

16 OCTOBER 2020

THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

As we lead up to half term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all again for your support over the last few weeks whilst tackling all that Coronavirus has thrown at us. Despite the circumstances, the children are happy, motivated and embracing everything that Dunannie continues to offer them.

The support they have here and at home is so critical to their mental and emotional well-being - it really is wonderful to see so many bright, happy children in school.

Speaking of bright, happy children, what a fabulous start to the week we had with our Tiger Day. The children made a huge effort with their outfits - we loved seeing so many tigers, trees and rainforest creatures running around the playground! A big thank you for your donations to the International Tiger Project.

We have also held Parents' Evenings this week so I hope that you all had the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. Please remember that teachers are always available for a discussion so if you were unable to attend or would like to discuss something as it arises, please don't hesitate to contact your class teacher directly if you need to catch up.

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Gemma Klein has taken some beautiful photographs of the children this week. These will be ready for you to purchase as soon as we're back after half term - just in time for Christmas!

Hopefully you have all seen our lost property email . Please let us know by email if you see anything that belongs to your child - everything will be here until Friday 6th November, then unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the fixtures that were due to take place after half term (which you will see on the calendar further on in the newsletter). I do hope that we are able to get these back on the agenda after Christmas.

Wishing you all a wonderful restful break and hopefully you will have the chance to spend some time with family and friends, despite the situation and these strange times we are living in. We will look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 2nd November.

Warmest wishes

Sharon

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NURSERY



The Nursery have been making the most of the autumn sunshine and have spent much of the week outdoors.



RECEPTION



We have had a very fun-filled week using autumn as an inspiration for our learning. The children have rolled conkers in paint to create beautiful effects. We have learnt how to use marbling inks to create other types of autumnal scenes as well. We had a fantastic time designing and building a teepee in the garden which has given us a lovely shelter from the wet weather.

YEAR 1



Year 1 have been celebrating the change of seasons, harvest and each other with a party full of games, food they made and decorations they created themselves. They made two different loaves of bread to represent harvest; cupcakes to symbolise celebrations; pizza pastry pinwheels to represent autumn festivals; and summer fruit kebabs honouring the season we have just left.



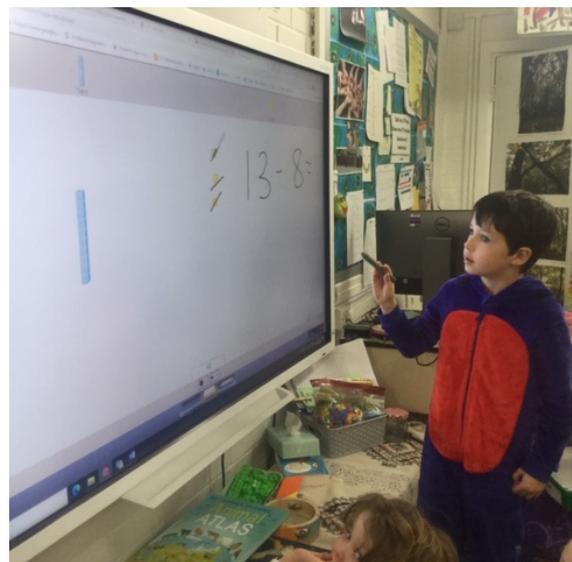
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YEAR 2



Year 2 have been learning about trees this half of term so we decided to make our own classroom woodland, including woodland creatures! Year 2 have also worked really hard in maths. They have all understood the value of each digit in 2 and 3-digit numbers. They are brilliant teachers because they are able to explain exactly what they are doing, exchanging the ten for 1s when subtracting, and visa versa with addition.

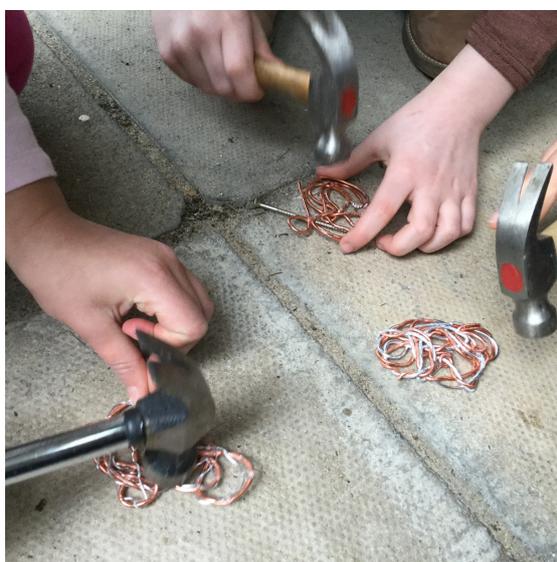


YEAR 3



Iron Age Celts at Dunannie!

We also made Celtic knot jewellery with silver and copper wire this week. Lots of pliers, hammers and beautiful designs.



TIGER DAY!



Thank you for all your generous donations for Cinta. As you can see, the children arrived in some wonderful outfits on Monday!

ACHIEVEMENTS



G O L D

S I L V E R

B R O N Z E

Harriet W

Max x2
Kayahan x2
Harriet W

CALENDAR

Date	Start Time	End Time	Description
02/11/2020	08:15	08:15	Half Term Ends - Term Starts
12/11/2020	14:15	16:00	Year 3 - Mixed Football v The Royal @ The Royal, start 2.15pm
12/11/2020	19:30	20:30	Bedales Prep, Dunhurst & Pre-prep, Dunannie Virtual Open Evening
19/11/2020	15:30	15:30	Dunannie Long Leave Weekend
20/11/2020			Staff Inset (School Closed)
23/11/2020	15:15	17:00	Year 3 - Mixed Swim Gala v St Ives @ Bedales, Start 3.15pm
30/11/2020	15:15	17:00	Year 3 - Mixed Football v St Ives @ St Ives
01/12/2020	10:30	14:00	Dunhurst School St Peter's Church Concert - TBC
03/12/2020	14:15	15:45	Year 3 - Mixed Swim Gala v The Royal @ Bedales, Start 2.15pm
04/12/2020	19:30	22:30	FOD Xmas Party
09/12/2020	09:30	10:30	Dunannie - Christmas Production
10/12/2020	09:30	10:30	Dunannie - Christmas Production
16/12/2020	13:00	13:00	Dunannie Term Ends