carpentry workshop. This will probably mean the drilling of another borehole and the associated plumbing. There is also concern about the orphans when they leave the school as to how to help them; we may also set up a microfinance initiative for them.

Since we started at Mbalenhle School we have:

1. Secured mains water, electricity and 'phone
2. Sunk a borehole
3. Built 2 classroom, painted and furnished
4. Built a sanitation block
5. Bulldozed out a football pitch
6. Supplied sporting goods
7. Erected a perimeter fence
8. Applied for donations from the Green Dale Foundation and as a result a hostel and a library were built
9. Painted and shelved a library
10. Wired up so that we are ready to install an IT network once the container comes in.
11. Taught and learned lessons.

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

Livy (2 Bronze)  
Tiger (1 Silver) Fantastic!!!  
Ben (1 Bronze)  
Rachel (1 Bronze)  
Leela (1 Bronze)  
Elspeth (1 Silver) Fantastic!!!

Well done, David

## SCIENCE CHALLENGE

The gears model helped many children (and adults) spot the mistake in the picture from last week. Three of the gears were connected in such a way that they would not turn. In the picture one of the gears would be forced to turn clockwise and anti-clockwise at the same time.

Well done to the following children for spotting this :- Tallulah, Issy, Molly & Archie.

This week's challenge was a little easier and many children said that people and dinosaurs did not live at the same time. One anonymous person wrote that 'humans weren't invented at the time of the dinosaurs.' All dinosaurs were extinct about 65 million years before the first humans appeared in Earth.

Well done to Adam, James, Isabelle, Issy, Tallulah, Charlie, Rachel, Daisy, Molly, Clemmie & Florence. Nela wondered whether seagulls were around at the time of the dinosaurs.

Well done everyone!  
David

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## Year 2



## Reception



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## Nursery



Year 3



Easter Chicks and Cathedral Paintings