

DUNANNIE THURSDAY LETTER Issue 32

30th June 2011

Dear Parents

Last week ended with the greatly anticipated Dunannie's Got Talent. I admit I had my doubts but it was absolutely amazing and it will definitely appear on our calendar next year. Thank you to Daisy and Olly for organising a very entertaining afternoon!



Y2 created this stunning welcome banner!

The penultimate week of term and what a week it is turning out to be! Of course the weather is helping enormously.

One of the highlights was the visit of Baroness Grey-Thompson or Tanni as she prefers to be known....very Bedalian! She enjoyed a fun-filled morning, the highlight of which was an assembly where she talked about her amazing career, allowed the children to hold and WEAR her medals and answered a raft questions from the children, one of which was "What can you do now that you couldn't do before you used a wheelchair". The answer was 'wheelies' and Tanni immediately demonstrated what she could do! She was very impressed with the depth of the questions and even more impressed with the amount of money we have raised for Whizz- Kidz. This now stands at well over £7,500 having had a tremendous boost from the auctioning of a bottle of House of Lords champagne, signed by Tanni, which raised £400 at sports day! It was a memorable day and I am very grateful to Victoria, Fiona and Christina for their wonderful organisation.

**Tanni is greeted by
Dunannie**



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Later that evening Coco Miller opened the Dunhurst strings concert with her cello solo. Well done Coco for being so confident! Sadly James Medley was unable to play that evening but we must congratulate him on achieving a High Distinction in his recent cello exam.

Wednesday started with Year 3 children presenting the school and their parents with a 'review' of the Minstead week. The children planned the content, devised the scripts and entertained their parents with stories of their adventures. Year 3 parents returned with the children to the classroom to continue their morning of Minstead-related activities, this time including devising a new kit-list, a didgeridoo ensemble and a speedy duvet challenge! All very entertaining! Following lunch with the children, parents set off to the Orchard to install their gift to Dunannie....a permanent microscope for the children. This is an inspired and brilliant gift and I am sure it will be in constant use. Thank you so much.

Sports Day was brilliantly organised by Fiona and everyone had fun demonstrating their burgeoning athletics skills. There was one magic moment when one little girl was in tears as she had not won her race. Her friend put a hand on her shoulder and told her, 'Don't forget what Tanni said: "If you want to get better you just have to keep



practising!" Thank you all for arranging your days so you were able to come.









I am looking forward to seeing you at the Summer Concert tomorrow which is being held in the Dunhurst Well at 2.15pm.

Best wishes





REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

-  **Summer Concert Friday 1st July at 2.15pm Reception – Year 3:** This is in the Well at Dunhurst.
-  **Sports Shop:** Remember that the final day for the shop this summer will be tomorrow. The shop will be open prior to the start of the Autumn Term on the following dates: Tuesday 30th August, Wednesday 31st August & Thursday 1st September 2011 10.00am – 3.00pm. It is advisable to visit the shop on these dates, if at all possible, as the first week of term is extremely busy. Payment should be made at the time of purchase by cheque or cash.
-  **LAMDA:** Would next term's Years 2 and 3 who wish to do LAMDA please let us know. We need numbers now to organise classes so if your child would be interested in starting, please can you let Marian know this term. Thanks.
-  **Fun Run Sponsorship Money:** Please can you bring in your sponsor money by Tuesday morning. The presentation of a cheque will take place next Thursday.
-  **Library Books:** Please return all outstanding library books to the Green Box by Friday 1st July.
-  **Tennis Friday 1st July:** There will be tennis club at 3.30 pm.
-  **Clubs:** There will be no activity clubs next week but should you wish to use Swallow Club (Monday to Thursday) there is a sign-up sheet in the hall.
-  **Please can you help?** Diana Ensor, a previous Bedales parent, is travelling to Ecuador in July and is collecting shoes and clothes (in good condition) to donate to The Children's orphanage she visits every year. She would like to take three large suitcases full of shoes and clothes. Also if you have a suitcase that you could donate, it would be appreciated – it must be in working condition. Please leave items in Marian's office.

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

Lorenzo (1 Bronze)
Andrew (1 Bronze)
Charlie (1 Bronze)
Rowena (1 Bronze)

Well done,
David

SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Well done to everybody who spotted the rather obvious error in the Science Challenge. Ostriches are flightless birds and in the picture they are flying.

Congratulations to Daisy, Nela, Evie, Clemmie, Tallulah, Felicity, Molly, Issy, Rachel, Archie, Charlie, Lorenzo, Max & Sammy.

David



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MUSIC

It has been an action packed time. The children in Reception through to Year 3 have been rehearsing for their Summer Concert. The concert starts with an explosion of sound – a very loud performance on a samba kit to accompany the banana boat song. Every pupil is involved in this opening. The children perform rhythmically on surdo drums, timbales drums, agogo drums and bells, claves and maracas. All children play a very active part in the Summer Concert. All classes will have their individual class items and the majority of the item link up with class topics. Reception ('Row Your Boat'), Year 1 ('Square Wheels'), Year 2 ('If I Were A Minibeast') and Year 3 will sing 'I Believe I Can Fly' as they spread their wings and fly out of Dunannie to their new schools.

I have been pleased with how the childrens' voices have been developing and there are really some great voices in Dunannie. Even the young Reception children have 'found their voices' more over recent months. Junior Choir (Reception and Year 1) will perform a selection of delightful little songs all performed with actions: 'Green Frog', 'Caterpillar', 'Mister Double Trouble' and 'Down There Under the Sea'.

Senior Choir (Year 2 and 3) will perform 'Pirates' and then a selection of 'Jungle' songs – 'Down in the Jungle', 'I'm a Giraffe' and 'I Once Saw an Elephant'.

Both orchestras will also be in action and it is wonderful to see more and more children starting individual music tuition. Please do contact me before the end of term if you wish your child to start playing an instrument in September.

Debbie

FRENCH

What a fabulous start to the week! Year 1 and I were in the IT room, which is where we sometimes do French, practising our favourite French songs. Just as we were at our best, Tanni Grey Thompson put her head around the door! Well we just couldn't resist performing for her. Heads, shoulders, knees and toes in French was a triumph and I was so proud of the children.



We are looking back at what we have learnt throughout the year, at the moment. Nursery and Reception have got very good at counting and have also learnt some songs.

Year 1 have learnt vocabulary with "Jules" Le petit Ange Parfait - who is not always a "parfait"!

Year 2 have been looking at the website languagenut (username dunannie, password fantasticfrench) which I invite any of the children in the school to log onto over the holidays!

Year 3 have watched fairytales in French and are getting brilliant at recognising French words and understanding full sentences. Ask them about "Boucle D'Or" and her entrance into the bear's house!

I have to say I am extremely proud of the children's progress and enthusiasm; they have been fantastic to teach all year. If I'm feeling a little grumpy, I certainly don't after I have taught at Dunannie. Encourage them to keep it up over the summer, please!

Bisous,

Ellie

