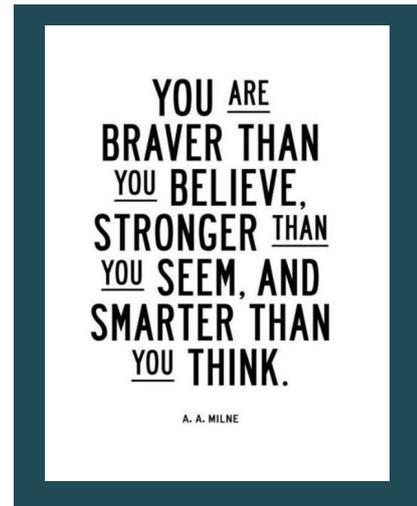


24 APRIL 2020

THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you all in good spirits. Following an unexpected end to the spring term it has been an equally strange start to the summer term. I have missed welcoming you and the children back to school and seeing lots of smiling faces. I hope that you managed to enjoy the Easter break. We were blessed with glorious weather and I hope you and your children were able to spend as much time as possible outside in the garden relaxing, reading, dancing and playing!

I'm sure you and your children are missing their friends and family and I know many of the children are missing seeing their teachers at Dunannie; we are all missing seeing you too. I hope Nursery and Reception children are accessing the videos Natalie and Sharon are creating for you on Tapestry, and that Years 1 to 3 are enjoying interacting with their class teacher and friends via Microsoft Teams. Remote Learning is new for all of us and therefore we would really appreciate any feedback to help us improve and make things run as smoothly as possible. We would also love to share videos and pictures of your learning in our celebration assembly on a Friday as well as in this Friday Letter: please keep them coming by emailing your class teacher or dunannie@bedales.org.uk.

I hope you have been enjoying the assemblies and they have given your day some structure. It is a wonderful way for the children to feel a sense of belonging to our community. If anyone would like to deliver an assembly, perhaps about your work or reading stories, please do contact me. If you have missed any of our assemblies this week, you can view them by following the link:

Monday - <https://vimeo.com/409507995>

Tuesday - <https://vimeo.com/409877222>

Wednesday - <https://vimeo.com/410248968>

Thursday - <https://vimeo.com/410698872>

Friday - <https://vimeo.com/411107977>

Next week we will continue to deliver an assembly every day and hope to include music and singing from our very own Ben Harlan, Head of Music. Pete York who visited us last term and who sang with us on Thursday may also deliver another session; he is also going to be running the guitar club when we return to school. I also hope we will be able to offer some 'Shake and Wake' with Danni our street dance expert.

This week we celebrated Earth Day's 50th anniversary. It all began on 22 April 1970, when 20 million people gathered across the US to celebrate planet Earth. The significance of this day has grown bigger ever since. I was overjoyed to receive so many photographs from children who spent some time showing their gratitude for their planet. As I said in my letter to the children there have been some positive things happening since the Government asked us to stay at home - less air travel and pollution, for example, are giving the planet a rest.

I am delighted there are now many more children working on Mathletics, with 36 certificates since the end of the spring term (more details below). Please congratulate the children for all their hard work and keep it up!

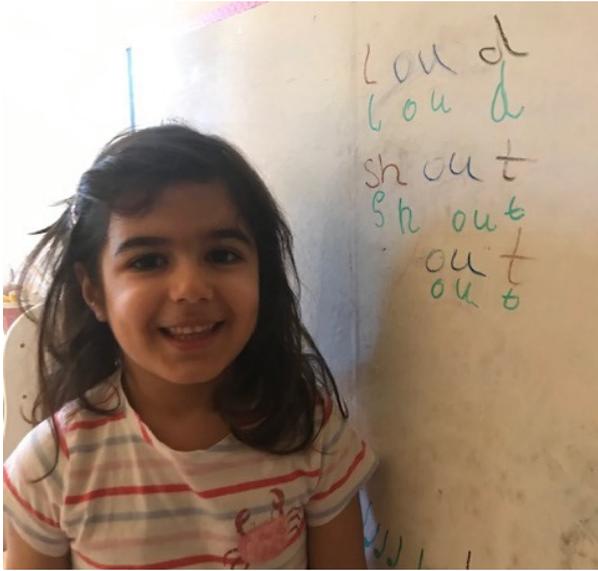
Now onto some other achievements: Martha in year 2 completed a Triathlon in aid of Sports Relief which included a 5km run, 5 mile cycle and 5 length swim - what a great achievement - great effort Martha! I am also impressed with Henrietta in Year 3 who is including one hour of daily exercise to raise money for the British Heart Foundation and aims to cycle 400 miles by the end of May which would take her to Scotland if she left from Petersfield! Super effort and well done Henrietta! If you would like to sponsor her please visit: justgiving.com/fundraising/henriettaknightleyday.

I hope we are supporting you and your children from afar - all the teachers, and Rachel and I, are here to help. As ever, please share any feedback and let us know if we can help further. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

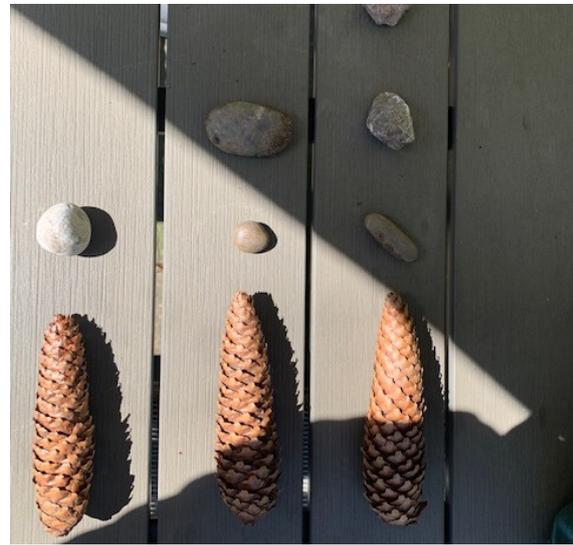
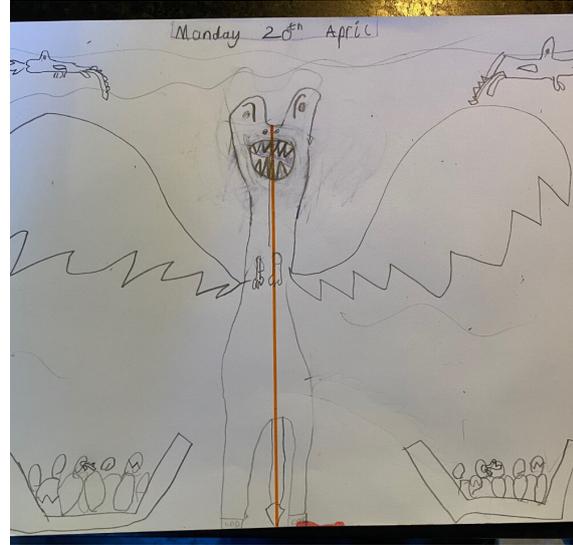
Very best wishes

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RECEPTION GALLERY

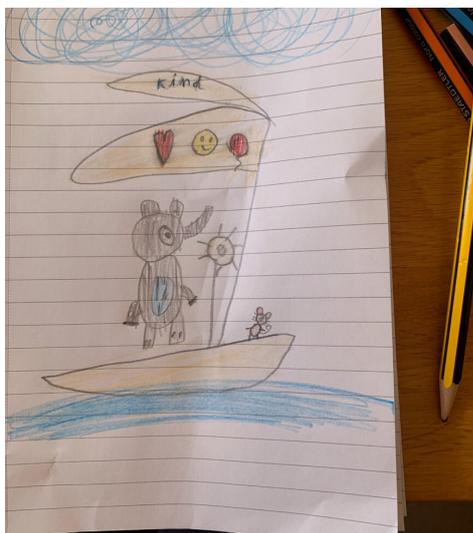


YEAR 1 GALLERY



Year 1 have learnt so many new skills this week, not least becoming more independent and motivating themselves. I have been particularly impressed with their creative and enthusiastic approach to learning about symmetry and growing patterns. Beginning with investigating where symmetry can be found in nature, they then studied symmetry in architecture, road signs and logos. Their study of symmetry has taken them from the Taj Mahal to melons to mythical creatures to McDonald's. They are now exploring growing patterns. They have demonstrated their understanding in a range of ways including using Duplo, leaves and twigs, blocks and intricate drawings. I'm proud of them all.

YEAR 1 GALLERY



KAYAHAN'S HAWAIIAN SMOOTHIE

- ½ of papaya
- ½ of mango
- 1 cup of pineapple
- ½ banana
- 1 mug of coconut water
- 2 spoons of coconut milk

Put all of these in a blender.
Blend until smooth & creamy.



YEAR 2 AND YEAR 3 GALLERY



ACHIEVEMENTS



G O L D

S I L V E R

B R O N Z E

Safiya Burton
Kitty Jay
Henrietta Knightley-Day
Kayahan McPhee

Max Austin
Safiya Burton
Florence Dale
Oscar Dyson
Kitty Jay
Henrietta Knightley-Day
Kayahan McPhee
Alexander Pate
Tom Payne
Charlie Peers
Leo Preece
Flora Richardson
Lola Stewart
Camilla Szpitalak
Xander Ward
Winnie Warner
Harriet Woodfine



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FOD NEWS

FoD are delighted to have given £2500 to each of our charities - The Roberts Centre in Portsmouth and Children on the Edge. Thank you for all your incredible donations.

The Roberts Centre is a unique child focused charity in Portsmouth with a range of services offering support and assistance to families in addressing their situation of homelessness or dealing with the issues of relationship breakdown. www.robertscentre.org.uk

Children on the Edge exists to help forgotten children, living on the edge of their societies across the globe. www.childrenontheedge.org

Last term we also bought a much needed polytunnel for Dunannie outdoor work. We have some money left in the pot which we can spend on any essentials this term or carry forward to the Autumn.

The foodbank in Petersfield really desperately need help. If anyone is in Petersfield and would like to drop anything off, they are open Monday and Wednesday morning 10-12. They are specifically looking for loo roll, jars of coffee, and hot chocolate, tins of soup, fruit, custard and rice and dog food but would really appreciate anything and everything.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CHAIRING FOD OR BEING A CLASS REP NEXT TERM, PLEASE
GET IN TOUCH - EVEN IF IT'S JUST TO ASK WHAT IT INVOLVES -
TABITHA.JAY@GMAIL.COM**

**HOPE YOU ARE ALL WELL,
THE FOD TEAM**

