

# DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 29

9<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Dear Parents

I hope you had an enjoyable half term and feel refreshed for the coming weeks. There are only four until the end of term but they will be extremely busy ones! There are various class visits including Year 3's residential trip to Minstead, parent evenings and sports days to mention just a few events! We have added one extra date to the calendar for the term and that is a Dunannie visit to The Sculpture Park at Goodwood. I must thank James Bidwell for his sterling efforts in arranging this for us. We are going on 5 July and I shall send out a letter shortly with the details. If you would like to join us, just indicate this in your reply.

The Fun Run was, as always, a huge success and Fiona must be congratulated on planning such a wonderful day! I also wish to thank the FOD's for organising the refreshments that were enjoyed by one and all! Of course the most important people to be congratulated are the children. Each and every one of them was truly amazing and did their very best. Please keep the sponsor money rolling in. To date we have raised over £1000 and this was greatly boosted by Fiona, supported by Dunannie staff, children and parents, running a cake and crafts stall in Petersfield last week. The sun shone, the stall looked wonderful and everything was sold!

We greeted many new faces at Newcomers' morning on Tuesday. New Dunannie boys and girls had a very successful visit and our own children spent an exciting morning in their new classes. Moving classes can be a very unsettling time but from experience we all know that in the skilled hands of Dunannie practitioners the move is seamless and children settle easily and quickly – and most importantly happily.

6-6-11

sophie new  
at ease



Writing about half term → Sophie asked Donna for the letters she needed.

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Congratulations to **Daisy Flint** who won second prize in a local art competition. I also wish to congratulate **Evie, Ernie, Livvy, Felicity and Issy** on their LAMDA results. Sheila was very pleased indeed and so am I. You must read **Elsbeth's** account of looking after the new born lambs during half term in the Saturday Bulletin....not to be missed. Well done Elspeth!

It is French Day tomorrow so don't forget to wear red, white and blue! A short 'spectacle' of group activities will take place in the Hall at 3.10pm and you are more than welcome to come along.

Best wishes

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## REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

-  **FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> June: Friends of Dunannie coffee morning:** All parents are welcome from 8.30 to 9.30am after drop-off. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE ... NOT AS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED.
-  **Tom Smiley Talk – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 2.00 pm:** There is now a sign-up sheet in the entrance hall for those wishing to come. Please note that this is a follow-on talk to the previous one, but it is not necessary to have gone to the first.
-  **Parents' Evenings: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 4.00 – 6.00 pm & Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 6.00 – 8.00pm:** There are sign-up sheets in the entrance hall and in the Nursery for this and they are filling up fast! Please note Year 3 parents that Catherine will be seeing parents from 2.00 – 4.00pm.
-  **School Kit:** Please can you make sure that wellingtons, trainers, PE kit etc. are in school daily. Many children are without essential items. Thank you.
-  **The Magic Flute, Glyndebourne Style, at Bedales School on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** CPRE Hampshire (charity number 245967) requests the pleasure of your company at "An Enchanted Evening in the Glyndebourne Tradition" at 6.30pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2011 when Oyster Opera will perform The Magic Flute by Wolfgang Mozart sung in English, translation by Stephen Fry with libretto by Fraser Grant and accompanied on piano in The Olivier Theatre. It is anticipated that most guests will choose to picnic in the grounds; in event of wet weather there will be covered space available. Tickets: £40 to include fizzy wine on arrival. Optional Black Tie. **Additional Packages:** A limited number of gazebos complete with chairs and tables can be hired at extra cost. Supper hampers can also be provided. Please contact the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Hampshire's offices on 01962 779185 or e-mail: [info@cprehampshire.org.uk](mailto:info@cprehampshire.org.uk)



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

Coco (1 Bronze)  
Mabel (1 Silver) - Excellent  
Theo (1 Bronze)  
Andrew (1 Bronze)

Well done,  
David

## SCIENCE CHALLENGE

This week's science challenge has encouraged great debate from the children about what is wrong in the picture. Hamish and Tallulah mentioned that the bees appear to have only four legs. Clemmie, Leela, Isabelle, Hamish, Tallulah and Felicity all asked whether ants and bees would want to eat sandwiches, oranges and cakes.

Many children pointed out that the ant appears to be lifting an orange. Some ants can carry up to 50 times their own body weight and although they may not be able to lift an orange above their heads, they are certainly able to drag many large items.

Adam and Athena are the only children to have commented on the error in the illustration that shows insects having two body parts. Ants and bees have three body segments – a head, a thorax and an abdomen.

Well done everyone  
David



## CHALLENGE CLASS



In their ICT lessons, the children have been making amazing progress with databases. They have constructed their own minibeast database and have included important information in records. This week they have added pictures to the records.

Year 3 have begun a short science project about the weather. They were able to identify types of extreme weather and following their week away, will record the weather at Dunannie (hopefully not extreme).

Year 3 have now finished their Powerpoint on Australia. Parents will have the opportunity to view this shortly. Following their week away, the children will be introduced to the school Email system. Some children may already have email access at home and next year in Dunhurst, they will receive messages and even homework in this manner from teachers. We will be concentrating on opening, composing and sending emails to each other, incorporating salutations and subject matter in the heading. We will have a discussion about keeping safe on the internet and the responsibilities involved with using email as a means to contact friends. I would be grateful if this message could be further reinforced at home.

Finally, as one group of children come close to finishing their animal masks, another group will begin theirs. Can I request that if your child has not yet done so, please bring in a cardboard box (anything slightly bigger than 30cm x 30 cm x 30 cm would be ideal).

Best wishes  
David

Year 2 are enjoying their project on Minibeasts and before half term were able to go on a walk with Bridget to discover other Minibeasts around the Bedales' grounds. This week they will be researching spiders, discussing habitats, food, properties and finally making a model to scare everybody.





## NURSERY NEWS

The Nursery had a very popular visitor today! Matthew, a local tree surgeon came to talk to the children about his work. We all clapped when he demonstrated throwing the ropes over the high branches of our oak tree. He talked about how he climbs the tree with all his equipment. We thought of some very good questions to ask him. Bo asked if the chainsaw needed a rope and Stan asked if the rope would ever break.



We have been painting pictures of trees and look forward to developing this work further as we find out more about the different trees in our school grounds.



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We are thinking about other jobs people do and have set up a Police Station in the Nursery. The children are enjoying making their fingerprints for police records!

*We went to visit the lambs yesterday...*



Do sign up if you would like to help with cooking this term.

Sharon, Donna, Bridget, Harriet and Belinda