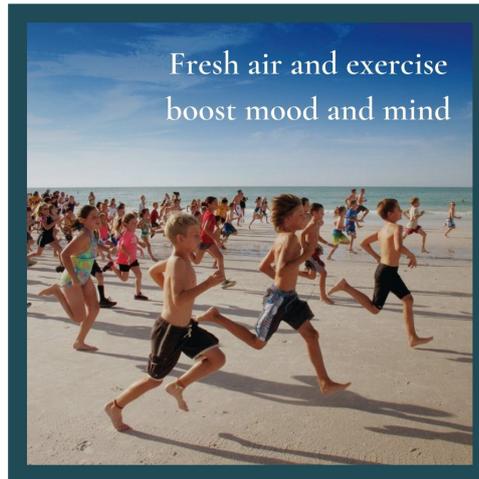


14 MAY 2021

# THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

It is Mental Health Awareness Week and although Dunannie make this a priority every week, we have been even more conscious of spending time outside and experiencing nature and all that the fabulous Bedales estate has to offer. Being amongst nature, or even viewing scenes of nature, reduces anger, fear, and stress and makes us feel better emotionally and contributes to our physical wellbeing, and what better way to experience it than on a walk with your classmates!

Monday's Assembly was centred around 'Be Aware' again (as it is the focus for this entire term). This week we discussed being aware of our words and the need to THINK carefully before we say something that might hurt other people's feelings. The assembly included some discussion about red and yellow thoughts and how we must learn to challenge 'red' thoughts. Next Monday I will be reading 'The Big Bag of Worries' story which is about talking and sharing your problems.

Catherine's 'Be Aware' assembly for Years 2 and 3 was about how we find out about what's going on in the world, with a focus on Fair Trade and the journey of a cocoa bean from the grower to our kitchens. Year 3 proudly presented their own Fair Trade chocolate bars, invented, designed and branded with the Fair trade symbol.

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We've had Chris Darmanin at school this week taking the class photographs. He really managed to engage the children and had great fun with them all - I am sure that this will be reflected in the photographs. As usual, they will be available to purchase and should be ready in the next couple of weeks. More information on this to follow.

We are very excited to be able to host a production this year and are looking for costume volunteers, you don't need to sew and all year groups are welcome. If you would like to offer your support contact Michelle on [msilver21@outlook.com](mailto:msilver21@outlook.com) or 07719596254. The first meeting is planned for 25 May.

As I said in last week's newsletter, we have seen a recent rise in children returning to school with minor infections such as colds and sore throats. To reduce the load of general infection in the school community, we ask that children who are already at home with minor infections should not return to school until they are symptom free. Unfortunately we have head lice in school. I would be grateful if you can check your children using a nit comb and conditioner until all traces of the head lice are removed. This may seem a rather laborious approach but it has been found to be the only effective and harmless way of dealing with this problem. If everyone checks and treats we should be able to eliminate them quickly.

A few of you have asked where to find the menus for lunch and supper. These can be found on the Bedales website but for ease, please see the link below:  
<https://www.bedales.org.uk/parents/catering>

On a final note, we are all very excited about the changes that are being introduced from next week, allowing us to return to some form of normality. For Dunannie, the changes may appear less obvious, as unlike Dunhurst and Bedales, the children have not been wearing masks at school and this is the most significant change within the school guidelines. We will, however, no longer require masks to be worn at pick-up and drop-off. Following the guidelines, we will remain in 'pods' indoors, but we are reviewing the guidelines for 'pods' outside next week. I will be sending a letter informing you of the changes in due course.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Warmest wishes

Fiona

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# NURSERY



The Nursery have learnt letter 'K' this week and have been singing 'Let's go Fly a Kite' from Mary Poppins. Look at the fantastic kites we made!

## RECEPTION



Reception had a wonderful start to the week, visiting outdoor work to look at tractors and tools and how these have changed over time.

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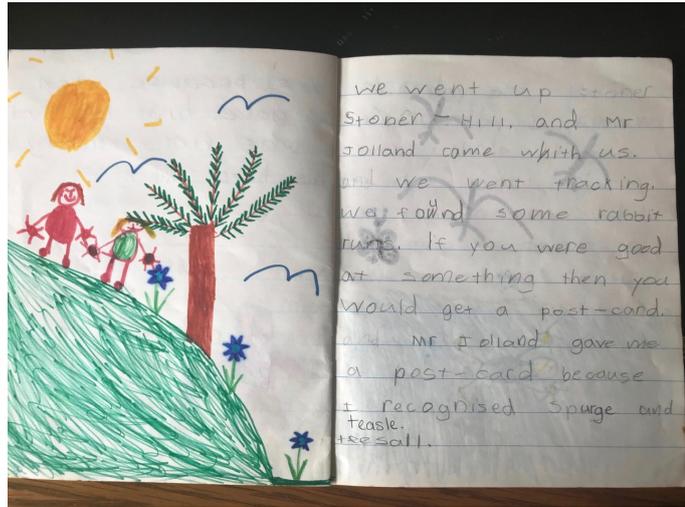
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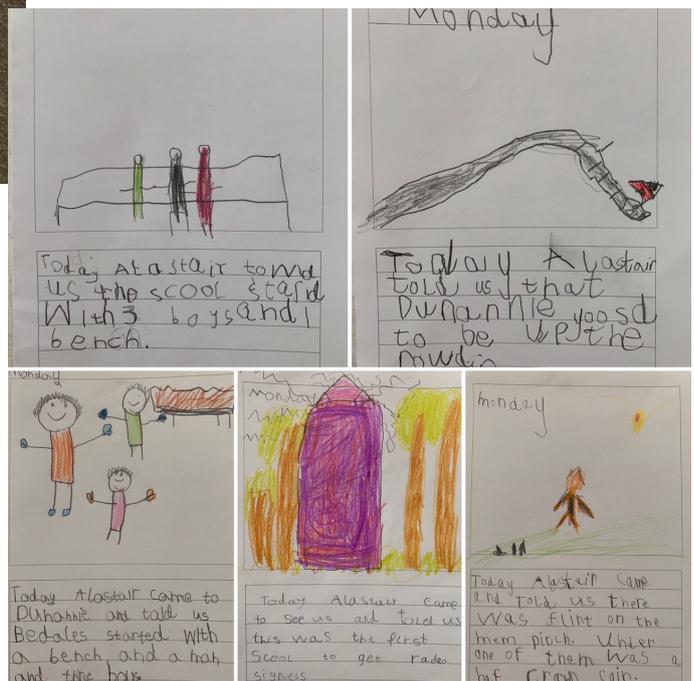
The first ever piece of Bedales furniture came to Dunannie with Alastair, a previous head of Dunhurst and all round history of Bedales expert. Year 1 enjoyed asking questions about how life was here in the past and were inspired by Alastair's story of how John Badley started the school with one bench, 3 boys and 6 teachers.



# YEAR 1



Inspired by the diary Seona wrote when at Dunhurst in the 1950s that she shared with us last week, Year 1 have also been writing diary entries. Laura, who was at Dunannie in the 70s, also shared her early diary writing with us this week and Year 1 really enjoyed finding out what had changed and what had stayed the same.



## YEAR 2



It began with some rolled up newspaper and masking tape, then paper mache, then painting, now wire cutting and bending to make the antennae, next week wings. The bees are nearly ready to fly and pollinate our flowers.

## YEAR 3



Year 3 had a full morning of Outdoor Learning this week, foraging for natural materials and building a new minibeast hotel with a planted roof, and constructing 6 new spherical structures which are sitting proudly on the posts surrounding our wildlife area. We visited the beautiful bluebell woods on Tuesday and took watercolours with us to paint in the open air like David Hockney. The sight and scent of these flowers was incredible! How lucky we are to have this at Bedales.



## OUTDOOR WORK



Year 3 started the week with a busy morning of Outdoor Work, creating two new homes for the insects and other minibeasts which live in our orchard. Working in teams of three they foraged for materials before constructing their spheres and the new bug hotel with a living roof.

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This week Year 2 did a fantastic job of weeding one of the large raised beds and planted out their squashes. They thought about why we needed to do any weeding and why the bottom leaves of their squashes might have been turning yellow. They have inspected their tomato plants which will soon be ready for planting out. There will be a surplus for sale soon.



Year 1 discussed what would make a good temporary shelter. We looked at several different materials which we didn't think would keep us dry, although it was suggested they could be layered which might improve their ability to keep us dry! Having decided on a material like our coats we set about finding a good spot and finding a way to support it. Having been raining heavily earlier in the morning it stopped just as we wanted to test our shelter so we had to give it a helping hand! Their ideas and descriptive language for materials and supports were impressive. Well done Year 1!

# ACHIEVEMENTS



**GOLD**

**SILVER**

**BRONZE**

Kayahan

Max A

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Hugo W-M x 2

# CALENDAR

Date	Start	End	Description
17/05/2021	08:30	17:00	Dunannie Y2 & Y3 Trip to Kew Gardens
18/05/2021	15:00	15:30	Dunannie Performers' Platform
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 CANCELLED
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
09/06/2021	13:25	17:25	Bikeability Cycling Course
10/06/2021	14:30	16:00	Dunannie Mixed Cricket v St Ives (Home) Time TBC
14/06/2021	10:00	15:15	Year 1 - Educational Visit - Bird World
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	10:15	13:30	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	13:30	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	10:10	12:30	Dunannie - Sports Day and Picnic Lunch (Nursery)
01/07/2021			Dunannie - New Comers / Moving Up Morning
02/07/2021	13:30	15:00	Dunannie - Fun Run
02/07/2021	15:30	15:30	Dunannie - Term Ends