

# DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 12

9<sup>th</sup> December 2010

Dear Parents

The end of the Autumn Term is upon us and I am sure you will agree that all of the pictures in today's letter illustrate the wide range of special experiences the children have enjoyed this term.

We returned to school this week after our snow days to galvanize ourselves into action to perform our postponed Christmas plays. Despite illness and absences the children surpassed themselves in their performances and I know that everyone who came to watch has taken away some wonderful memories to cherish. I should also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for the huge amount of work that went on behind the scenes and especially Anne Glenn for her drama and music direction. Anne is now leaving her music teaching role at Dunannie but will be returning in the New Year to support class teachers.

I am sure you will agree that the snow list worked very well and I do hope you felt informed by the school about arrangements at Dunannie. Of course a system is only as good as the data it holds and some gaps were highlighted last week. Please see Marian to update your information or check that what we have is correct.

Looking ahead to the Summer Term, (a cheery thought when it is -2c outside!) Dunannie will be open on the 29 April. As the country celebrates the wedding of Prince William so shall we! Our embryonic plans for the day include princes, princesses, wedding cakes, ceremonies, in fact a generally fun-filled day that will be the culmination of a mini project on the Royal Family.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

With best wishes

Jo



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## REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

### Activity Clubs

All requests have been accommodated; please check the list on the board in the entrance. There are spaces in the following clubs for Years 1, 2 and 3 - please see Marian this week if your child would like to do an additional club:

Monday – Football and Dance/Drama

Tuesday – Challenge Club and Pottery

Wednesday – Swimming

Thursday – ICT, Petit Picasso and Sewing

Friday – Tennis

All clubs (except Playball) begin the first week of the Spring Term.

### Swallow Club

All requests have been accommodated; please check the list on the board in the entrance. Places still available.

 Lost Property – please check on the table in the Dunannie entrance. Any items left at the end of term will be taken to a charity shop.

 Sam Gibbon's brand new snow boots have disappeared from the boot room; please can you check they have not been taken by mistake.  
*Thank you.*

### Dates for the Spring Term

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2.30 – 3.30pm: Childtalk by Mandy Hopkins  
'How to Survive the Early Years!'

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Friends of Dunannie Quiz Night.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 4 – 7pm – Individual Music Teacher meetings.

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

Issy (1 Bronze)

Tiger (1 Bronze)

James (1 Bronze)

Charlie (1 Bronze)

Lola (1 Bronze)

Livvy (1 Silver)

Adam (1 Bronze)

Charlie (1 Silver)

James (1 Bronze)

Andrew (1 Bronze)

Tiger (1 Bronze)

Lola (1 Bronze)

Theo (1 Bronze)

Well done! *David*

## SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Many children spotted the error in last week's picture. Well done to...

Ernie

Orla (Dunhurst)

Amy

Felicity

Shanklin

Lorenzo

Adam

Evie

Nela

Charlie

Andrew

Tallulah

Archie

Daisy

Freya

Hamish

Of course if both items weigh 100kg, then the scales should be balanced. It does not matter what the items are. Although a few children said that the weight of the feathers would be incorrect as a few were falling off, only Tiger suggested that the feathers were incorrectly marked as 100kg. As the scales were not balanced, clearly the feathers must weigh less than 100kg.

This week's challenge

Unfortunately there were a few children who left their names off their answers this week but nevertheless many children correctly wrote that humans cannot drink sea water. Humans must drink fresh water in order to survive. Well done to :-

Charlie

Ernie

Athena

Nela

Izzy (*this was her line in the play!*)

Leela

Anne

Isabelle

Felicity

Daisy

Well done everyone, *David*

## Reception Class Photos:

'Stars' in their twinkly costumes just before the Play



Great fun at the Drumming Workshop on Tuesday



Showing off their beautiful glittery fir cone decorations made during Monday's Christmas activity day

Year 1



Happy Birthday Cocol



Fiona and Year 1 play a game of sheepdogs to practise their listening skills

Year 2

Ruby and her granny, who came in and told the children the Christmas Story



Drumming Workshop

Year 3



Scenes from "A Tale of Two Birthdays" - our Christmas Play



  
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Year 3



A Christmas Prayer

