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# THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

I can't believe we are at the end of the second week of school. Once again it has been a busy week. On Monday we joined in World Oceans Day, an annual worldwide event. It started with an assembly at 9am that was watched by over 10,000 children. I know the event was enjoyed by the children from Nursery to Year 3 and that many have replicated some of the experiments and activities, including rain gauges, water worlds, coral pictures and much more. Well done to everyone – what a tremendous variety of work.

Year 1 have been combining science and art this week, learning about the human body. Year 2s researched the coral reef habitat, using information books and watching Sir David Attenborough's film clip on reefs. Year 3 learnt about the botanist Jeanne Baret, who sailed around the world. They also thought about being kind and designed badges for their Kindness at the Weekend event. Year 2 and 3 also enjoyed making baguettes, crazy birds and magical dens.

The children watched some wonderful assemblies again this week, with a Live Lounge from students at Bedales; another lovely story time, Burglar Bill, read by Kate; and Ben's singing assembly for

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Dunannie, when we finally met his piano-playing friend!

Tonight is a Junior Open Mic Night and details of how to join are on page 14 of the newsletter. You will also see we have launched a new Bedales website to provide an improved user experience.

HUGE final request for RECIPES! Please send us your recipes for the Dunannie cookbook; we have set a deadline of 14 June, to allow time to put this together.

At the end of this term we will sadly be saying goodbye to some staff at Dunannie, including Dorota who has been at Dunannie for 17 years, most recently supporting Year 3 – she has been such an invaluable member of the Dunannie team. We are also saying farewell to Kate Goldmann, our Friday Year 3 teacher, who was also a familiar face in Reception, Nursery and Year 2; she has been with Dunannie for seven years and has made many valuable contributions to the school. Natalie Gafford, who though only employed for two terms supporting Year 3, will be best remembered as our temporary Bushcraft Teacher on Wednesday for all years. We very much appreciated her creativity and enthusiasm. I know you, as well as all the Dunannie staff will miss them very much, especially as we will not be able to say a proper goodbye and thank them in person for the tremendous amount of work and support they have given the school. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Just a reminder that next Wednesday is Wellbeing Day: more information will be shared in due course, but please add the date to your diary. I hope you are all looking after your own wellbeing too!

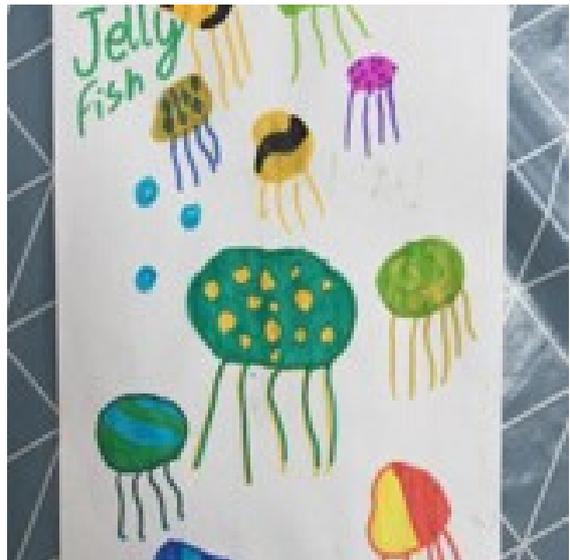
And on that note I wish you all a wonderful and relaxing weekend and I look forward to catching up with you all again next week.

Best wishes

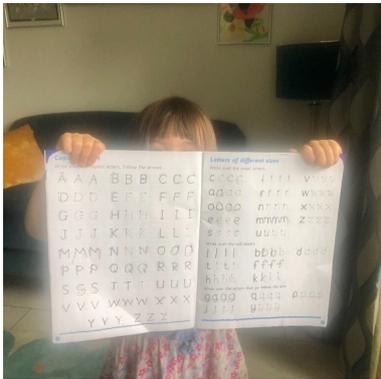
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# WORLD OCEAN DAY

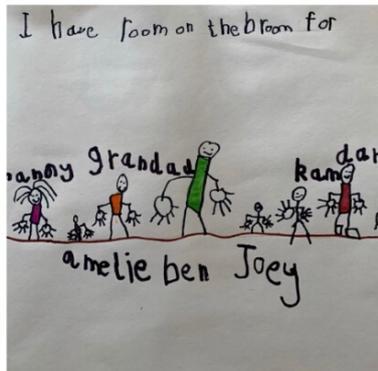


# NURSERY AND RECEPTION



*Nursery and Reception have been busy being magicians and pirates. From creating gorgeous ocean scenes to potting plants in their garden, they have celebrated World Ocean Day with real gusto! I am so impressed with their enthusiasm.*

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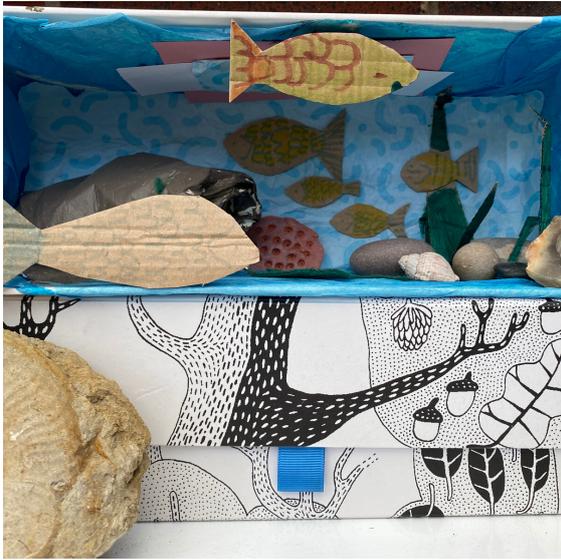


## RECEPTION & YEAR 1 - AT SCHOOL

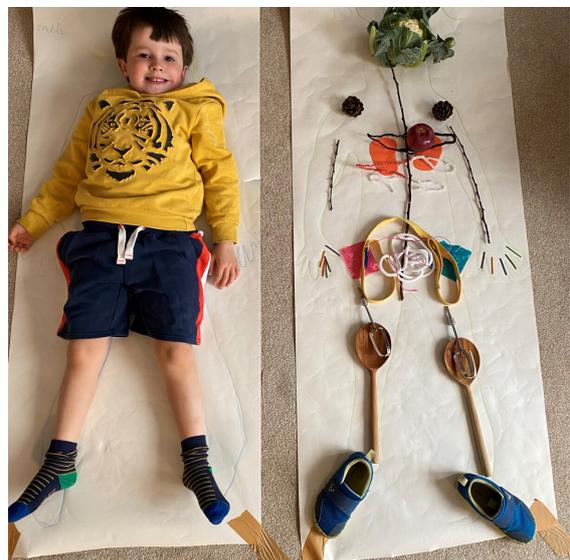


The Reception and Year 1 children who have returned to school have had a wonderful week. I have loved hearing their enjoyment. Clemmie said that gardening on Tuesday was her "best day ever." We have new sand in the Reception class sandpit and the children have been really enjoying being outside. The children have been busy making models of sea creatures following Ocean Day on Monday. We are working hard and having fun.

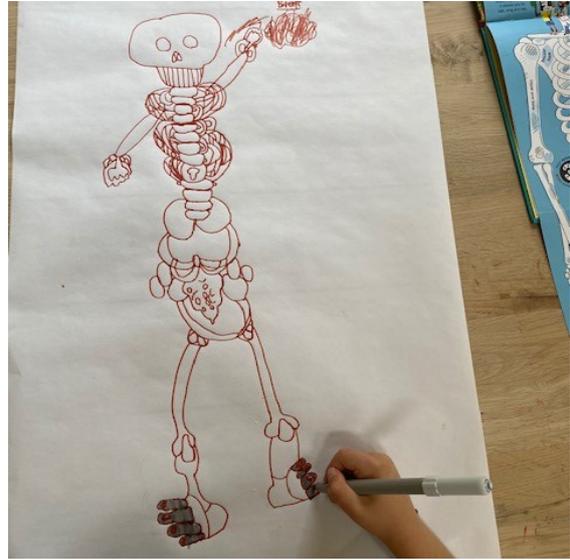
## YEAR 1



Year 1 enjoyed World Ocean Day, creating some amazing art work. Yet again, science and art collided, this time when learning about the human body!



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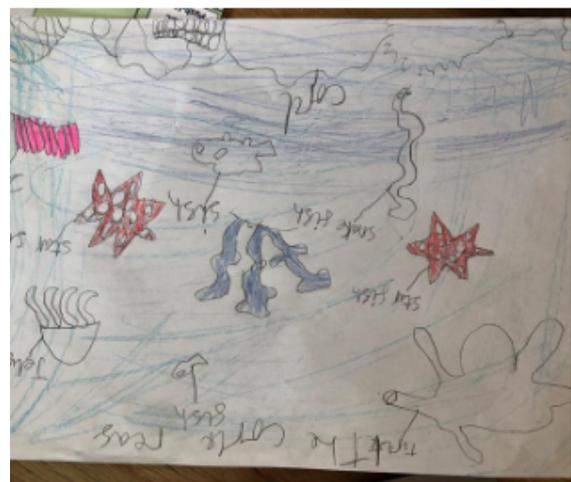


## YEAR 2



*Year 2 embraced World Ocean Day School, not only thinking about the important message of the day, but also producing some fabulous artwork of sea creatures.*

## YEAR 2



Year 2's wonderful work on the coral reef habitat using information books and watching the amazing David Attenborough's film clip on the coral reef. Year 2 continue to be so engaged in their online learning, and constantly produced work of such a high standard.

Camilla

## YEAR 3



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*World Ocean Day – some interesting experiments and activities – we discovered the incredible life of botanist Jeanne Baret who lived about 200 years ago. Have a look at*

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*Winnie's beautiful drawing of Jeanne. In honour of her incredible ocean voyage and bravery, we disguised ourselves on-line. I think this could be Oscar!*

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## YEAR 3



*Kindness never stops and costs nothing, so we designed badges for our Kindness at the Weekend event. As usual we are busy in Carousel with baking, making and exploring. This week was baguettes, crazy birds and magical dens.*

# ACHIEVEMENTS



**GOLD**

**SILVER BRONZE**

Henry Gosling

Henry Gosling  
Henrietta Knightley-Day  
Kayahan McPhee

## DUNANNIE RECIPE BOOK



### Kitty's Chicken Pie

I always make chicken pie with my mum because I love making the roux. We change the recipe depending on what we've got in the fridge. We eat ours with buttery new potatoes and vegetables like broccoli. It makes you feel cosy on the inside.

#### Ingredients

Decide how much you use depending on how many people you are cooking for.

- Chicken
- Bacon
- Leeks [or an onion]
- Juice from a lemon
- Butter
- Flour
- Chicken stock
- Dash of cream
- Puff pastry
- Pepper

#### Method

1. Fry the leeks or onions until they are soft. Add the bacon and after a bit add the chicken - just brown it on the outside. Pour on the lemon juice.
2. While that is going on, melt a good chunk of butter in a pan. Add about two tablespoons of flour and stir it in. Slowly add up to 500ml of stock; as it thickens, add more. You might not use it all. You have to keep stirring otherwise it goes lumpy. It gets thick really quickly.
3. When it stops getting thick, add a splash of cream and we always add a bit of pepper too. It should be all creamy and not runny.
4. Put the chicken mix in a dish, pour over the roux, and then roll the puff pastry across, pushing down the edges with a fork. Stab some holes in the top and brush it with milk so it goes nice and brown.
5. Cook it in the oven for about 20 minutes, or until it looks ready.



### Dunannie Recipe Book

Please keep sending us your favourite recipes, we need the following:

- A picture of you with your finished product
- Three pictures of you making the dish
- A few sentences on why you have chosen the dish
- Ingredients
- Method

**DEADLINE: SUNDAY 14 JUNE**

## NEW BEDALES WEBSITE



We have introduced a new look website featuring the new Bedales blue, and simplified logos with variants for our prep and pre-prep schools. The website is designed to be more user-friendly than its predecessor, with improved user experience and responsiveness across different devices, and follows the introduction of new prospectuses for Bedales, Dunhurst and Dunannie and a booklet of The Bedales Difference. Director of External Relations, Rob Reynolds, comments: "Bedales was founded in 1893 to be a humane alternative to the authoritarian regimes typical of the time. The school remains progressively liberal in its approach, with a unique character and ethos. We are aiming to communicate our differences in a clear and simple way, and we hope the new site gives a sense of the dynamism, friendliness and warmth of Bedales to try and replicate the real thing! With the current restrictions for accessing the school estate, this is more important than ever. We are looking forward to building up the site content on this new improved foundation." With this 'soft launch' of our new website, there will inevitably be areas to amend or enhance further so please do visit the site and give us your feedback here.

## JUNIOR BAND NIGHT - 7.30 FRIDAY 12 JUNE

I know many of you saw our first livestreamed Open Mic. last month. Well, this Friday, we have another great show for you with our first online Junior Band Night! On Friday we will be taking you to Bermuda, via Hong Kong, with a stopover in the South of France! To bring the school community together at this time we also have some students from Dunhurst taking part including an incredible performance from Block 1 Amos Mayland. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE watch this to see the absolutely MIND-BLOWING work our students have been coming up with in Lockdown! Watch the [trailer](#) to get you all in the mood:

Friday 7.30pm not to be missed. Log on just before 7.30pm and watch the amazing debut of Bedales' latest sensation "BLIND ASTRONOMER" featuring Max Bassett and Dylan Frافتey-Smith.

LOG IN [HERE](#) (FREE!) - Spread the word to friends and family and they can use this [link](#).