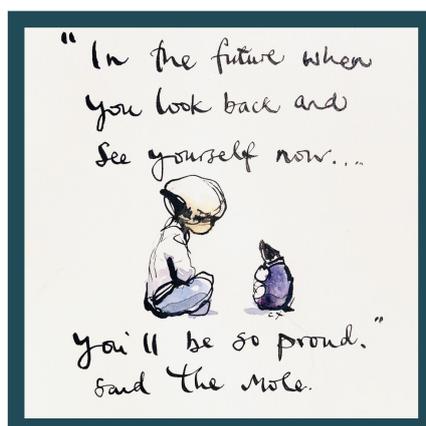


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THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

Firstly, welcome back to Dunannie! It has felt like a very long lockdown, especially for those of you who have been at home helping the children with their school work and online learning. Charlie Mackesy has once again, summed it up perfectly - I hope that you will all look back on this time and be proud of what you and the children have achieved. We are very grateful for your unwavering support during this challenging time.

I am sure that you are as delighted as we are to have the children back in school, interacting with their friends and teachers face-to-face but I also understand that some of you may have concerns about how the children are coping with another change. Please be rest assured that reconnection, building friendships and well-being are at the top of our priority list at the moment.

Dunannie has been full of life again this week with plenty going on for British Science Week, plus we have been taking every opportunity to get outside - we have piglets and lambs at the Bedales farm at the moment. As you can imagine, they have had many visitors from Dunannie this week!

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Just a reminder that next Friday 19th March is Red Nose Day. We are inviting the children to wear a red nose (or an alternative) and to bring in their best joke to share in assembly if they have one.

Also, please can I remind everyone of the Swallow Club mobile number in case you need to contact them after 4pm: 07826 870663

Lastly, I'd like to take this opportunity to say how delighted I am to be at Dunannie and how very grateful I am for your good wishes and very warm welcome, especially the amazing video from the children - what a wonderful surprise! I am looking forward to meeting you over the next few weeks. I will be at the gate and car park to say hello and of course I can't wait to get to know all the children.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Warmest wishes

Fiona

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NURSERY



Nursery made the best use of the sunny days to mix their own paints and enjoy the garden this week

NURSERY



We have been hunting for insects in the woods this week (more accessible than igloos and iguanas for our letter sound of the week!)

NURSERY



After making volcanoes last week the nursery have been exploring the reaction between bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. "It's fizzing." "It sounds like cooking."

NURSERY



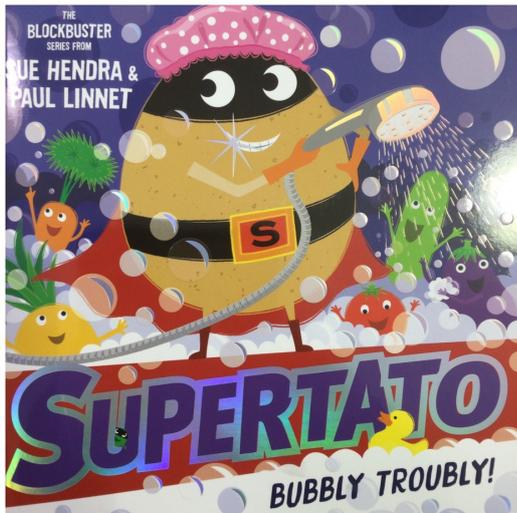
It has been wonderful to see Karen this week for P.E. and we enjoyed moving in different ways and working together with the parachute.

RECEPTION

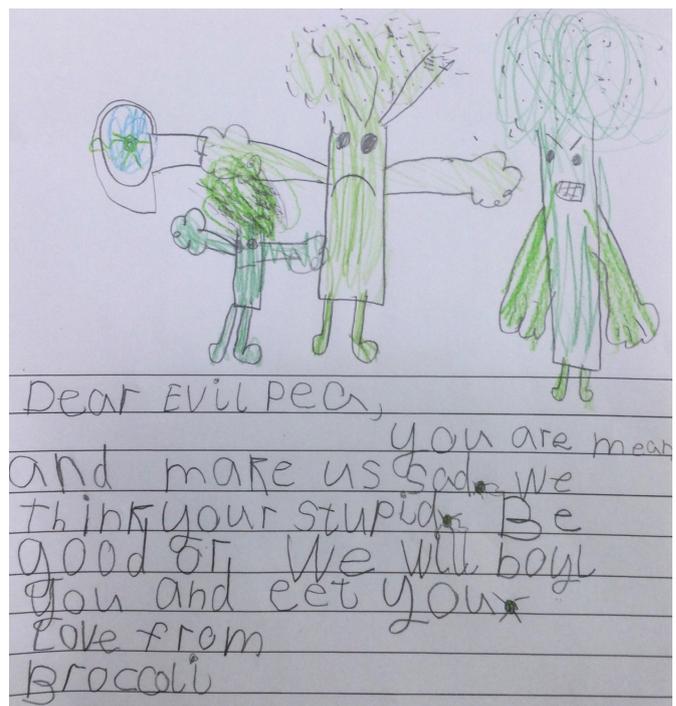


Reception Class enjoyed a lovely sunny afternoon walk to see the goats, piglets and lambs at Bedales Farm. We're so lucky to have this right on our doorstep.

YEAR 1



Year 1 have caught up with friends, with the goings on on the farm and with the changes and signs of spring that are appearing around the estate. They have found a lot out about the Dexter cattle, visited the ewes to see how the lambing is going, had a peek at the piglets and given the goats a head rub. The Supertato books have continued to inspire and there have been fantastic scientific investigations into bubbles and how they are made!



YEAR 1



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YEAR 2



Year 2 have spent the week working together in small groups making little people and survival kits, including things like water bottles, a first aid kits and sleeping bags. We then built shelters for our little people who are spending the night outside tonight. We are hoping they will survive the wind and the rain and keep warm in their shelters.



YEAR 3



How brilliant to see all Year 3 back in Dunannie! And a big welcome to Albie and Tristan who are joining us in Year 3 for the first time.

This week we made the most of the weather with an Orchard quiz, outside maths and science, and a moveable storytelling event –ending up with a farmer and a boggart beside the vegetable beds (acted brilliantly by Eliot ad Rufus!)

On Wednesday we explored Fantastic Forces in our Science Morning to celebrate British Science Week –enjoying experiments from submarine socks and magnet mazes, to making Rube Goldberg Machines!

We have really enjoyed working in pairs and different groups to re-connect with our friends and make new ones. The projects and models have been arriving in the classroom ready for our ‘exhibition’ when we will find out more about each explorer. And then a few magic tricks to finish off our first wonderful week back in school!

ACHIEVEMENTS



GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

CALENDAR

Date	Start	End	Description
19/03/2021			Dunannie Red Nose Day (Assembly and Jokes)
26/03/2021	15:30	15:30	Dunannie Term Ends
19/04/2021	08:30	08:30	Dunannie Term Starts
03/05/2021			May Bank Holiday (School Closed)
10/05/2021	15:00	16:00	Dunannie Mixed Cricket v St Ives (Away)
11/05/2021			Dunannie Class Photographs
13/05/2021	14:30	15:30	Dunannie Mixed Cricket v The Royal (Home)
24/05/2021	14:30	15:30	Dunannie Mixed Fixture v The Royal (sport TBC) Away
27/05/2021	15:30	15:30	Half Term Starts
07/06/2021	08:30	08:30	Half Term Ends
10/06/2021	15:00	16:00	Dunannie Mixed Cricket v St Ives (Home) Time TBC
21/06/2021	15:00	16:00	Dunannie Swim Gala v St Ives (Home)
24/06/2021	09:00	10:30	Dunannie - Summer Production
24/06/2021	14:30	17:00	Dunannie - Year 3 Mixed Fixture v The Royal (sport Tbc)
25/06/2021	09:00	10:30	Dunannie - Summer Production (Reserve Day)
28/06/2021	13:00	15:00	Dunannie - Sports Day (Reception - Year 3)
29/06/2021	13:00	15:00	Dunannie - Reserve Sports Day (Reception - Year 3)
30/06/2021	10:30	12:30	Dunannie - Sports Day and Picnic Lunch (Nursery)
01/07/2021			Dunannie - New Comers / Moving Up Morning TBC
02/07/2021	10:30	12:30	Dunannie - Fun Run and Lunch
02/07/2021	13:00	13:00	Dunannie Term Ends