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# THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

It was a fabulous start to the week with our first school trip taking place on Monday after many months of lockdown. I had the pleasure of travelling to Kew Gardens with Years 2 and 3 for their Bee (Year 2) and Rainforest (Year 3) projects. All the children attended workshops, explored many amazing diverse environments which were so interesting and informative. It was lovely to be able to take the children on their first trip this year! I hope that the children came home with lots of chatter about their experiences.

On Tuesday we were treated to a wonderful concert in the library where our Dunannie musicians showcased their talents in the Performers' Platform, arranged by Ben, Mea and Sarah in the Dunhurst music department. A big thank you to them for all their hard work and to the children for their amazing efforts. I hope that you were able to watch the live streaming of this event from the comfort of your living rooms and if not, hopefully you will have received the link to the recording from Sarah by now.

We celebrated Outdoor Classroom Day on Wednesday with an abundance of our usual outdoor work plus the added bonus of a picnic lunch which was utterly delicious even though we ended up having to eat it inside due to the weather! We took plenty of other opportunities though to enjoy everything the outdoors has to offer, as you'll see from the photographs.

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Next week Years 1-3 have a storytelling session with the Globe Theatre on Tuesday; on Wednesday 26th, in the morning, the Cinta Protectors will be selling tomatoes and violets that the children have grown this spring - they will be asking for donations for Cinta, our tiger; and of course, half term starts at 3.30pm but please note that Early Swallow Club and Ball Sports will go ahead until 4.30pm as usual. Tennis is cancelled next Friday.

One final reminder if your child is unable to take part in a PE lesson for any reason please ensure you email the office or your child's class teacher to let them know.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Warmest wishes

Fiona

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## NURSERY



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R is for robots and rock cakes! Nursery children have loved making and using 'robots' this week and also baking rock cakes. They have also been out in the rain! Please remember next week is Wheels Week. The children can bring in a wheeled toy. If they bring a bike, remember a helmet.

NURSERY



## RECEPTION



An exciting week in reception as we visited Marcella at outdoor work to learn about how yarn was made by using spinning wheels and spindles a long time ago. We also visited Mark in the design barn to learn about different types of tools and wood as well as the trees that they come from. The children have had a go at printing using bottle tops and bubble wrap to create a giant pumpkin in the style of Yayoi Kusama's art. What a great week!



## YEAR 1

Year 1 have been contemplating what makes Dunannie special to them this week and have shared their reflections. Here are some snippets...

'I like wearing my own clothes because I can choose what is comfortable. I would not like everyone to look the same because we are all different people.'

'We call everyone their names and not Miss or Mrs or whatever because we are like a family and that would be a bit strange.'

'We learn interesting things and stuff that children find interesting and not just what grown ups think are interesting.'

'Dunannie is special because of the friendship and funship. I know funship isn't a word but maybe I have just made a new word because it does describe here well.'

'Playing is important at Dunannie and so is food and going outside to do lessons. I definitely could not learn if I had to be inside all day and only outside for playtimes!'

'You get to choose a lot of things here, like what to play, what to build and where to explore...we don't even always know where the paths are going to and it is exciting to find out!'

'We are happy and if anyone isn't, we help them to be happy again.'

'Dunannie is special because everyone loves each other, sort of like a family.'



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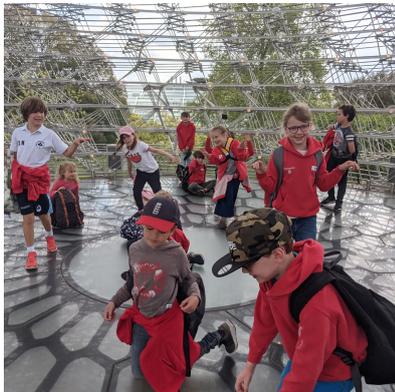


## YEAR 2



What a busy week we've had in Year 2. On Monday, we were at Kew discovering the pulsating movements and sounds of the bee; on Tuesday, we were looking at what we can see living on the pond at school; on Wednesday we went over to Dunhurst to work with Eva, the ceramics teacher, and made beautiful flowers; and on Thursday, we finished our bees. They are almost ready to fly!

## YEAR 3



Year 3 had a brilliant visit to Kew Gardens on Monday, so good to be out and about again! We saw lots of incredible trees and flowers and explored different climate zones. Kate from Kew pointed out the Theobroma Cacao tree, vanilla, banana and pineapple plants as we sweltered in the hot and steamy atmosphere.

In the Hive we saw, and heard, how the bees activity in their own hive is reflected by 1000 LED lights, and one of our groups found out more about pollination. It was a joy to discover places to play and explore together, from the Children's Garden, to the secret pathways and wonderful trees to hug and climb. A wonderful day!

## YEAR 3



Also, thank you to VI Form students Ben, Jamie, Nina and Bella who set up two STEM projects for us this week – biodiversity in a pond habitat and a pollution problem – how could we clean up some very polluted water. We used an identification key and also learned about filtration.

## OUTDOOR WORK



Reception class have been planting in the Potting Shed this week and identifying many of the common trees we have in our orchard.



Year 2 had a busy time clearing another of the raised beds and planting edible flower seeds. They used our homegrown compost to bolster the soil in the salad bed by the classroom and to plant the cucumbers and tomatoes in the greenhouse.

# ACHIEVEMENTS



**GOLD**

**SILVER**

**BRONZE**

Leo P

Max  
 Kayahan  
 Leo P  
 Albie  
 Hugo WM

# CALENDAR

Date	Start	End	Description
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			Year 3 - Grand Day Out
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	10:00	10:30	Year 3 - Leavers Assembly
02/07/2021	13:30	15:00	Dunannie - Fun Run
02/07/2021	15:30	15:30	Dunannie - Term Ends

## NOTICES

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