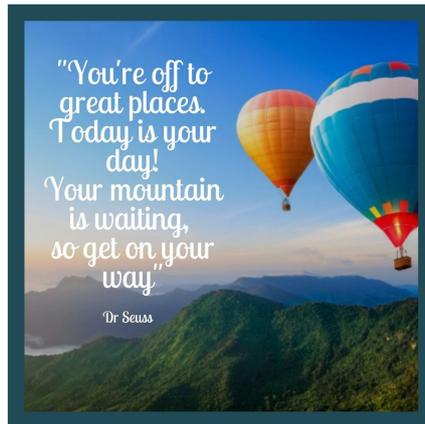


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THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

We are so looking forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday. Last Friday you will have received my letter outlining key information regarding the return to school. Please see a summary below with arrival/departure information for Nursery to Year 3 .

- Year 2 / Year 3 – arrive promptly at 8.25, collection 3.30.
- Reception / Year 1 – arrive promptly at 8.35 collection 3.30.
- Nursery - arrive 8.30-8.45, collection from 3.20 allowing for collection of older sibling at 3.30.
- Please remain in your car and staff will collect your child. If for any reason you need to get out of your car to speak to staff, please wear a face covering.
- PE will take place on a Thursday and Friday for Reception to Year 3 and children should arrive dressed in PE kit on these days. Swimming starts on Monday 8 March for years 2 and 3 and on 17 March for Reception and Year 1.

We are delighted that our new Head, Fiona Read, will be in school with us from Friday 12 March. Therefore, this is the last Friday Letter from me. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness and support over the last two terms. I'm looking forward to working with Fiona in the future.

A note for your diaries - Red Nose Day is on Friday 19 March – please could the children wear a red nose and bring their best joke to share in assembly. We will send a reminder nearer the time.

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Thank you for your feedback in response to the lockdown survey. For your information, Dunannie had 19 responses spread across all year groups and the main findings can be found further on in this letter.

We look forward to seeing the children back on Monday. Please see the calendar for the latest events for the remainder of this academic year.

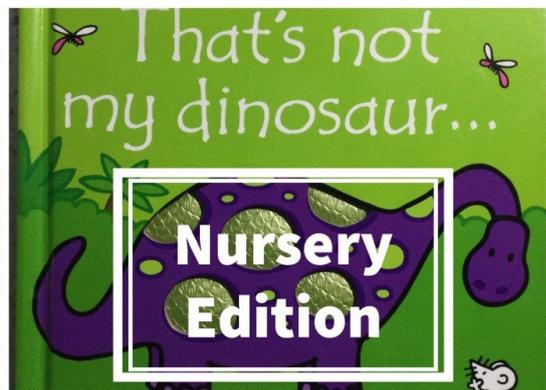
Wishing you a wonderful and restful weekend.

Warmest wishes

Sharon

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NURSERY



The Nursery celebrated World Book Day by making their own version of That's Not My Dinosaur...

NURSERY



We have been continuing to explore the World of the dinosaurs this week.

NURSERY

Great pedalling!



Visiting the lambs and piglets



Searching for metals with magnets



Making books on Book Day



We are dinosaur hunters!



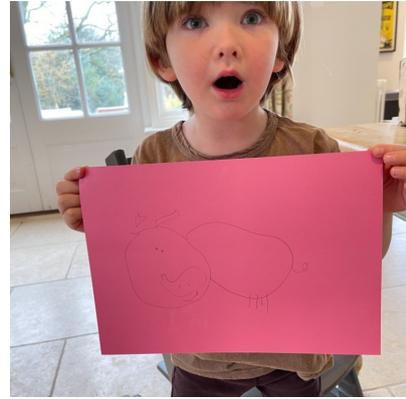
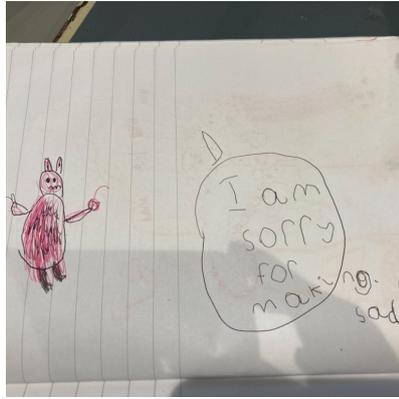
Yoga time



Coordination in action!

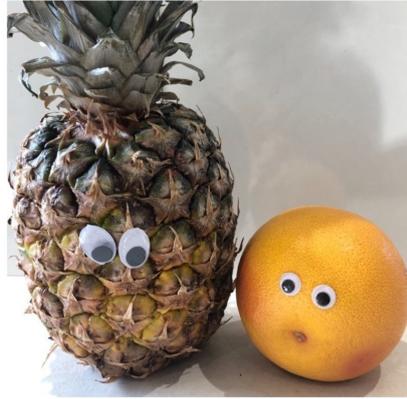
So many different child initiated activities this week in the Nursery! They have learnt new skills, shown us the way to the farm and requested yoga time.

RECEPTION



With the arrival of piglets at school, the Reception children have been using the story *The Three Little Pigs* to focus their learning on. We have made houses from all sorts of objects for the nine little piglets and started to develop our own stories too! They have also thought of ideas of how to help the wolf apologise for being unkind in the story.

YEAR 1



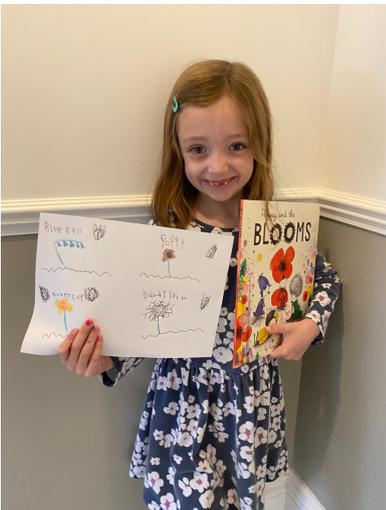
Year 1 had a visit from the Evil Pea from the Supertato books this week. They asked him lots of questions such as; 'Why are you so mean to the other veg?', 'How do you keep getting out of the freezer?' and 'How many schemes can you get through in one day?'

A Superveggie and Superfruit team has been created to stop the Evil Pea from doing any more mean tricks!

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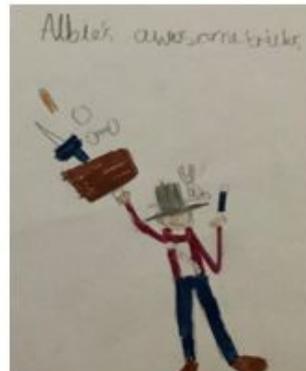


YEAR 2



Year 2 had so much fun today looking at the clues of all the children's favourite books. We wish every day was World Book Day. We can't wait to read the books that we didn't know.

YEAR 3



What an amazing time Year 3 have had with their learning this term! From researching explorers with disguises, giant tortoises, Arctic and space travel, to opening envelope instalments of our Grimm fairy story each day and acting, exploring and creating the story. We've been meeting authors and celebrating ideas, stories and books, acting, mapping, designing and experimenting - and even learning jazz and magic tricks! Here is a gallery of some of our wonderful work

Well done Year 3!

YEAR 3



ACHIEVEMENTS



GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

Max

Eva

Kayahan x 2

CALENDAR

Start Date	Start Time	End Time	Description
19/03/2021			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
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)
02/07/2021	10:30	12:30	Dunannie - Fun Run and Lunch
02/07/2021	13:00	13:00	Dunannie Term Ends

ECO NEWS

I'm pleased to bring you some good news - a young tiger cub has been rescued from a wire snare in the Leuser Ecosystem in Sumatra, in a rescue mission that no doubt saved his life.

The money that Dunannie have raised for Cinta goes towards the charities that are doing so much to save these precious tigers from extinction - thank you!



LOCKDOWN SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you for your feedback to school as part of the lockdown survey. For your information, Dunannie had 19 responses spread across all year groups and the main findings can be found below:

Communication - The majority (73.7%) thought information on home learning was good/outstanding. Almost half (47.3%) however, wanted more information on how parents could best support their children with home learning, and 31.6% would have liked more feedback on their child's progress.

Teaching and Learning - Access to work, lessons, live teaching and teachers was all good, eg. 84.2% felt their children understood the work set in lessons.

Wellbeing - Lockdown resulted in 73.7% of respondents' children often/sometimes lacking motivation to study and 84.2% feeling isolated from friends. Your top five suggested areas for us to focus on were: Social/friendship activities (78.9%); providing sports and fitness activities (52.6%); reviewing/revising subject content (31.6%); team/group activities (31.6%); and creative arts (31.6%)

Additional holiday lessons/activities - The majority of parents did not want additional lessons in either the Easter or summer holidays. There was, however, more interest in other activities in both of these periods.

