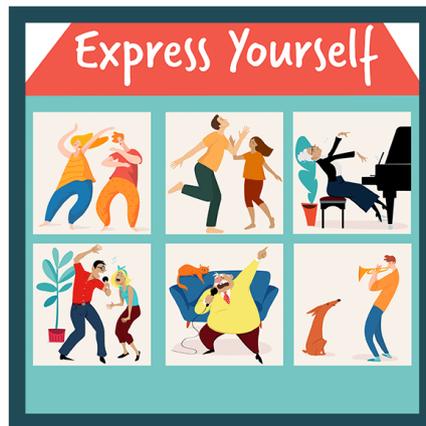


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THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

Thank you to all your children for their enthusiasm and hard work, and to you for your patience and understanding. Juggling work, home schooling and all the other aspects of life with young children during COVID is different for every household.

As you know, this week is Children's Mental Health Week and I don't think it has ever been more important to focus on this than now, during the pandemic. This year, we are looking at the many ways we express ourselves, and the benefits this brings to our emotional wellbeing. Please use the following link for some helpful tips at home:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

Thank you to all those that provided feedback on our online learning provision. We have had a number of positive comments and some great thoughts and suggestions on how we can increase our offering going forward. Please do feel free to continue to share your feedback and suggestions they are invaluable.

Parents' Evenings will take place after half term. Your child's teacher will contact you directly to arrange a meeting, with the exception of Nursery, these will be booked via the Parent Portal.

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A couple of housekeeping points.....

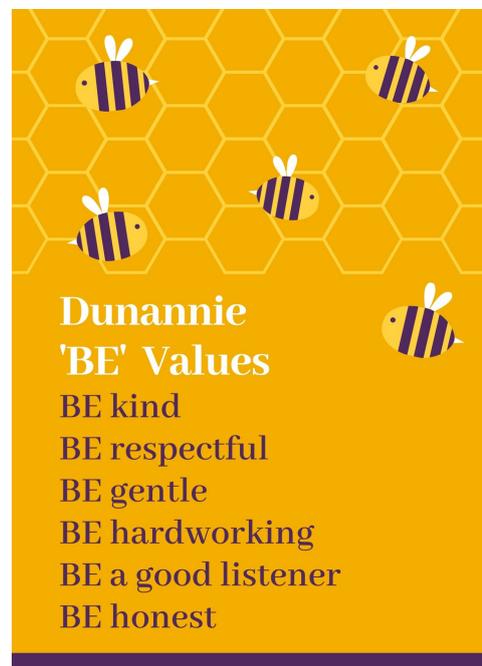
Please remember Dunannie finishes for half term on Friday 12 February. The school day will finish at 3.30pm.

Please find below, a trouble shooting page for Teams. Unfortunately with all this amazing technology there are occasionally a few problems that arise but hopefully, if you're experiencing any technical difficulties, this could help.

Lastly, it's National Play Outside Day tomorrow so I hope that you are all able to get away from the screens and into the fresh air as much as possible over the weekend. Keep sending in those pictures of what you're getting up to at home so we can share them on social media.

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.

Other important contacts:

- Pastoral/safeguarding matters - Sharon Rose, Deputy Head (srose@bedales.org.uk)
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 - Academic matters - Catherine Claasen, Director of Teaching and Learning (cclaasen@bedales.org.uk)
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Has your computer got in a muddle?

If there is a problem with Teams, signing out and then back in again fixes most problems. Also, check for Teams updates.

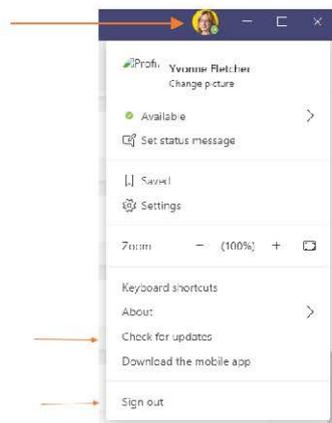
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Where to go to sign out of Teams:

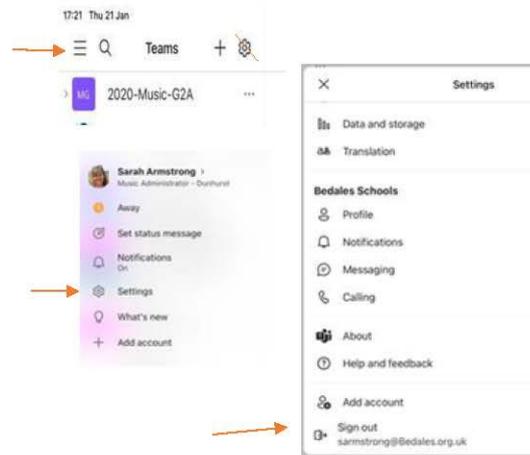
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iPad

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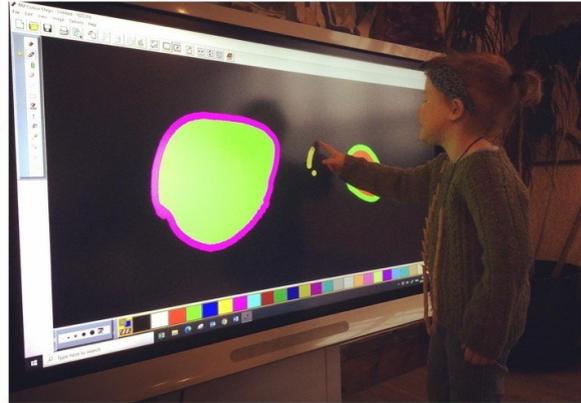


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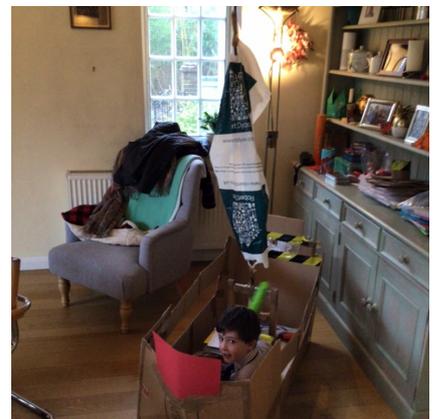
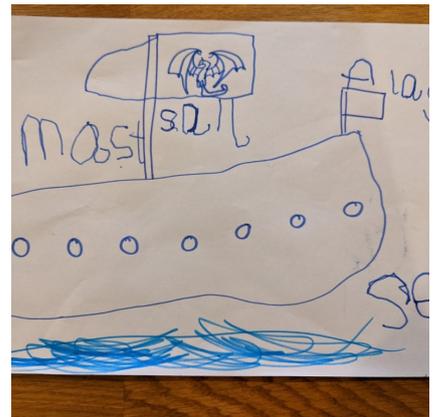
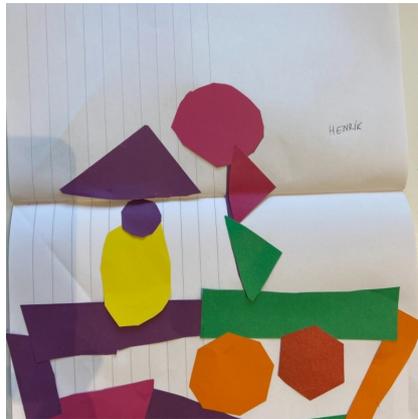


Another busy week in the nursery.
We have travelled into Space and
explored the planets!

NURSERY



RECEPTION



Sink or float? Our Reception pirates are having a whale of a time, making boats, designing flags and thinking up their own pirate names! We have also hidden our "special treasures", creating maps to help our families find these. As part of Children's Mental Health Week, the children designed new flags for their ships, focusing on what makes them happy! In the mornings, we have practised moving and breathing in ways that help us feel calm. Well done, Mateys!



YEAR 1



This week, Year 1 have been exploring the story, *After the Storm*, by Nick Butterworth. They have written speech bubbles, drawn maps, designed, labelled and made homes for the animals in the story and sequenced events. They have also used the story to inspire learning in other areas; planting seeds and bulbs in outdoor work, printing with leaves and vegetables in art and designing bird hides in English and DT. In Maths, they have completely mastered using and recording ordinal numbers as shown when their toys got involved in a race and then took their places on the podium.

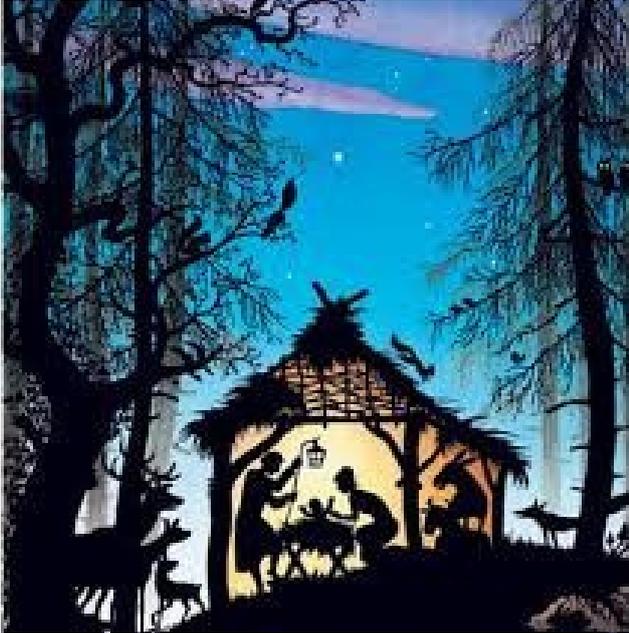
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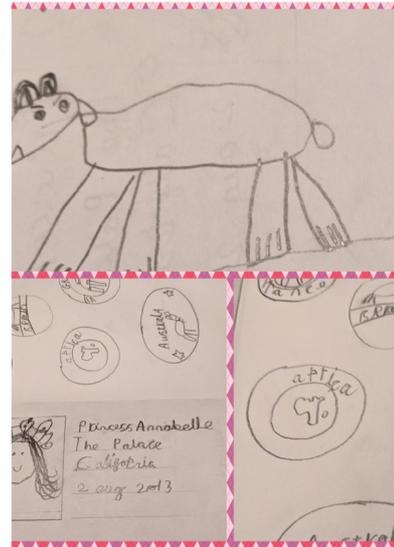
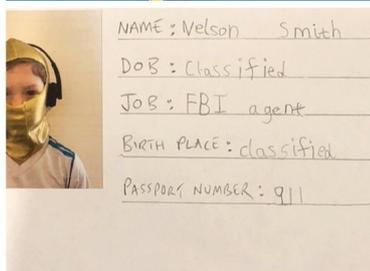


YEAR 2



Year 2 have produced some outstanding work. There has been lots of wonderful work inspired by the fairy tale of Hansel and Gretel, we even had a visit from the witch. In maths we have been exploring lines and curves. We realised that lines and curves are everywhere, even in the houses we made inspired by Pienkowski's illustrations of Hansel and Gretel fairy tale.

YEAR 3



It has been another busy week in Year 3. We have been exploring the extraordinary life of explorer Jeanne Baret, the female botanist who travelled the world in disguise. We loved dressing up and disguising ourselves too - we even made new passports and wrote diaries from Jeanne's perspective! We really enjoyed a science experiment using skittles (delicious) and in maths, finding angles with our semaphore flags. We made paper boats with Mark and Japanese braids with Catherine.

CALENDAR

Date	Start Time	End Time	Description
12/02/2021			Chinese New Year starts
12/02/2021	15:30	15:30	Dunannie Half Term Starts
16/02/2021			Pancake Sports Day (family fun)
22/02/2021	08:15		Dunannie Half Term ends - Term Starts
27/02/2021	10:30	13:00	Dunannie & Dunhurst Open Morning
03/03/2021			World Maths Day
04/03/2021			World Book Day
08/03/2021			British Science Week
09/03/2021			British Science Week
10/03/2021			British Science Week
11/03/2021			British Science Week
11/03/2021	15:30	15:30	Dunannie Long Leave Weekend
12/03/2021			British Science Week
12/03/2021			Dunannie INSET (School Closed)
19/03/2021			Red Nose Day
26/03/2021	13:00	13:00	Dunannie Term Ends