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THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

We have been totally spoilt with our weather lately but the rain on Wednesday was very welcome in our vegetable patch! You will see from the photographs on social media and further on in the newsletter that we have spent lots of time outdoors this week.

Monday's assembly was entitled 'Be Respectful' - another one of our 'Be Values' that we encourage the children to embrace at Dunannie. Not just respect for each other, our friends, family, teachers and the people we meet, but for the environment, ourselves and everything around us. We asked the children who they admired or respected and why, and we discussed examples of respect - being quiet in a library or truly listening to someone speak, for example.

Our Friday assembly must be noted too as we were all treated to a rather fabulous gymnastics display by Roma and Sophie in Year 3. They had obviously put a lot of work into their routine and it was a delight for us all to see their passion and talent. We are aiming to make our Friday celebratory assembly a platform for the children to showcase their skills, going forward, so I look forward to many more amazing performances.

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Just a couple of housekeeping points to end on.....

Sports fixtures can now start from 17th May (our first fixture at Dunannie is the Year 3 mixed fixture at The Royal School on 24th May) but although the children get to play competitive sport again, we are still unable to invite parents in to support at this stage. I really hope that after half term we can start to welcome you back - we will keep you posted.

On the subject of COVID restrictions, please could I encourage everyone who needs to leave their car, to continue to keep socially distanced - if you are unable to, please wear a mask.

The AGM of the Bedales Parents' Association will take place on Microsoft TEAMS on Wednesday 19 May, at 1830. All parents are welcome to attend and if you would like to do so please let Pam Goff know at pgoff@bedales.org.uk.

Finally, I hope that you all have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and we will look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday.

Warmest wishes

Fiona

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NURSERY



All about orange! The children in Nursery have been learning how to mix red and yellow to make orange.

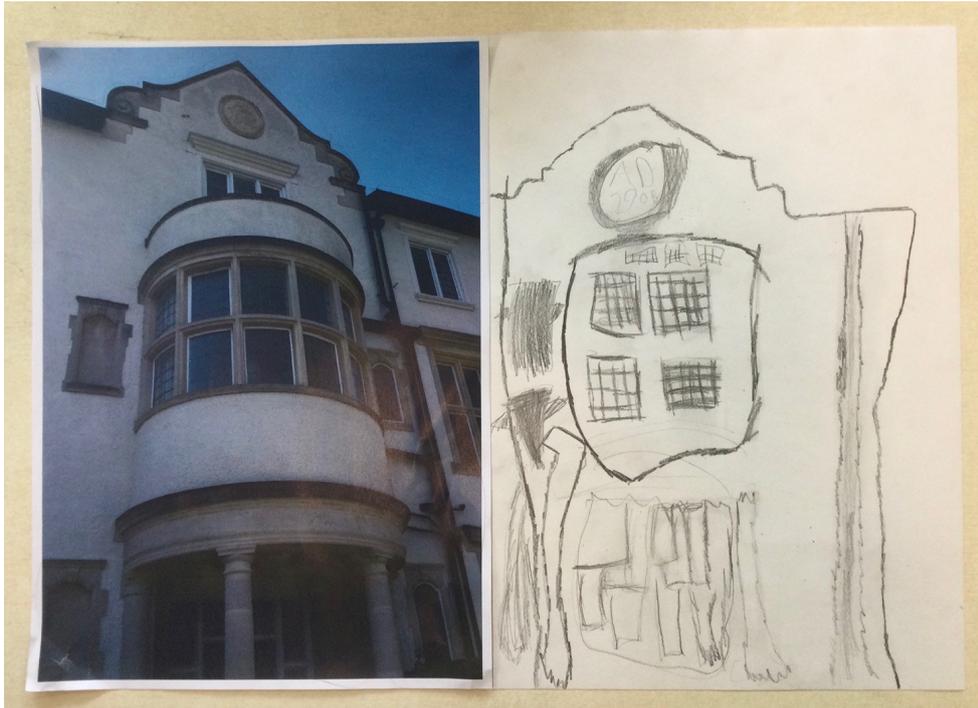


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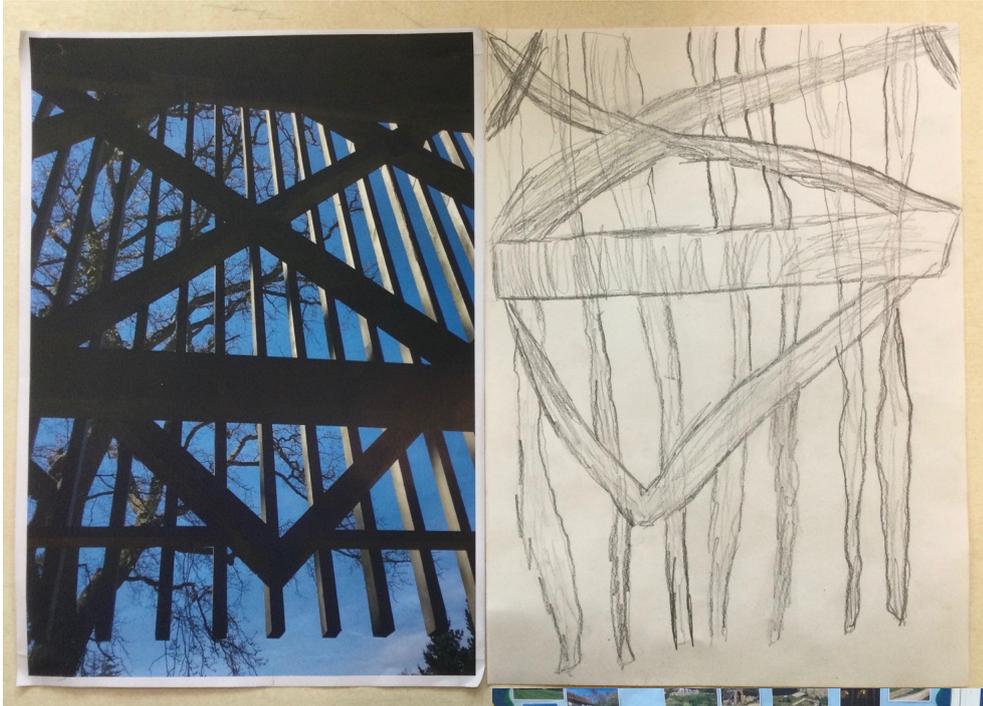
Reception have had a week filled with dinosaurs and volcanoes! Mummy dinosaur left a message asking us to look after her precious eggs. We have researched what makes a good nest and made nests that are safe and cosy. We loved being palaeontologists excavating the dinosaur dig. What hard work! To add to the excitement, our new class design studio is inspiring us to design outfits for people and animals.

YEAR 1



Year 1 have studied the buildings on the estate closely, looking at the shapes and lines they're composed of. They have used these observations and their photographs to create amazing pencil sketches.

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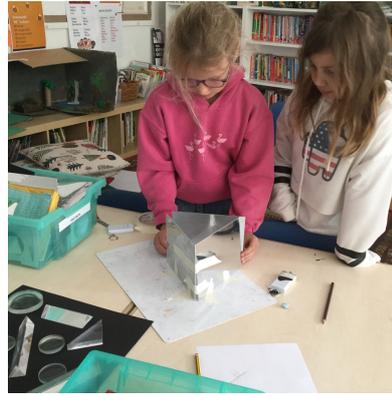
YEAR 2



This week in Year 2 we've been thinking about the flowers and the colours that bees like, as well as seeing the young lambs.



YEAR 3



More clay work with Eva at Dunhurst working on our tropical rainforest project – so lovely to get to know another Dunhurst teacher and studio ready for transition in September. Also this week, our science experiments focussed on reflection and refraction. There were some exciting light results from our mirror, prism and lens models. We began our Stop Motion Animation project this week by making a start on the Rainforest sets – ingenious designs and lots of creative plans!

OUTDOOR WORK



Reception have been busy sowing more seeds ting out their sunflowers which have already grown up to our knees!



During ODW this week, Year 1 followed up their map work with Leanne by mapping the orchard using natural materials. They took care to represent each main feature such as the pond, greenhouse and Potting Shed and put them in the right place on their map.

OUTDOOR WORK



Year 2 have been focusing on bees so in ODW they prepared the ground and sowed wildflower seeds to support them. They built the extra compost module so we can fill, cook and use separate bins. They also potted on the strawberries and planted out the garlic. What a busy morning!

ACHIEVEMENTS



GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

Hugo W-M

Kayahan
Hugo W-M

CALENDAR

Date	Start	End	Description
30/04/2021	15:30	15:30	Dunannie May Bank Holiday Long Leave starts
03/05/2021			May Bank Holiday (School Closed)
05/05/2021	12:30	13:00	Dunannie - Year 1 Seona Ford (History Project)
10/05/2021	09:30	10:30	Dunannie - Year 1 Alistair Langlands (History Topic)
11/05/2021			Dunannie Class Photographs
17/05/2021	08:45	17:30	Dunannie Y2 & Y3 Trip to Kew Gardens
20/05/2021			Dunannie - Outdoor Classroom Day - Ploughman's Lunch
24/05/2021	14:30	15:30	Dunannie Mixed Fixture v The Royal (sport TBC) Away
25/05/2021	10:30	11:30	Dunannie - Shakespeare's Globe Theatre - Story Telling (Yr 1-3)
28/05/2021	15:30	15:30	Dunannie Half Term Starts
06/06/2021			Dunannie Half Term Ends
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	09:30	13:00	Dunannie - Summer Production with lunch
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
02/07/2021	10:30	12:30	Dunannie - Fun Run and Lunch
02/07/2021	15:30	15:30	Dunannie - Term Ends