



# DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 10

18<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Dear Parents

With only three weeks to go before the end of term there are a number of events I need to remind you about.

On 27<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30 – 11.15am, a Healthy Choices Forum will be held in the Dunannie Library chaired by Dominic Oliver for Dunhurst and Dunannie parents. Coffee/ tea from 10.15am.

The lighting of the Christmas tree takes place at 3.30pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November outside the front door. Please come along, sing a carol or two and enjoy a mince pie!

The Nursery Christmas play is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 9.15am in the Library.

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 2.00pm, the play 'A Tale of Two Birthdays' will be performed by the other classes. Reception and Year 1 parents are invited on Wednesday and Year 2 and Year 3 parents on Thursday. Due to limited seating we are only able to allocate two seats per family for one performance. If you would like extra tickets please sign up on the list and we shall do our very best to find a seat. All the information you need will be in the entrance hall from Monday.

Christmas workshops will be taking place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Lots of glittery activities will be taking place and if you would like to come and help in the classroom please sign up. (There are a limited number of places per session.)

Our re-scheduled African Drumming Workshop will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December and we would love to see you. Year 2 – 9.30am; Reception – 10am; Year 1 – 11am; Year 3 – 11.30am.

We welcome Amy Wilson-Smith to Year 2 where she is working with small groups alongside Jacqui and Jo. She is familiar to us all and the children are really pleased to be working with her.

We thoroughly enjoyed the visit of Jane Ray, a very talented author and illustrator, to school on Tuesday. All the children had the opportunity to ask her during their workshops about her career, her routines and interests. They went on to produce stunning 'panels' that replicated her style which shall adorn the Library for Christmas!



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On Friday 3rd December, 2.30 – 3.30pm, we shall begin a series of talks very similar to the Child Talks of Dunhurst. The first will be Mandy Hopkins talking about 'Surviving the Early Years!' with a further programme planned for the next two terms. The talks will cover a range of topics, all I am sure you will find helpful and informative.

I was so sorry to have missed the Year 2 Assembly as I was 'back at school' but my spies tell me it was a great success with everyone speaking up and entertaining the audience!




We shall be supporting Children in Need tomorrow so children (and parents) may come to school looking spotty and bringing £1 or a donation. Felicity is having a Disco Club in the Library at lunchtime and this is 50p. Please sign up.



With best wishes

J

## REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

-  Next week is the last week of Activity Clubs  
Ballet – parents are invited to watch the lesson on Wednesday at 3.45pm  
Judo – parents are invited to watch the last 10minutes of the lesson at 4.15pm.
-  Swallow Club – last two weeks of term  
We are aware that by this time in the term the children are getting very tired so may benefit from going home at 3.30pm. However, if you wish your child to stay for Swallow Club and / or Supper Club during the last two weeks of term these sessions will need to be signed up for; regular Swallow Club attendees need to sign up too.
-  Good manners  
At Dunannie we always promote good manners and during the next few weeks we are focusing on table manners and in particular using a knife and fork in the right way. Please can you help your child(ren) at home to learn these skills.
-  Bedales ODW Christmas order forms 2010 - reminder  
These need to be returned to Bedales by tomorrow, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November.
-  Year 1 Parent Assembly: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am.



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

Nicolas (1 Bronze)

Issy (1 Bronze)

James (1 Bronze)

Charlie (2 Bronze)

Oliver (1 Silver)

Tiger (1 Bronze)

Well done!

David

## SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Several children correctly noticed in the picture that yellow and blue paint will not make red. It should of course make green. Well done to:-

Evie

Ernie

Archie

Adam

Tallulah

Daisy

Issy

Anne

Athena

Molly

Felicity

Lucien

Theo

Max

Florence

There were other clever observations from...

Issy – *'the girl is rolling up the wall and no paint is coming out'*

Daisy – *'the girl has got paint on the different arm'*

Tallulah – *'the boy is using the wrong brush'*

Nela – *'the man is using a stick to paint with'*

Well done everyone.

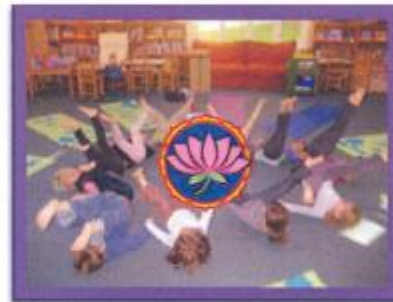
## Yoga Club News

This term we have been learning about how to become more grounded. The children have been working on how to get more stable by doing some fun foot exercises; rocking back and forth, on the outsides of the feet and the insides of their feet. This has proved to be quite a challenge but lots of fun!



We have also worked with partners, finding that having someone to support them with balancing is really helpful.

We have been working with forming a lotus flower which the children all really love.



It was with much excitement that we opened our box of yoga supplies: eco friendly yoga mats and lavender eye pillows. As you will see from the photo below the children really enjoy the relaxation at the end, and benefit from the calming lavender.

Thanks to all my  
Yogatots for their  
enthusiasm,

Gemma



## DAVID'S NEWS

Year 2 made great progress with their puppets last week and everyone managed to get them finished. There were some excellent designs in the end with different techniques used to decorate them. We now move onto a new project to design a chair suitable for a toy. If you have any interesting chair styles at home, please bring in a photograph.

Last week Year 2 talked about safety in the home and particularly electricity. I was delighted that they all identified dangers and suggested sensible approaches to make the home a safe place. We will now begin investigating circuits.

Year 3 finished their project on forces by investigating elastic bands. We made mangonels and tested elastic bands of different sizes to find out which one was more powerful. This week we discussed the science behind the seasons. Maddy became our sun and our globe orbited her at an angle to demonstrate winter and summer seasons.



In ICT both Year 2 and Year 3 have been using our Living Library resource to research their topics. We have discussed using 'key words' to search and how to navigate through the screens. We began by looking at a science encyclopaedia and discussed how over the last 15-20 years such materials have now appeared online and are constantly updated. You may have a set of such books at home and it would be useful to investigate how these become quickly out of date.

Have a great weekend.

David

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## NURSERY NEWS

This week we have welcomed Donna back from New Zealand! We looked on the map of the world and Donna told us about how long her journey was. She taught us a special Dunannie Hakka and made biscuits with a special New Zealand recipe.



We have been learning about size and have been measuring how tall we are using big blocks.

In dance/drama this week we made different patterns and pathways, moving very energetically!



Our role play area is now a garage and we have been enjoying working as mechanics, do pop in if your car needs an oil change!

Several parents mentioned at parents evening that they would be happy to join us in the nursery for a session to help with the activities. See Sharon if you would like to help in this way.



From the Nursery Team

Sharon, Donna, Bridget, Harriet and Belinda

