

DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 5



Dear Parents

8 October 2010

It has been poetry week at Dunannie and the theme has been bees. Wonderful pictures and poetry have emerged not to mention excellent maths that Year 1 have been doing. A special thank you to Freya for sending in her PowerPoint presentation about the day the bee-keeper had to come and remove a nest from her garden. We thoroughly enjoyed Lesley's visit where we not only admired her bee-keeper's outfit, but tried on our own and also got to taste some Bedales honey!



Another busy week at Dunannie! The Nursery set off to examine the foundations of the Medley's new house and were fascinated by what they saw! Reception enjoyed their homemade soup and I now have a beautiful picture of a carnation on my wall as a reminder of their visit to the market. Year 1 helped me make a display for our Harvest celebrations with the amazing gourds grown at Dunhurst's outside work. Year 2 were finally able to go to Southsea! They had a very enjoyable but windswept visit; more from the class in their report. Year 3 have been using their growing knowledge of the Aztec leaders and making comparisons with 'authority' at Dunannie. They have produced an extremely interesting visual representation of what they think - which is well worth coming to see!!

Parent Evenings will be taking place after half term (8th and 10th November). Please book your appointment with your child's class teacher on the lists in the entrance hall. Please note that if your child is taught by David and you would like to discuss your child's progress, he has his own appointment schedule for you to sign.

We now have a signing in clip-board in the Library to be completed if you need to drop-off and go. Whoever is on duty will have this and we ask that you sign your child into school and leave any details we may need to know.

Our new swimming bags have arrived; please go into the office and speak to Marian if you wish to have one. Thank you to those parents who have brought in waterproof dungarees. They really are invaluable, quickly becoming an essential item of clothing!

I look forward to seeing Year 3 parents at our Harvest Assembly next week together with The Friends of Dunannie.

Best wishes

Jo



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- 🏠 **Bedales Students Concert in St Peter's Church, Petersfield:** on Tuesday 19th October 2010 Bedales students will perform their annual lunchtime concert at the parish church of St. Peter's in Petersfield at 1.00 pm. Admission is free and they will provide an entertaining concert of choral and instrumental music. The concert will last for one hour and coffee will be on sale in the church.




- 🏠 **Harvest Festival Wednesday 13th October:** All the children from Nursery to Year 3 are invited to decorate a shoebox or similar sized box and fill it with produce. The Ramscote residents particularly enjoy fruits and vegetables, especially apples, homemade cakes, biscuits and jams. The Roberts Centre have requested non-perishable gifts such as rice, pasta, tins of fruit, vegetables, dried fruit and packets of biscuits. Year 3 should bring a harvest basket OR fresh season fruits/vegetables into school on Tuesday 12th October as these will form part of the harvest display in the library. Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 harvest baskets should be brought into school on Wednesday 13th October and taken to the classrooms. Thank you to Linda Penney and Tracey Hardy for volunteering to deliver them to Ramscote in Petersfield and the Roberts Centre in Portsmouth.



- 🏠 **Harvest Lunch:** The Harvest Celebration will be followed by a Harvest lunch to which all Year 3 parents and FOD's are invited. Limited places are available – please sign up on the sheet in the entrance hall if you are staying to lunch, thank you.
- 🏠 **Petersfield Post and Bordon Post:** Their “first day at school” supplement will be published on Wednesday 13th October. If Reception parents would like to order copies of the photographs (7" x 5" @ £7 each or 8" x 10" at £10) please telephone 01730 232614.
- 🏠 **Spare Books?** Do you have any books you really don't need any more? All those volumes you promised yourself you'd read but never have, or the ones that you were given at Christmas and are gathering dust? We'd love to have them, please, for the last-ever bookstall at the **Save the Children Gift Fair** on Thurs 4th November...Please ring (01730) 264709 – we can collect, or they can be dropped outside Heath Farmhouse any time, or they can be left with Marian in the office. Thank you!



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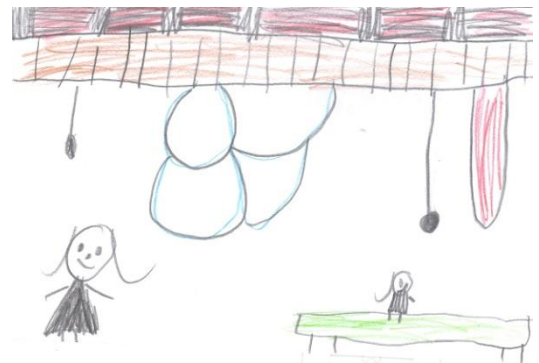
-  **Dunhurst Opening Morning:** This has been postponed from this weekend (Saturday 9th October) and is now on Tuesday, 19th October 2.15-4.00pm. Booking is essential through Janie Jarman please on 01730 711733.



Congratulations to the following children for their great efforts in Mathletics :-

Elspeth (2 bronze)
James (1 bronze)
Theo (1 bronze)
Ruby (1 bronze)
Tiger (2 bronze)
Adam (2 bronze)
Nicolas (1 bronze)
Charlie (1 bronze)
Florence (1 silver)

Well done, David



Music news

Tango, (my cat friend), Rumba (my rabbit friend) and I have thoroughly enjoyed our first few weeks of singing, dancing and playing with all the classes! The children are very enthusiastic and I am really impressed with their listening skills.



Nursery children are already showing musical promise! Nursery and reception have been exploring different percussion instruments and rhythms and learnt a variety of action songs accompanied by the guitar.

Year 1's topics on 'ourselves' has lent itself well to a number of action songs, use of percussion instruments and rhythm work.

In warming up for choir we do a variety of actions and rhythm games. A perfect way to keep fit and our voices loosened up! Year 1 and reception are contributing admirably to the Harvest festival preparations and are getting very good at 2-part rhythms and songs.



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Year 2 and 3 have been exploring Calypso rhythms and learning a number of 'rounds' and 2-part songs. They have also listened and discussed a variety of different types of music.



Year 3 are concentrating hard on their percussion instruments and introduction for the performance.

The children have all been working hard at learning songs and performing for the Harvest festival next week and are quite excited at the prospect.

Best wishes
Anne