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# THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

We have had Parents' Evening, World Book Day, the first round of interviews for the new Head of Dunannie, a swimming gala and several inspiring and energising assemblies – a particularly busy week for Dunannie!

Pete York kicked off our week with his beautiful guitar-playing as we arrived at school on Monday, followed by a rousing assembly involving the children and their magnificent singing voices – George Ezra is obviously a favourite with many of them! What a wonderful way to start the week.

On Tuesday, Sally Hardie led a really interesting and inspiring assembly on Design. Thank you Sally for coming in to talk to the children about colour, size, shape and all the different attributes that go into making a great design. We really welcome our parents coming in and sharing their expertise with the children so thank you again Sally for giving up your time.

Hopefully you all had the chance to come in and meet with your child's teacher as we had Parents' Evenings on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. If you were not able to attend, please contact the relevant teacher to arrange an alternative time to meet.

On Wednesday, Assal and Pendar presented the second part of their assembly on Fair Trade. They encouraged children to look for the Fair Trade symbol on products and to purchase, when possible, items displaying the Fair Trade symbol over others.

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Year 3 took part in a swimming gala against The Royal School on Thursday. Well done to everyone who took part - I thought everyone swam with such passion and enthusiasm and the sense of team spirit was fabulous to see.

We celebrated World Book Day this week - thank you to all those children who brought in their treasures to school that represent their favourite book. We really enjoyed hearing why they had chosen their treasures and how they related to their favourite book. This event is always a fantastic way to encourage reading in school and to promote a true love of reading for the children.

Next week, Year 1 have their library event on **Wednesday 11th March at 4.00** in the Bedales Library. I hope Year 1 parents are able to join us - the children always work hard for their special events, and they are a great chance to see what the children have been up to. Please meet outside Year 1 at 3.45 ready to walk up there.

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

The FODs have decided to postpone their **Spring Social** scheduled for Saturday 14th March. They will be in contact soon with an alternative date to get everyone together.

With regards to the interviews for the new Head at Dunannie, I can inform you that three candidates have been chosen for a shortlist interview next week. The shortlist process will involve panel interviews with Magnus (Head of Bedales), a Governor and Colin Baty (Head of Dunhurst), plus a staff and pupil panel. Also lesson observations, assemblies and time in the Early Years amongst other tasks. We will continue to keep you updated.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Victoria

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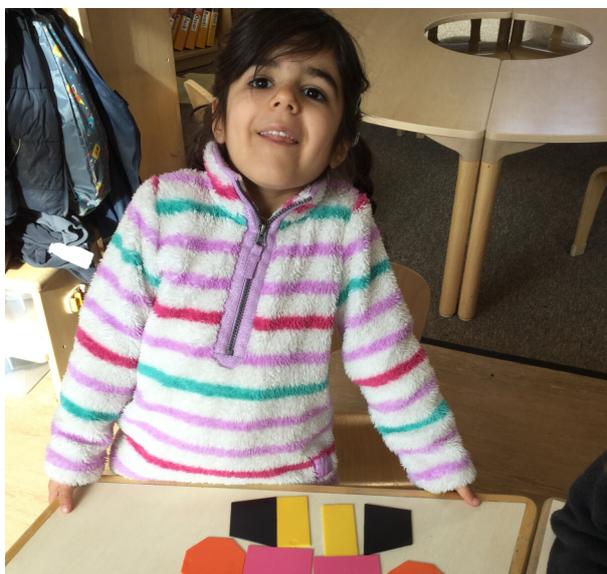


*The Nursery children have been using loose parts to create artwork in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. Some of us have also been experimenting mixing different materials to make cement and bricks for our building projects!*

## RECEPTION



*The children had a great swimming lesson on Wednesday.*

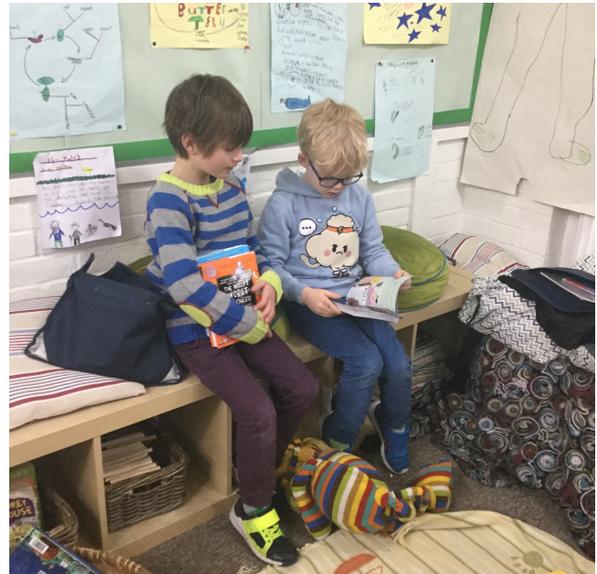


*The children have been learning about symmetry this week.*

## YEAR 1



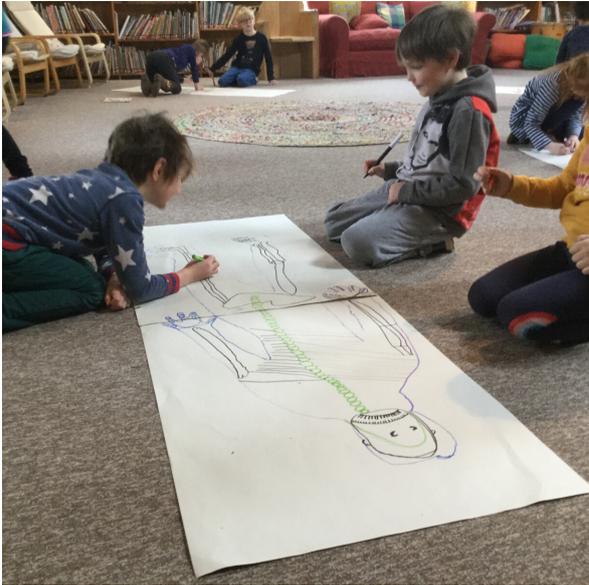
Year 1 shared their stories and book treasures for World Book Day.



Year 1 have been exploring illustrations on and in books as research for the books they are creating.



## YEAR 2



Year 2 met "Fred" today, and investigated our bones. We discovered that we have so many more bones than we realised. Our fingers have 4 bones, and we have a total of 206 bones.

## YEAR 3



*Our Year 3 Reporters Team started their project, and the interviewing team met our fabulous office staff for some in-depth questioning!*



*We investigated food groups and how to make a balanced meal with our Bedales Community service students.*



## PE



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*Well done to our Year 3 swimmers  
(and Martha and Gabriel) who  
competed brilliantly against The  
Royal School.*

## IN THE WOODS



Reception took inspiration from Andy Goldsworthy earth art, using natural materials to create pictures and sculptures in the quiet garden. The children worked together beautifully helping each other to lift heavy items and place them into position.



## IN THE WOODS



Today's session with Year 1 focused on knife skills and safety. The children learnt about safe working distances for using tools and how to safely use the battening technique to split wood. The children also worked hard practising their square lashings to create quadrants for next week's session.



## IN THE WOODS



*In the woods carousel class learnt how to make stretchers out of wood and tarpaulins, the children measured their sticks and tested their strength before stretching the tarpaulin fabric around them. Working in teams they made two stretchers helping to lift the casualty to safety. I am glad to report, no children were injured in the making of this lesson!*



## DATES: SPRING/SUMMER TERM 2020

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Description
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
12/03/2020	08:30	09:30	Dunhurst and Dunannie Parent Forum - Structure of the Bedales School Day
12/03/2020	08:30	14:00	Dunannie Professor Bubbleworks (Reception to Y3)
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	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
26/03/2020	08:30	09:00	Year 2 Assembly
<b>27/03/2020</b>	<b>13:00</b>	<b>13:00</b>	<b>Dunannie Term Ends</b>
<b>20/04/2020</b>	<b>08:15</b>	<b>08:30</b>	<b>Dunannie Term Starts</b>
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	09:00	10:30	Dunannie Fun Run
<b>22/05/2020</b>	<b>14:30</b>	<b>14:30</b>	<b>Dunannie Half Term Starts</b>
01/06/2020	08:15	08:30	Dunannie Start Back
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	13:30	15:15	Dunannie Sports Day (Reception to Year 3)
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)
25/06/2020	13:30	15:15	Dunannie RESERVE Sports Day (Reception to Year 3)
<b>03/07/2020</b>	<b>13:00</b>	<b>13:00</b>	<b>Dunannie Term Ends</b>

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# ACHIEVEMENTS



**G O L D**

**S I L V E R**

**B R O N Z E**

KITTY  
HARRIET



## NOTICES



**BEDALES**   
Nursery & Pre-prep, Dunannie

# Be imaginative

**STEM Open Morning**

14 March 2020, 10am–12pm

## NOTICES



### **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](https://bedales.org.uk/opendays)

# NOTICES

## 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](mailto:parents@bedales.org.uk). I hope to see you at one or more of the events.

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# NOTICES

## 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 19<sup>th</sup>  
MARCH 2020  
3.30-5PM  
The Orchard



DRESS SPORTY FOR THE DAY £1 DONATION