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THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

This week, we have ended the spring term on a high, with lots of practical learning and plenty of Easter themed activities for the children to enjoy, alongside their normal lessons.

It was World Sleep Day last week, so my Year 2 and 3 assembly on Monday focused on why having a good night sleep is important for our health. We discussed different ways we can help ourselves relax at night and get ready for bed. I ended the assembly with a visual mindfulness activity, practicing some calm breathing and thinking of beautiful places we can visit. The children then needed a good run around as they were certainly very relaxed! We will continue focusing on how to keep our mind and body healthy after Easter.

The weather has once again been kind to us - Year 1 took full advantage on Monday by spending the entire afternoon outside for their lessons, spotting species of trees, identifying blossom and, a special bonus, seeing the sheep at feeding time. You will see from the photos further on in the newsletter (and of course on our social media) that everyone has spent plenty of time outside this week, enjoying the first signs of spring!

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A quick note about clubs after school next term - there are lots of spaces in football on a Friday for anyone in Year 2 or Year 3. If you are interested in taking part, please let the office know ASAP. Unfortunately, if we do not get enough takers, we will need to cancel this club.

Lastly, I am sure that you will by now have received my 'end of term' letter so all that's left for me to say is that I hope you are able to enjoy plenty of family time and take advantage of the spring weather this Easter break and I very much look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 19 April at 8.30.

Warmest wishes

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NURSERY



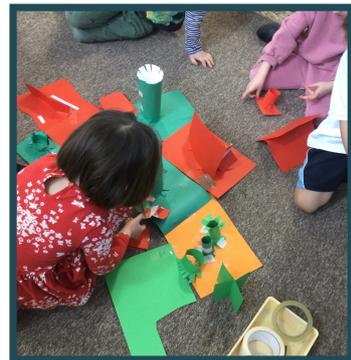
The pop up Pizza Parlour was very popular this week.

NURSERY



The Nursery have been very busy baking biscuits and getting ready for Easter.

RECEPTION



We have had fun with Easter crafts this week. We are very excited that our beanstalks are growing.

YEAR 1



Year 1 have been studying blossoms and buds closely this week to identify them. They then used acrylic paint to create trees or branches covered in the blossom they saw. They have started some plant life off too; sowing tomato seeds and planting strawberries in the new greenhouse after preparing the beds for planting out in the summer term.

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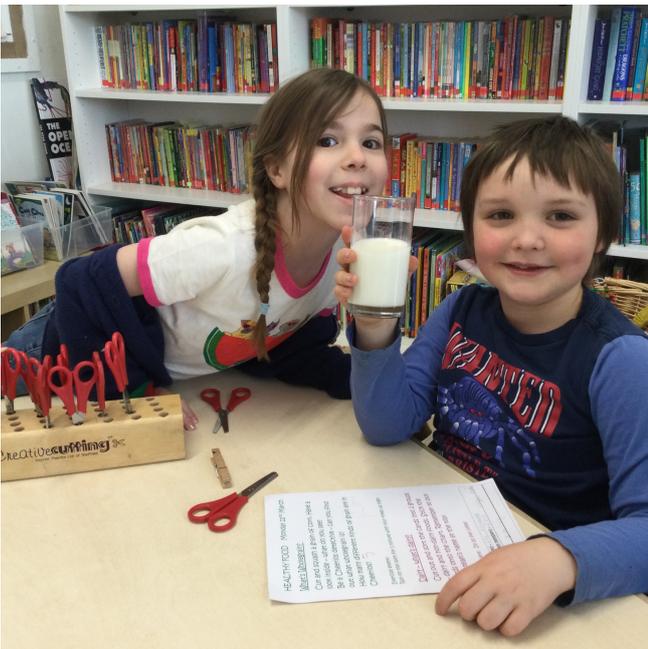
YEAR 2



Skelibones is moving with the times - a mask and a red nose!
We spent Tuesday morning identifying animal skeletons and bones, looking at x-rays and making a skeleton puzzle.
Later we launched our rafts, visited the animals and finished the day with popcorn around the fire! Wow - what a fun day.



YEAR 3



As part of their digital photography work this week, Year 3 took photos of blossom and back in the classroom recreated Japanese sakura blossom trees, and developed their observational drawing and painting skills.

We also investigated healthy food and different food groups, and were able to recognise these at lunchtime in the Dining Room and make good balanced choices!

CALENDAR

Date	Start Time	End Time	Description
26/03/2021	15:30	15:30	Dunannie Term Ends
19/04/2021	08:30	08:30	Dunannie Term Starts
30/04/2021	15:30	15:30	Dunannie May Bank Holiday Long Leave starts
03/05/2021			May Bank Holiday (School Closed)
10/05/2021	15:00	16:00	Dunannie Mixed Cricket v St Ives (Away) TBC
11/05/2021			Dunannie Class Photographs TBC
13/05/2021	14:30	15:30	Dunannie Mixed Cricket v The Royal (Home) TBC
24/05/2021	14:30	15:30	Dunannie Mixed Fixture v The Royal (sport TBC) Away
27/05/2021	15:30	15:30	Dunannie Half Term Starts
07/06/2021	08:30	08:30	Dunannie return after Half Term
10/06/2021	15:00	16:00	Dunannie Mixed Cricket v St Ives (Home) Time TBC
18/06/2021	15:30	15:30	Dunannie Long Leave Weekend starts (no Late Swallow Club)
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)
26/06/2021	09:30	11:00	Dunannie - Teddy to Nursery Morning (New Families)
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