

# DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 27

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Dear Parents

Another busy week at Dunannie! The Year 3 Plant Sale was a great success last week, so Ernie and Lorenzo as project managers should be justly proud of their entrepreneurial effort. Well done to Olly and Talullah whose courtesy and botanical knowledge made shopping a pleasure! Sir Alan Sugar should look out for them in the future. The whole class worked brilliantly together and made £141 towards the Whizz-Kidz appeal.

We are all looking forward to The Fun Run next week so don't forget to fill up your sponsorship forms and think about your 'Seasonal' fancy dress.

At the time of writing this I can hear lots of chatter and laughter coming from the Library where the first FOD's coffee morning is being held. Many people have stayed on after drop off to socialise with parents from all classes and so it has been a great success. There will another one after half term.

Please don't forget the Newcomers' Morning on Tuesday 7th June when the children will have an opportunity to meet their new friends and class teachers. More details are included in the reminders section of this letter.

All of Dunannie was thrilled to hear the news that Arianne completed her walk through the Hindhead tunnel and raised the staggering total of £21,000 in doing so! It was a long way to walk and not an easy journey, but she did it! This is an amazing personal triumph and we are very proud of her.

With best wishes

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The Nursery had a special visitor on Tuesday, Mr Grinling the Lighthouse Keeper, from the book "The Lighthouse Keeper's lunch". We spent the morning cooking and making sandwiches for a special picnic lunch in the barn. We had a great day and spent the afternoon playing in the water feature. Sharon





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## REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

-  **Newcomers' Morning: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 8.45 – 12.00 noon.** The older current Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 children should go straight to the new classroom that they will be in from September. Pre-Nursery children should go to the Nursery. Please note that Nursery and Reception children have had a separate letter about what they need to do on that morning. All **current** Year 3 children should go straight to the dining room where Kate Olphert and Debbie Payne will meet them and take them to Dunhurst. All the new children who will be joining Dunannie in September have been invited to Newcomers' Morning too. Children who will not be here in September do not have to attend Newcomers' Morning; instead they can come to school at 12.00 noon in time for lunch.
-  **Music Lessons next week:** Please be aware that as it is Camps Weeks at Dunhurst next week individual music lessons may be cancelled. If in doubt, please can you check with your child's class teacher? Class music lessons next week will be on Tuesday with Lucienne.
-  **Clubs next week:** There will be no woodwork club, pottery or Petit Picasso next week. Please collect your children at 3.30pm or let Marian know if you would like a Swallow Club place.
-  **Class Photographs:** If you haven't already done so, please have a look at the photographs on display in the entrance hall. If you would like a copy(ies), please selected an envelope alongside the photo, complete, enclose a cheque and return it to the office by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. The Nursery class photograph is on display in the barn.
-  **Term Dates:** Please find the latest list attached.
-  **Bedales Arts:** There will be a performance by the London Harp Trio on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm to 9.15pm. Have a look in the Arts brochure for more information.
-  **Summer Lunch Menu:** this is attached for your information and a copy is on the notice board in the entrance hall.





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

Tiger (1 Silver & 1 Bronze) Excellent!!  
Andrew (1 Silver) Excellent!!  
Theo (1 Bronze)  
Adam (1 Bronze)  
Ernie (1 Bronze)

Well done,  
David

## SCIENCE CHALLENGE

This week's challenge caused problems for parents as well. The error was that there was only one bone connecting the elbow to the wrist. There are two bones between the elbow and the wrist – the radius and the ulna.

Well done to the following children for spotting this error: Ernie, Clemmie, James and Isabelle.

Well done everyone!  
David

## YEAR 1

Dear Parents,

What a surprise we had when we went to Outdoor Work at Dunhurst to see two of our chicks that Clemmie had been looking after. Alison and Clemmie have kindly donated them to Nick as his current chicken population had been reduced by foxes. The fluffy yellow chicks were unrecognisable and had obviously thrived on Clemmie's farm. We had expected them to be within the fenced chicken run but it soon became apparent that their size meant they could pop through the fence and have the run of the whole place! Nick was going to remedy that problem by switching the fence on later – also to keep Mr Fox out.



The chicks were very tame and felt soft. We were able to feed them. It was lovely to see some old Dunannie children taking their outdoor work responsibilities seriously. Fruin, Patrick, Arabella, Finn, Ellie, Taran and Michael introduced us to one of the older chickens. Fiamma, Archie and Imogen were busy moving a mound of cuttings in wheelbarrows. It was a very special brief visit which generated a lot of discussion and questions.

Inspired by our visit to Dunhurst, we have been busy in our own Outdoor work in the Orchard. What a lot of green-fingers we have in Year 1! Bridget has been helping the children earth up the potatoes, pot up the herbs, weed the beans and peas using our new hoes. The children enjoyed harvesting the strawberries and on Tuesday the classroom was filled with their lovely, sweet aroma. Everyone who tasted the strawberries agreed they were delicious.

Our project work is well under way having investigated the story "Mrs Armitage on wheels." We have begun writing an additional story entitled "Mrs Armitage's roller skates" and are constructing a 3D display of Mrs Armitage and her bicycle. We will be

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making a collection of wheeled toy vehicles...so don't be alarmed by the message, "Amanda says I can take my car/fire engine/digger toy into school!"

It has been very exciting to see what a huge improvement there has been in the children's reading of their high frequency words. Thank you for your support with this. We will be checking the correct spelling of these imminently.....so do keep encouraging your child to write and spell their unknown ones. We can give you another colour coded grid of words if necessary – please do ask. There will be a grid of the second hundred words winging its way to you shortly after half term. Being secure when writing these words will help your children enormously.

We had a busy and fun Royal Wedding day. These photos give you a glimpse of some of our activities.....



With best wishes,

Amanda, Dorota and Kessie



## YEAR 3

Year 3 had a wonderful day in Guildford recently – to wind up our rivers project from last term. We were investigating how the River Wey and the man-made navigations were used to transport goods to London. Dapdune Wharf is a hidden National Trust property in busy Guildford – with quite a few surprises! The children were fascinated to explore the barges, identify mystery cargoes and see how pulleys were designed to lift heavy loads.



After our picnic we waited for our own barge to arrive! The Harry Stevens moored up and we climbed on board. Our 45-minute journey from downstream Dapdune Wharf to Guildford Boat House, passed through Millmead Lock, past the treadmill crane and old town warehouses before arriving at our destination. The two skippers steered the boat extremely carefully into the lock and we waited while the water levels evened out



as water gradually flowed in through the sluices. When the heavy gates finally opened we all were so amazed to be floating about a metre higher than we were before the lock! Thanks to Anna, Barbara and Jo Swallow for accompanying us and also to Barry Mitchell, our driver, for sending us his lovely photographs!



Last week year 3 launched their first fund-raising event in aid of Whizz-Kidz – our charity focus at the moment. A chance comment from Bridget about the number of extra seedlings and plants in the greenhouse sparked the idea of a Year 3 Plant Sale – but this time the children were to organise the whole event!

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We heard from all the children who wanted to be Project Manager. In their pitches they had to persuade us that they had the right skills to be successful leaders. Lorenzo and Ernie were voted in and began to organise their team efficiently! From poster design and advertising, to finance and sales, the children had only one week to set up the sale. They all worked with great enthusiasm and cooperation and the sale was a huge success. Olly and Tallulah deserve a special WELL DONE for adding up all the money so carefully and accurately. I was very proud of all the children. They are now discussing what they can organise next! Thank you to everyone who helped us and bought plants; we raised a wonderful amount of money towards our Whizz-Kidz target!

Please note – next Monday we are having a **mud morning** - so no smart clothes please!

With best wishes  
Catherine, Ros and Year 3

