

DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 5

6th October 2011

Dear Parents

Everyone has been enjoying the last of the summer sunshine, gathering the remaining produce from the Orchard, having fun at the water feature and digging for Britain in the sandpit.

Autumn has now truly arrived and the Dunhurst ODW produce is adorning the Library ready for our Harvest celebrations next week. Attached to this letter is detailed information to help you with your very kind donations.

Year 2 had a brilliant time at Milestones on Tuesday where they all had an opportunity to dress up and look at the clothes and artefacts of days gone by (some of which I can remember!) I think they have now realised that there was colour before the 1960's!.... It was just that the swingers of the sixties chose not to wear it.

The Nursery Pizza parlour opened yesterday and I gave Delilah my order for a pepperoni pizza. Unfortunately they had run out, but a very polite and organised delivery boy (Hari) explained that I had extra mushrooms instead. He was ahead of time; very efficient and so of course he got a tip! It was absolutely delicious too!

Best wishes

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Crispy Critters by Year 2



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REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

-  FODS Coffee Morning tomorrow (Friday) – 8.45am after drop-off.
-  Bedales Students Lunchtime Concert on Tuesday 18th October at 1.00pm in St Peter's Church, Petersfield. Please come and join us for our annual lunch-time concert at the parish church of St Peter's in Petersfield. Admission is free and we will be providing an entertaining concert of choral and instrumental music. The concert will last for one hour and coffee will be on sale in the church.
-  Soloists Performance - Monday 17th October 4.00pm: The instrumental music teachers will be putting forward pupils for this concert and a list will be available early next week. (It is not just for string players, as advertised in the date list but for anyone learning an individual instrument). Parents and one guest are most welcome and a list for those wishing to attend will also be put on the board in the entrance hall. *Debbie Adamson.*
-  Individual Photographs: Please remember that any orders have to be in by Monday 10th October.
-  Reminder for Year 2 children. Please remember to bring your recorder to school every Friday.
-  Head Lice. When treating head lice please remember that due to the life cycle of head lice, treatment needs to continue for at least two weeks.
-  Harvest Celebration – see attached separate notice.



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

Last week:
Theo Truss (Bronze)

This week:
Charlie Hardy (Bronze) and Elliot Medley (Bronze)

Well done, Julia



NURSERY NEWS

We have loved being able to work outdoors so much recently! We have been able to get out and about looking for signs of autumn and collecting leaves. We have then made leaf rubbings and paintings as well as working together on a leaf picture that you can look out for in the library. The children have also been busy collecting apples from the orchard. We were able to cut them up for printing and making apple puddings!



For our number work we have been counting apples and conkers and have been matching them to numerals.



Some of the children wanted to make carrot and banana cake...thank you to Anjali who worked very hard with a group of children to produce a delicious cake! We've also made pizzas and have been practising pizza delivery on the bikes outside! (Please send in empty pizza boxes for this, as the children love it!).

Delilah and Ellie have been interested in maps and journeys. We have been talking about travelling to school and we have made our own maps for our journals.

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Next week we will be focusing on cooperative play, sharing and taking turns. We are also encouraging the children to manage their own shoes and socks at P.E, dance or outdoor playtime. (If your child comes to Nursery on Wednesday or Friday mornings, they will **need trainers for P.E.**) Practice at home would be greatly appreciated! Do write on a 'Wow' sticker any special achievements so we can celebrate them together.

Thank you to all the children for such a super week!

Sharon, Belinda, Donna, Harriet & Jo

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Dunannie PE

I've been so impressed with the enthusiasm and energy of all the Dunannie children in my first few weeks at the school. So far.....

Nursery have been concentrating on developing their movement patterns through the theme of transport. Noises of cars, trains, helicopters and aeroplanes have been heard from the gym and playground as the children experiment with different types of movement.

Nursery sliding through 'train' tunnels and crossing bridges



In their outdoor lesson Nursery have been developing their hand/eye coordination by rolling, carrying, throwing and catching beanbags, hoops, quoits and balls.

Reception class have been working hard in gymnastics. Their skill development has been based on 'space', experimenting and developing the shapes of stars, moons, comets and rockets. The children have created some fantastic balances and have transferred these onto benches and soon, onto the apparatus. In games, Reception have been taking part in lots of activities to develop their aiming, throwing and catching skills.

Year I have also been working with the theme of space in gymnastics. They have started to combine their ideas with a partner. In games Year I have participated in skills and activities to improve their running, throwing and catching.

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Year 1 working with partners – Star, moon and comet

In gymnastics Year 2 are creating sequence work based on 'points and patches' and will soon transfer this onto the apparatus.

Year 2 have been developing their netball and basketball skills and playing small-sided games in their outdoor lessons.

Year 3 have started the term off slightly differently. The first few weeks have been based on leadership and teambuilding activities and have often seen the children ending up in a bit of a tangle!



This term will continue to see Year 3 boys participating in football and the girls continuing with netball.

Keep up the great work!
Karen