

DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 10

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Dear Parents

The week began on a very positive note with parents and children finding out about Life Education. This initiative, which enhances our PSHE programme, proved to be very successful and will be put in the diary for next year. The children very much enjoyed visiting the mobile which, incidentally, was manoeuvred into position by an OB from 1948!



The list for Christmas play tickets is now up. Please sign up for your designated day, **Reception and Year 1 parents on Wednesday 30**

November and Year 2 and 3 parents on Thursday 1 December and indicate if you would like an extra ticket if any become available. There is limited staged seating so it would be advisable to leave little ones at home.

What an exciting day it will be tomorrow!

The FOD's are hosting their bi-termly coffee morning after drop off, we are looking forward to welcoming our Nursery parents for a tour of Dunannie and Allen Parton will be receiving a cheque for Hounds for Heroes from Jonty! All of this will be happening alongside Children in Need day with everyone dressed in spots!! Don't forget to bring your £1 coins (or a donation) for dressing up.



There is never a dull moment at Dunannie!

Best wishes

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NURSERY NEWS

The Nursery had a bedtime themed day today. Everyone dressed in their pyjamas and we had a cooked breakfast for our morning snack!



RECEPTION CLASS NEWS



In the last few weeks we have found out about the Hindu festival of Divali and enjoyed retelling the story of Rama and Sita with puppets. The children drew mendhi patterns and made diva lamps with clay as well as preparing a special snack of raita, nan bread and chapattis to share at our own Divali celebration. In our literacy sessions we have talked about 'characters' in stories and the children chose a character from the Divali story to illustrate and write about. They worked beautifully in pen and ink and were very pleased with their creations!

We have also been using different printing techniques to create fantastic fireworks pictures, which can be seen up on the classroom wall. We used fireworks as our theme in maths as well, with the children making their own rockets for counting forwards and backwards to ten or twenty.



This week we have started work making 'cold areas' in shoe boxes, after watching some DVD clips of life in cold regions. The children have imagined being explorers and have written their own lists of what they would take in their rucksacks when visiting the North or South Pole. They helped to plan the new role play area and we have some adventurous explorers in our midst!

Thank you for the jeans that have been brought in for the Christmas Play – it would be great to have the rest into school in the next few days if possible.

Best wishes
Julia, Nicola, Georgina and Bryony

PE NEWS

Children across the years are continuing to make great progress in PE.

Nursery have been developing movement patterns and coordination through the themes of weather and animals. They've been jumping, twisting, balancing, sliding and rolling with lots of enthusiasm.

Reception have been working hard in gymnastics. Their jumps, rolls and balances have come on tremendously and they are now going to start working on low level and fixed apparatus.



Reception warming up for gymnastics

In games the children are developing hand/eye coordination and taking part in some small games. They are just starting to work with partners and in small groups.



Reception working in groups to develop throwing and catching

Year 1 have been continuing to extend their skills in gymnastics too and I look forward to seeing what they can perform on the fixed apparatus.



Year 2 are working brilliantly with different partners in all their activities and they are making fantastic progress in the swimming pool. We've had many 'first' widths and lengths in recent weeks.



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Year 3 are benefiting from the joint games lesson with Group 1 from Dunhurst. The boys are enjoying some competitive games in football and the girls are developing a wide range of netball skills.



Year 3 warming up for netball
Practising defending and passing

A special well done must go to Leela, Clemmie, Elizabeth, Mabel and Nell who performed a super gymnastic sequence in celebration assembly. They all put a lot of effort into remembering the sequence and they performed it beautifully.

