



# DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 30

16<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Dear Parents

With three weeks to go until the end of the school year, each day is now action-packed so please read the list of reminders overleaf with great care.

Last Friday we had an amazing French afternoon (please see Ellie's report) where everyone took a part in the re-telling of The Enormous Turnip.... in French. These mini-productions were put together in just an hour and a half...testament to the talented and creative staff and children at Dunannie. Très bien tout le monde!!

Yesterday I visited Minstead to see the Year 3 children (and of course Catherine, Fiona and Ros). They were having a wonderful time although the weather was incredibly wet. Perhaps only I noticed this as we bounced up and down on a peat bog!

The handover FODs meeting has just taken place and I should like to thank Noni Needs for her year in office. Last September she stepped in and saved the day.....and I could not be more grateful. We have enjoyed many frothy coffees together and with her energy and enthusiasm for all things Dunannie she has been the most brilliant chair. Thank you so much. I should also like to thank the outgoing committee for all their hard work and support...Fiona Gibbon, Olivia Jowett, Clare Sendall, Jenny Miller, Kate Day, Lou Gray and Toby Priestly.

Our new chair is Alison Pike and she will be ably assisted by Anjali Walton (Nursery), Amanda Cobb (Reception) Rebecca Bidwell (Year 1) Melanie Hurst and Sam Wade (Year 2) and Tracey Hardy and Shuna MacKillop in Year 3. Fiona Gibbon is kindly continuing her treasury role. Thank you very much for volunteering and I look forward to working with you all.

Year 2's Assembly was a triumph and all the parents I have spoken to have told me how impressed they were. I am so sorry Jacqui and the children that I missed it but I am hoping to watch the DVD...soon to be released!

Details regarding our visit to The Goodwood Sculpture Park are included today. Please complete and return - remembering to let us know if you wish to come.

On Tuesday Dr Tom Smiley will be returning to give a follow-on talk from the Spring Term. Please come along even if you didn't come to the first session. At the moment, he is alone!





Finally, please don't forget to send in your sponsor money. So far 17 families have raised an amazing total of £1,819.30 but we know there is more out there. Please round up the last donations and bring them in to school.

Best wishes



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## REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

-  Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June: Nursery will be visiting the Medley's new house.
-  Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June | 11.00am Nursery Sports Morning: Do bring a picnic lunch.
-  Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Year 1 Assembly for Parents:
-  Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Ballet Pupils: This is the last ballet class of the term and ballet class parents are invited to come and watch at 3.45pm.
-  Reports: These will be going home next Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.
-  Summer Concert Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July: Please could the children bring in their instruments for orchestra on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June.
-  Sports Shop: Due to a stock check taking place the last day for the sports shop this term will be Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. For information, the Dunhurst new sports kit will not be available to buy until 30<sup>th</sup> August – 2<sup>nd</sup> September (sports shop open days) in the Orchard Building classroom 27.



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

Tiger (1 Bronze)  
Issy (1 Bronze)  
Jemima (1 Bronze)  
Nela (1 Bronze)  
Rowena (1 Silver) .... Brilliant!!!

Well done,  
David

## QUELLE APRÈS-MIDI FANTASTIQUE!

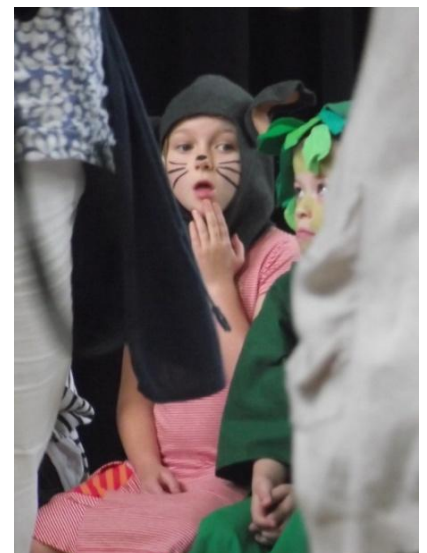


Last Friday after lunch, we all sat down to watch the story of the Giant Turnip in French. “Le Navet Géant”. We talked about how some English words are very similar to the French words and therefore easy to guess the meaning!



The children went out to play while the teachers, teaching assistants, some students from Dunhurst and later staff from Bedales, all discussed various adaptations of the same story.

When the children came in from orchard play, we divided into groups of mixed ages. The task was to perform the story, but with the freedom to change any part of it!



The results were brilliant. We had “La Fraise Géant” and two versions of “La Carotte Géant”. We had the smallest grand-père in Charlie Scott and Catherine was a fantastic

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grand-mère. Within an hour and a half, each group had learnt words, found costumes, made props and masks. One group had even produced a programme! We then all made our way to the Hall to perform the “spectacle”.



It was hilarious and brilliantly performed by both children and staff. A massive thank-you to all staff, teaching assistants, the kitchen (for cooking a French lunch), students from Block I at Dunhurst and staff from Bedales for making the afternoon such a success. Merci.

Ellie



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## YEAR 2

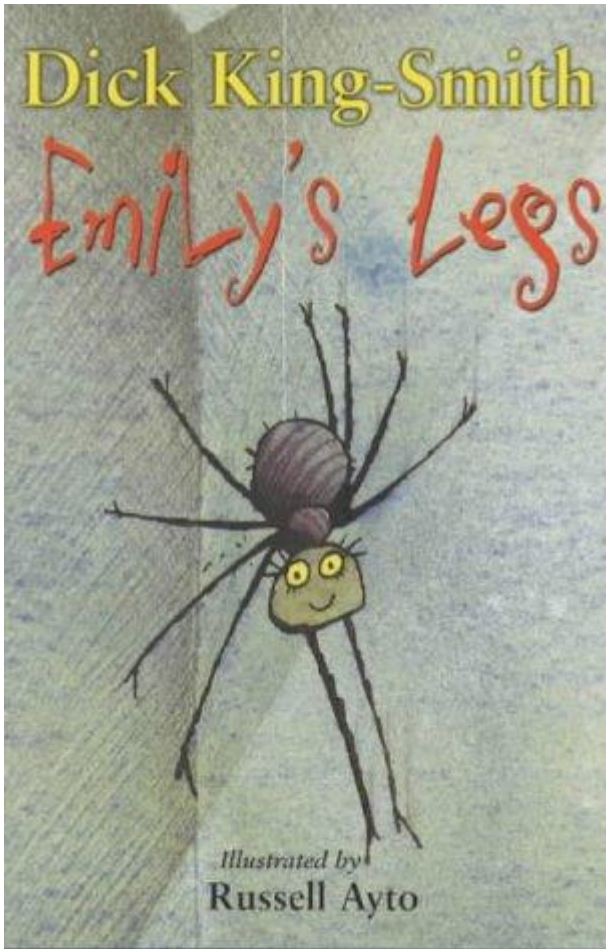
Thank you to all the parents who came to our Year 2 assembly. I was very proud that the children rose to the occasion and spoke and acted beautifully. They have enjoyed writing our little play and were quite impassioned by the plight of the field in Steep. They have been captured by the project this term and it is heart-warming that children are so interested in their environment. We have a constant stream of interesting factual books arriving in the classroom and the children enjoy sharing their books with others.



We are reading *The Secret Garden* at the moment and everybody is intrigued by the mystery garden and what the children will find there.

We will shortly be looking at “Green Men” in our art lesson - a country tradition which dates back many years. The children will design and make a Green Man, using clay.



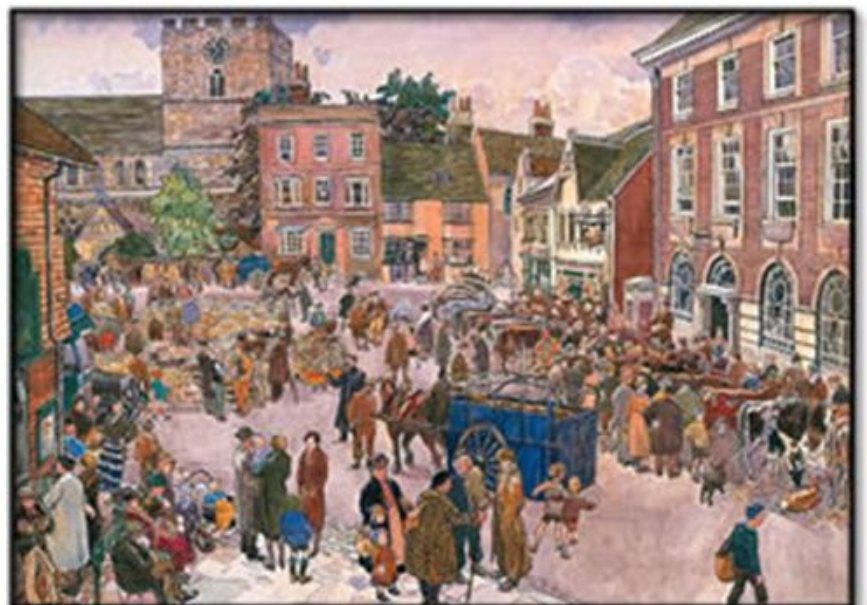


In English the children have been looking at the books of author Dick King Smith. We have read “Emily’s Legs”, a tale of what happens when someone is different. Emily has ten legs and this does not go down well at the Spider Sports Race! Everyone decides they don’t like Emily including her family. The children are now preparing their own animal stories about friendships.

In Maths the children have been revisiting subtraction. How can we take 9, 19 and 29 away from numbers, recognising rounding numbers to the next ten, remembering bonds to tens numbers, using some larger numbers in sums. The children enjoyed writing rhymes to help them remember these facts.

On Thursday the class will be going to Petersfield to carry out geography field work. They are comparing a village with a town. It will be interesting collecting facts and working with them afterwards to share their knowledge.

Best wishes  
Jacqui Bridget and Jo



## RECEPTION

Reception really enjoyed their trip to the Blue Reef Aquarium this week and explored very enthusiastically. They were fascinated by some of the stranger creatures such as starfish which we learnt have five eyes and five hundred feet! They also push their stomach out of their mouths in order to eat and digest their food, which can take up to eight hours. The children were able to touch a starfish as well as a common crab and spider crab. There were many questions asked and it was amazing to find out that the largest spider crabs, found off the coast of Japan, can grow to the size of a car. We ate our snack outside in the sunshine on a high bank near the Sealife Centre and watched various boats go past; we spotted landmarks we know such as the Isle of Wight. It was a lovely morning - thank you very much to Celia and Tina for accompanying us.



The children have created an underwater collage over the last few days which they are adding to after their visit. They used wax resist techniques and some glitter to create the background and have been delving into information books as well as 'The Rainbow Fish' stories to give them ideas for the fish that they have made. We have had great discussions about the ocean and they decided to add a dark zone to include some of the more unusual creatures that live in the deepest parts of the sea. Do also come and see their beautiful underwater pictures created on the computer using the 'Colour Magic' drawing program.

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Our maths activities this week have been based around money and finding different ways of making amounts (using 1p's, 2p's and 5p's). We will be making a beach shop in our role play area shortly. In our literacy work we have been writing speech bubbles for characters from 'The Rainbow Fish' and also working hard at learning to spell useful common words.



We had a particularly exciting morning on Monday because Bridget took groups of children down to the orchard to make mini dens out of sticks and leaves. They made little clay creatures to live in the dens and these have been being played with all week during orchard time.

Julia, Nicola, Georgina and Bryony



# Summer Tennis Course

## Two day course

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August

Available to boys and girls of all abilities –Aged 5–13years

The course will start at 10.00am and finish at 3.00pm and on the final day parents will be welcome to attend a presentation at 2.45pm.

Students will need to bring their tennis rackets, lunch and drinks.

For a short period of the day the students will be able to experience a variety of other sports.

In the tennis sessions the children will be arranged into groups according to ability and age. The players will learn through fun activities with techniques and skills applied within their play.

The cost of the course is £58.00 with a 10% discount for siblings.

Please make cheques out to Helen Retter Summer Camp and return to Bedales School Church Road Steep Petersfield Hampshire GU322DG by Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>2011

Helen Retter is a P.E.Teacher at Bedales School and has additional qualifications in tennis coaching; Caz Hulbert is a qualified tennis coach.

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### BOOKING APPLICATION FORM

Child's Name:

Age:

Address:

Post Code:

Contact Number:

E-Mail Address:

Medical Information:

