

29 JANUARY 2021

# THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

It was a real treat to get snow at the weekend, and I'm sure a welcome diversion which provided some much-needed fun for the children. I know the nursery children enjoyed playing in it at school on Monday.

I had the opportunity to chat with some of you at my virtual coffee mornings it was lovely to talk and to see your smiling faces. Watch this space for another date soon. On Thursday you will have received an email, requesting feedback to our online learning provision. Any feedback will be warmly received and continue to shape our online learning offer and provide a better understanding of how we can support each and every one of you. We continue to work hard at keeping all the children happy and engaged without too much pressure.

On Monday and Friday our assemblies (Dunannie Assemblies Team - Microsoft Teams/Tapestry) have been concentrating on working hard and not giving up. I hope you've been able to make time to watch them.

This week was the RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch week. I hope you have had the chance to get outside and do a spot of bird watching or have made some bird feeders. This weekend it's the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch weekend, visit the RSPB website to take part. If you or the children managed to take any photographs of birds in your gardens, please do send them in.

I've really enjoyed looking at all from the photos shared with your class teacher, some of which are included in this letter, I hope you enjoy them as much as I have.

Next week, it is Children's Mental Health Week, and the theme this year is 'Express Yourself' - sharing feelings or ideas through creativity i.e. art, dance, music and other activities that make us feel good and to show who we are and how we see the world.

Please share you photographs of creative activities, we would love to see artwork, videos of our children playing their instruments, photographs taken, dance routines, etc.

Hopefully this will encourage everyone to partake in at least 1 or 2 creative activities in the coming weeks.

Wishing you all a wonderful and relaxing weekend.

Warmest wishes

Sharon

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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.

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## NURSERY

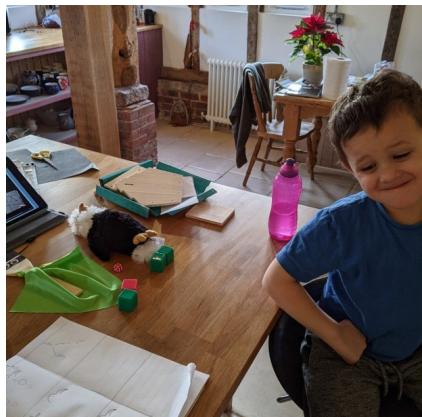


We made the most of the snow at school this week. As well as sledging and playing out in the snow we brought some indoors, experimented with painting on it and played with our diggers. We also made our own fake snow!

# NURSERY



# RECEPTION



This week, the children have created spoon puppets! We have explored characters and how accessories or objects can create new characters too. We have talked about abstract art and how each person can see and interpret art differently. We learnt about Henry Matisse and loved making attempts to recreate his famous snail picture! In Maths, we used smarties (for National Chocolate Day) to interpret which colour we had more of in our packs. We enjoyed eating our maths afterwards too! As it was also birdwatching week, the children took on challenges such as a scavenger photo hunt; collecting feathers and sorting these by size; painting with feathers and making birdfeeders for our gardens. What a busy but wonderful week in Reception!



## RECEPTION



# YEAR 1

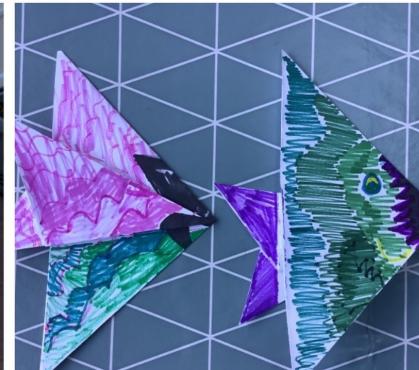


Another full and varied week in Year 1! Different art techniques learned, bird feeders made, beaded decorations made whilst learning about seasonal changes and making the main character from a book studied all about being yourself and kind to others!

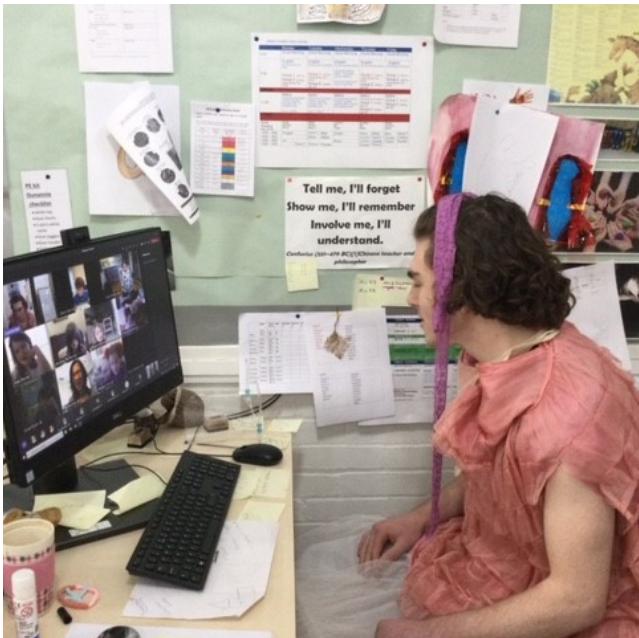
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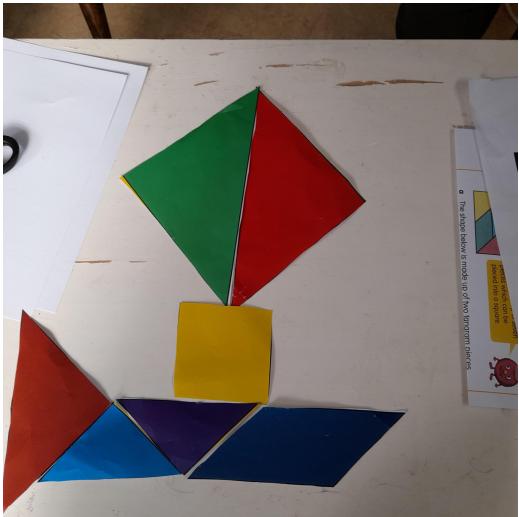


## YEAR 2



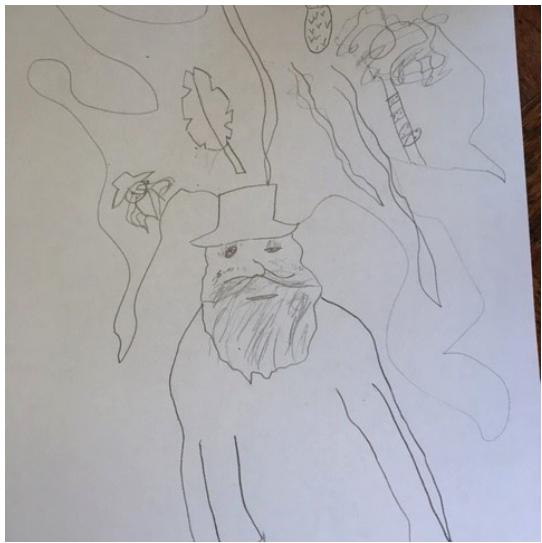
Year 2 have been very busy, like Cinderella, finding out all about her life. Some of us have made cakes for the ball, sculptured the characters from clay, made a collage of the party inspired by the illustrations of Lauren Child, as well as acted out the story and met one of the Ugly Sisters. Great work Year 2!

## YEAR 3



This week in Year 3 we enjoyed finding out about Charles Darwin and his magnificent adventures in the Galapagos Islands. To become even greater thinkers, we took a walk around our gardens and drew a Thinking Path map – so relaxing! Inspired by Darwin, we have created our own Bird Spotting Booklets, all ready for the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch this weekend. Later in the week, Mark from Bedales taught us how to create beautiful drawings of birds. We have loved our music lesson with Ben finding out about Saint-Saens and acting out parts of the orchestra. We loved exploring melting and freezing with Rachel and baking cakes with Camilla.

## YEAR 3



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## ACHIEVEMENTS



GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

Oscar P-H

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## CALENDAR

Date	Start	End	Description
01/02/2021			Children's Mental Health Week
02/02/2021			Children's Mental Health Week
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04/02/2021			Children's Mental Health Week
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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
<b>12/02/2021</b>	<b>14:30</b>	<b>14:30</b>	<b>Dunannie Half Term Starts</b>
16/02/2021			Pancake Sports Day (family fun)
<b>22/02/2021</b>	<b>08:15</b>		<b>Dunannie Half Term ends - Term Starts</b>
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
<b>12/03/2021</b>			<b>Dunannie INSET (School Closed)</b>
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
<b>26/03/2021</b>	<b>13:00</b>	<b>13:00</b>	<b>Dunannie Term Ends</b>

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## ECO COMMITTEE



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Cinta-friendly chocolate spread! Don't forget to buy chocolate spread without palm oil. Thank you.  
Phoebe.