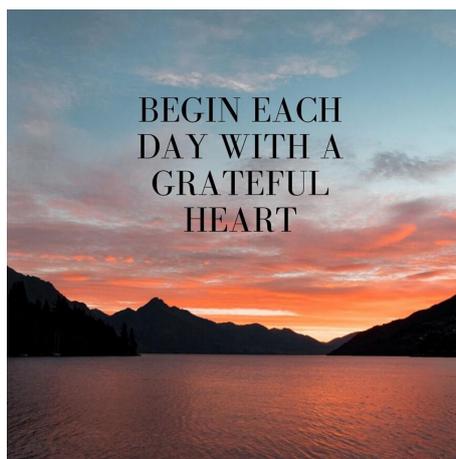


28 FEBRUARY 2020

THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

Welcome back - I hope you all enjoyed your half term and feel rested, relaxed and raring to go!

This week, we have been making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, visiting the lambs, learning colour theory, creating wands from sticks, listening to the birds, splashing in puddles and we have created a new gallery of flowers in the Library to remind us that spring is on its way! The weather certainly never deters us from making the most of nature and being outdoors. Please take a look at our photo gallery further on in the newsletter to see for yourselves what we have been up to.

I would like to thank Debbie Baty, (Head of Wellbeing at Dunhurst) who organised a wonderful evening of hot chocolate and pancakes for our current Year 3 children. They had a marvellous time and are being well prepared for their move to Dunhurst in September.

Colin Baty, (Head of Dunhurst), wanted to provide an update to Dunannie parents that there has been 40+ applicants for the Head of Dunannie post. There is a high calibre long list, which is exciting. The interviews will be taking place next week, then the successful candidates will be brought forward to a short list interview the following week. The short list process will involve panel interview with Magnus (Head of Bedales), a Governor and Colin, staff and pupil panel. Also lesson observations, assemblies and time in the Early Years amongst other tasks. We will keep you informed.

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A few dates for your diaries.....

Next week we have Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 March. If you have not yet signed up to see your child's teacher, it is not too late - please see the sheets outside classrooms. Please note that we will be offering a crèche for children needing childcare while you are in your meeting - please visit the office if you would like to book a space.

On Wednesday 4 March from 6-7pm, Dunhurst have a curriculum evening which is open to all parents of children in years 2 and 3 and is being held in the Blue Room at Dunhurst. You will have received a letter from Colin, inviting you to attend. All year groups are welcome to attend please register by emailing dunhurstreception@bedales.org.uk.

Year 3 have a swimming gala against The Royal School on Thursday. You will have received an email from Karen with all the information - parents are, as always, very welcome to come along and support the children.

This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 5 March and we have asked the children to bring a bag of treasures to school that represent a favourite book. For example, a star sticker inspired by the book 'To Catch a Star', or a key to encourage discussion about 'The Secret Garden'. Throughout the day, the children will have the opportunity to explain their book treasure to others. We very much look forward to hearing why they have chosen their treasures and how it relates to their favourite book. We hope to promote on this World Book Day a love of sharing their favourite stories.

Please remember our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) event on 14 March from 10am at Dunannie which I would love you all to join for a fantastic morning of fun together.

Lastly, I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Georgina for all her hard work and dedication, supporting children and being a good friend to all our team at Dunannie for the last 23 years! It is with mixed emotions that I inform you that Georgina is retiring at the end of this term! I know I speak for everyone here at Dunannie as we all wish her the very best and know that she will be taking full advantage of her new-found freedom. She has been an invaluable member of our team and her positive attitude, caring nature and sunny disposition will be hugely missed by all of us. I am pleased to announce that Harriet Ivison, who has been working on a part-time basis in various classes since September will be stepping into the role of full-time Reception assistant to ensure a seamless transition.

There are a few housekeeping items to mention; 2020-21 term dates are now published on the website (these have been slightly amended), please regularly check your child's hair for head lice and there is a case of chicken pox in our school.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes
Victoria

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NURSERY



The Nursery children have had a wonderful time this week, using tools to construct houses. We have also used the weather in our creative play. From painting umbrellas in the rain to making flower perfume, we have been very busy indeed!

RECEPTION



Reception class made pancakes and tried tossing them in their frying pans!



The children read to Gertie on Thursday!

YEAR 1



Year 1 have been busy in their outdoor work. Here are a very excited year one mixing water with natural dye materials to create their own flag for Bohemia. Such concentration and hard work!

YEAR 2



Year 2 visited the lambs born on 15 February. This half-term we are finding out about what different things a living creature needs at the different stages of their life-cycle.

YEAR 3



Working on colour theory in Year 3 – we used primary and secondary colours and started to explore tertiary colours in Art.



In Model Makers we made our own tiny blossom trees.

INTO THE WOODS



Today reception class created wands using sticks, petals and leaves selected from the orchard. They used their fine motor skills and determination to stick their decorative resources in place and enjoyed a good blast around the orchard.

INTO THE WOODS



Year one enjoyed some fresh air and beautiful sunshine on their walk to the sand quarry today. The children recognised a song thrush from the distinctive markings they had looked at in previous sessions. We paused for a bit of quiet reflection looking across the sports fields and listened to bird song before heading off to identify common species of flora and fauna. Today we learnt that only the female Holly bushes produce seeds, we noticed that the daffodils growing in the woodland had not yet opened due to a lack of daylight and decided we must return in the coming weeks to see them when they do.

INTO THE WOODS



Today Years 2 and 3 headed off for a walk to the woods. When we arrived we found a huge puddle, formed from all the rain we have had. The children and adults could not resist a little paddle in the puddle to test how waterproof our wellies really are. We settled down for a little reflection and created some watercolour representations of the landscape.

DATES: SPRING/SUMMER TERM 2020

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Description
03/03/2020	08:15	08:30	Dunannie Early Morning Dance
04/03/2020	10:00	11:30	Dunannie Little Bedales
04/03/2020	16:00	18:00	Dunannie Parents Evening
04/03/2020	18:00	19:00	Dunannie: Dunhurst Curriculum Evening for Years 2&3
05/03/2020			Dunannie World Book Day
05/03/2020	14:15	15:15	Dunannie Year 3 Swim Gala v The Royal (H)
05/03/2020	17:00	19:30	Dunannie Parents Evening
10/03/2020	08:15	08:30	Dunannie Early Morning Dance
11/03/2020	08:30	09:00	Year 1 Assembly
11/03/2020	10:00	11:30	Dunannie Little Bedales
13/03/2020	19:30	22:30	Dunannie FOD Spring Social
14/03/2020	10:00	12:00	Dunannie Open Morning
14/03/2020	10:00	12:00	Dunannie Stem Event
16/03/2020	15:30	16:30	Dunannie Year 3 Mixed Hockey v Ditcham (Away)
17/03/2020	08:15	08:30	Dunannie Early Morning Dance
17/03/2020	15:45	16:30	Dunannie Performers' Platform
18/03/2020			Year 3 - Shakespeare Day at The Weald and Downland Museum
18/03/2020	10:00	11:30	Dunannie Little Bedales
19/03/2020	15:30	17:00	Dunannie: Sport Relief Score a Goal Fundraiser
20/03/2020	08:30	09:00	Year 2 Assembly
20/03/2020	08:30	10:30	Dunannie Marvelous Mothers Day Event
24/03/2020	08:15	08:30	Dunannie Early Morning Dance
24/03/2020	08:30	09:00	Year 3 - Parents' Healthy Breakfast Assembly
27/03/2020	13:00	13:00	Dunannie Term Ends
20/04/2020	08:15	08:30	Dunannie Term Starts
07/05/2020	14:15	15:15	Dunannie Year 3 Mixed Cricket v The Royal (at home)
12/05/2020	09:00	12:30	Dunannie Class Photos
13/05/2020	15:00	17:00	3 Schools Dance Performance (2 children from each yr grp TBC) Timings TBC
16/05/2020	10:00	12:00	Dunannie - Open Morning
18/05/2020	14:30	15:30	Dunannie Year 3 Mixed Cricket v Ditcham (away)
22/05/2020	14:30	14:30	Dunannie Half Term Starts
01/06/2020	08:15	08:30	Dunannie Half Term Ends
08/06/2020	14:30	15:30	Dunannie Year 3 Mixed Cricket v Ditcham (at home)
18/06/2020	14:15	15:15	Dunannie Year 3 Mixed Cricket v The Royal (away)
19/06/2020	19:30	22:30	Dunannie FOD Summer Party
25/06/2020	09:00	15:30	Dunannie Reception Trip to Watercress Line (Teddy Takes the Train)
03/07/2020	13:00	13:00	Dunannie Term Ends

ACHIEVEMENTS



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HARRIET

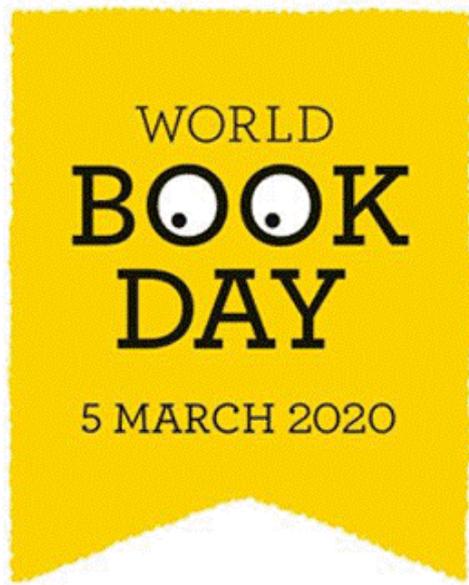
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SYDNEY
HARRIET X2

WIRES Cake Sale

Well done to Sydney and Lulu in Year 3 who raised a fabulous £160 at their cake sale in aid of WIRES, Australia's largest wildlife rescue organisation. The funds will go towards saving the wildlife affected by the fires so thank you to all those who generously supported this excellent cause.



NOTICES



World Book Day was first created in 1995 by UNESCO to promote reading and a love of books. This year, we are asking the children to bring a Book Treasure to school that represents a favourite book. For example, a star sticker inspired by the book *To Catch a Star* or a key to encourage talk about *The Secret Garden*. Throughout the day, the children will have the opportunity to explain their book treasure to others.

“What is a bookshelf other than a treasure chest for a curious mind?” –
The Picsees

A poster for a Sport Relief event. The background is a blurred image of a soccer field with players. In the foreground, a soccer ball sits on the grass. Text is overlaid on the image in various colors and fonts. A red circular logo for 'mitre' and a red circular logo for 'SPORT RELIEF' are also present.

SCORE A NETBALL OR FOOTBALL GOAL FOR SPORT RELIEF

Take on poverty & injustice across the world by getting your sports kit on, scoring a goal (footie or netball), eating cake & raising some life-changing money

50p for 3 shots at a goal

3 shots on target
automatic entry to **The Final**

Prizes... Lucky Dip... Cakes...
Come along!

**Thursday 19th
MARCH 2020
3.30-5PM
The Orchard**

SPORT RELIEF

DRESS SPORTY FOR THE DAY £1 DONATION

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BEDALES 
Nursery & Pre-prep, Dunannie

Be imaginative

STEM Open Morning

14 March 2020, 10am–12pm

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Is your child a budding astrophysicist, mathematician or mechanical engineer?

See how imaginative they can be – join us at Bedales Pre-prep, Dunannie for a celebration of all things STEM on 14 March. Meet the team and take part in fun and engaging activities, ideal for children aged 3–8.

Mix it up, make it, test it, have fun. Bring the whole family, everyone is welcome!

Option to visit Bedales Prep, Dunhurst at 11.15am after the STEM activities also available.

Conveniently located one hour from London in Steep, off the A3 near Petersfield, in the South Downs National Park.

Book your place at bedales.org.uk/opendays

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THE SPRING EQUINOX EVENTS 2020

The Spring Equinox events for parents are now available to book and I hope there is a workshop or event that will tempt you to sign up. Two workshops are in London and the rest are at, or near, Bedales. They include a Sourdough and Bread Baking Workshop with Sarah Raisbeck (16 March, 9.30am-4pm, £135); a Bedales Art Studio Creative Workshop (17 March, 9.45am-5.30pm, £85); a Block Printing Workshop with Yateley Papers (18 March, 10am-4pm, £120); a Sauerkraut and Fermentation Workshop with Lucy Ogilvie-Grant (19 March, 10.30am-2pm, £55); a Meditation Workshop with Laura Coleman (20 March, 9.30am-3.45pm, £75); and a Spring Equinox Pagan Stories Walk and Lunch with Hector and the Fox (21 March, 10am-1pm, £20). For more information about all the events, visit the website [here](#); to book, please email parents@bedales.org.uk. I hope to see you at one or more of the events.
