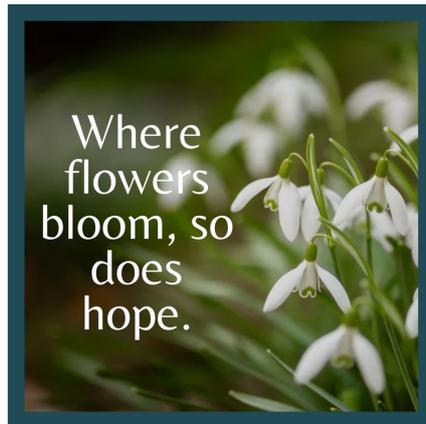


22 JANUARY 2021

THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

I hope it has been a really successful week for online learning and by the look of the photographs that you have been sending in, the children are enjoying it too. Please remember to send in any pictures of the children working at home to your class teachers as we would love to share them here in the Friday letter and on our social media platforms. It is a great way to stay in touch with you all when we can't be together, and of celebrating how hard you are all working at the moment.

This week we have been focussing on being hopeful and what that means in relation to the arrival of spring. When the first green shoots start to show, it gives us hope and it lifts our spirits. As snowdrops mark the first signs of spring, we have asked the children to send in their own photographs of any signs of spring they encounter when they're out walking or playing in the garden. We'll put all of these up on our social media next week.

Next week it is the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch week so we will be running some bird-related activities for the children to do at home. It is also National Chocolate Day (would you believe it?) on Wednesday so we hope you will all be marking this with something delicious - a great excuse to bake a cake if ever there was one! Assemblies are available to view on Microsoft Teams (Dunannie Assemblies Team) and on Tapestry on a Monday and Friday, enjoy! Please continue to send in your pictures as usual - we love to see what everyone is getting up to at home.

Also next week, Sharon will be holding a virtual coffee morning via Teams at 10am on Wednesday and Thursday, please email Rachel if you would like to attend:
rhinett@bedales.org.uk

I hope that you received the communication about the cancellation of the INSET day that was scheduled for Friday 29 January. It will now be a normal online learning day (with the critical worker children in school as usual).

I'm afraid I do have some sad news to report, that Arne Brattland passed away over the Christmas period after a long battle with cancer. He taught the ukulele to many Dunannie children over the years and he will be very much missed by everyone at in our school community.

Lastly, I would like to reiterate how grateful we are for your patience and understanding in this situation we find ourselves in again this term. Please note our online learning safeguarding guidelines for parents at the end of the newsletter. If you are having any problems with the online learning or any concerns at all, please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Warmest wishes

Sharon

Contact Information

- Nursery - Bridget MacMillan (bmacmillan@bedales.org.uk)
- Reception - Natalie Callis (ncallis@bedales.org.uk)
- Year 1 - Leanne Payne (lpayne@bedales.org.uk)
- Year 2 - Camilla Bell (cbell@bedales.org.uk)
- Year 3 - Catherine Claasen (cclaasen@bedales.org.uk)

Staff will be teaching throughout the working day between 8.30am and 3.30pm and will aim to reply to emails, queries and requests at the end of each day.

Other important contacts:

- Pastoral/safeguarding matters - Sharon Rose, Deputy Head (srose@bedales.org.uk)
- Absences and general enquiries - Rachel Hinett, Head's PA (dunannie@bedales.org.uk)
- Academic matters - Catherine Claasen, Director of Teaching and Learning (cclaasen@bedales.org.uk)
- iSAMS/technical issues and enquiries - Yvonne Fletcher, Senior Academic Administrator (yfletcher@bedales.org.uk)

NURSERY



The weather hasn't stopped the nursery children exploring and playing outside together this week.

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We explored the tropical rainforest animals with Ben.

RECEPTION



Reception have been working on a visitor project. The visitors collect petals and flowers for a creature hiding in a cave. The children have designed their own creatures, developed clues as to what they are and built homes for the visitors. The children have made magic potions and wands, creating spells for happiness! Please keep sending in pictures from home - they're wonderful to see.



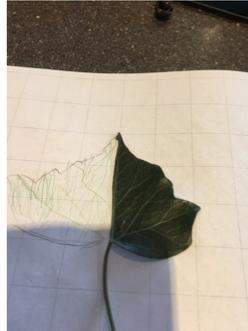
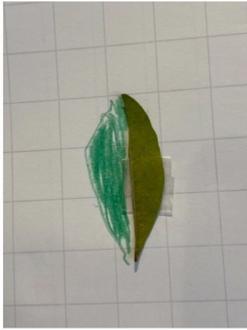
YEAR 1



Year 1 have worked so incredibly creatively this week. Amongst spellings, handwriting, phonics and reading, they have applied new art skills to create fantasy tree scenes, found examples of symmetry in nature, taken photographs showing movement and light, designed winter coats and labelled them with interesting adjectives, explored emotions in stories and planned and carried out Random Acts of Kindness.



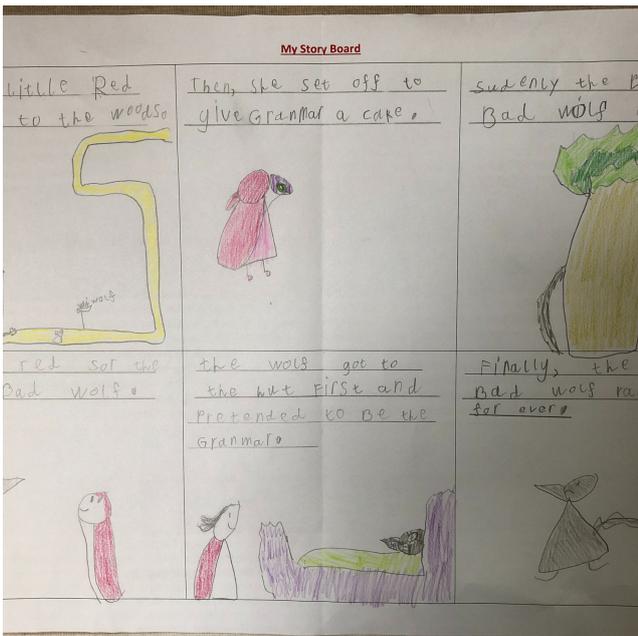
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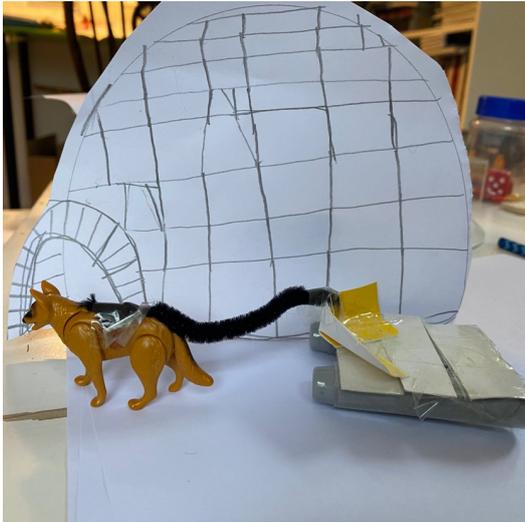


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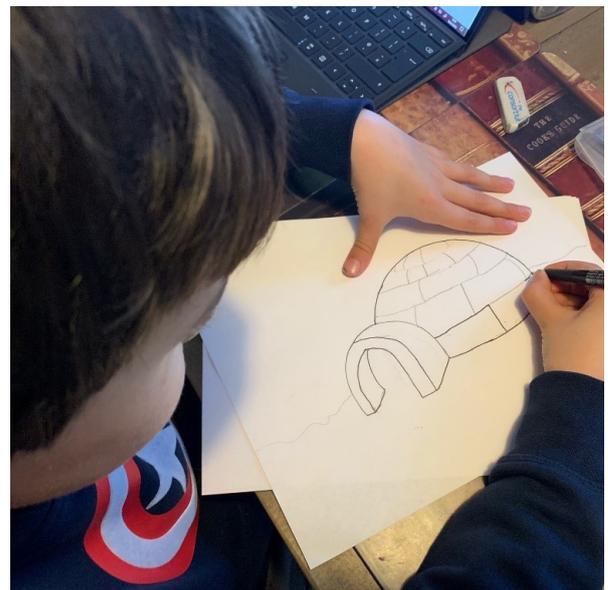
This week in Year 2 it has all been about Red Riding Hood. Cottages have been built, wolves drawn, Red Riding Hood painted and story boards made. The children have been working so incredibly hard and been amazingly creative, inventive and engaged. Thank you all.

YEAR 3



What a brilliant week Year 3 have had exploring the Arctic - with the amazing explorer, Matthew Henson, from 100 years ago - to Inuit life today. They have been busy making ice, making and testing model sleds and drawing igloos with Mark from Dunhurst.

Camilla showed Year 3 how to make delicious sweet and savoury scones, and Catherine was out in the cold demonstrating ice sculptures! And in our science with Rachel we saw incredible ice experiments and beautiful ice bowls - we all couldn't wait to try them ourselves!



ACHIEVEMENTS



G O L D

S I L V E R

B R O N Z E

Max A
Lily

CALENDAR

Date	Start	End	Description
25/01/2021			Dunannie - RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch Week
27/01/2021			National Chocolate Day
27/01/2021	10:00	10:30	Coffee with Sharon via Teams
01/02/2021			Children's Mental Health Week
02/02/2021			Children's Mental Health Week
03/02/2021			Children's Mental Health Week
04/02/2021			Children's Mental Health Week
05/02/2021			Children's Mental Health Week
10/02/2021	09:30	15:00	Dunannie Music Platform Filming Day
11/02/2021	10:30	11:00	Dunannie Music Platform Streaming to Parents
12/02/2021	14:30	14:30	Dunannie Half Term Starts
16/02/2021			Pancake Sports Day (family fun)
22/02/2021	08:15		Dunannie Half Term ends - Term Starts
23/02/2021	16:00	18:00	Parents' Evening - Nursery to Year 3
25/02/2021	17:00	19:00	Parents' Evening - Nursery to Year 3
04/03/2021	14:15		Dunannie Mixed Hockey v St Ives @ HOME
11/03/2021	15:30	15:30	Dunannie Long Leave Weekend
12/03/2021			Dunannie INSET (School Closed)
15/03/2021	15:15		Dunannie Boys Football / Girls Hockey v Ditcham AWAY
22/03/2021	15:15		Dunannie Mixed Swimming Gala v St Ives HOME
26/03/2021	13:00	13:00	Dunannie Term Ends

Online Learning Safeguarding Guidelines for Parents



Contact

- Please ensure that we hold the most up-to-date contact information for you.
- If you have any concerns, please continue to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.
- If your child is unwell and unable to take part in online learning, please let Rachel Hinett (dunannie@bedales.org.uk) know, so she can update class teachers.
- If you have trouble accessing the curriculum due to technical issues, please contact Yvonne Fletcher (yfletcher@bedales.org.uk).
- In the interests of the safety of everyone involved, any one-to-one interaction between your child and a member of staff will be pre-agreed and will be recorded.

Learning Environment

- Your child's learning space should be safe and appropriate.
- As a family, you need to decide where is best for your child to work with least distraction. We understand that this may well be tricky. Please do get in touch if you have any questions surrounding establishing a purposeful workspace.
- Make sure that anything the webcam might capture is appropriate.
- Remember that anything said in the background may be picked up by the microphone of the device your child is working on and could therefore be heard by the teacher and

other children in the class.

Lesson Etiquette

- The children must be suitably dressed for the lesson and be ready to listen and learn.
- Please do not record the lesson. Staff will be doing this for the children and sharing the recording via the Microsoft Teams and Tapestry platforms.

Additional Guidance

For further advice and guidance please see:

- **NSPCC Net Aware** - provides information on popular trending apps and websites: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk>
- **Internet Matters** - provides support for families to keep children safe online: <https://www.internetmatters.org>

Lastly, but importantly, if you have any concerns of a safeguarding nature about the online learning process, please contact Sharon as the Designated Safeguarding Lead for Dunannie (srose@bedales.org.uk).

We look forward to your continued support through this process and very much look forward to virtually welcoming everyone back for the start of the Spring term.