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THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

It has been a wonderful week at Dunannie but the icing on the cake had to be our visit from Sarah Llewellyn-Shore, Education Practitioner at The Globe Theatre, for a fabulous storytelling session on Tuesday. Sarah is incredibly passionate about working with young people and this really came through in her performance. It was a huge treat for the children to experience such a talented individual who had everyone totally engaged in her amazing storytelling. A Midsummer Night's Dream has never sounded so good and after all these weeks of lockdown it was an extremely welcome visit that every single one of us enjoyed, children and adults alike.

I would like to say a big thank you to all those who were able to visit the Cinta Plant Sale Fundraiser on Wednesday morning. The children had worked hard on nurturing their plants and I hope you will all thoroughly enjoy your homegrown tomatoes and violets - now that the weather is improving, they should thrive. The monies raised by all their hard work will go to a wonderful cause - Cinta, our endangered tiger. Please see the Eco Committee page further on in the newsletter for photographs and the grand total - thank you for your huge generosity.

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Our assemblies this week have centred on the picture book, 'Huge Bag of Worries' which encourages children to open up about their fears and anxieties and help manage their feelings - "the perfect book to soothe worries". We also discussed the five finger breathing technique which is really useful for creating calm and focus. If you would like to do this with your children at home, here's how:

Step 1: Place the index finger of one hand on the outside of the pinky finger on your other hand. As you breathe in, trace up to the tip of your pinky, and as you breathe out, trace down the inside of your pinky.

Step 2: On your next inhale, trace up the outside of your ring finger, and on the exhale, trace down the inside of your ring finger.

Step 3: Inhale and trace up the outside of your middle finger; exhale and trace down the inside of your middle finger.

Step 4: Continue finger by finger until you've traced your entire hand.

Step 5: Reverse the process and trace from your thumb back to your pinky.

Using multi-sensory and multi-location awareness, helps you to forget what you're worrying about, even if it's for a few moments. We hope that the children will use this as a tool when worry takes over sometimes.

Further to my letter regarding the arrangements for drop-off and pick-up after half term, Nursery parents are welcome to drop and collect their children at the top gate *or at the gate in the playground.*

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a wonderful half term and hope that the weather is kind to us - it's about time! I very much looking forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 7th June.

Warmest wishes

Fiona

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NURSERY



It has been a fantastic Wheels Week in Nursery. We had a visit from Matt the chef who is a mechanic in his spare time. He showed the children the engine of a van and explained all about the different tools needed to look after a car. Thank you to all the parents for supporting us and bringing bikes and scooters in every day.

NURSERY



RECEPTION



Reception have had a fantastic week, finishing off our “old and new” topic by tie-dyeing t-shirts, creating unique patterns - just like us! We have also started sewing our initials onto a class cushion using a sewing machine. Our grass heads have taken off and have been in desperate need of a haircut! Happy half term to all our Reception families!

RECEPTION



YEAR 1



After learning so much about the school's past, Year 1 have been thinking about what schools could look like in the future and what they may need. All agreed that being able to grow food to eat will be important to stop food having to travel too far. We have also continued to explore what it means to belong and have been discussing the part symbols play in religion. The children were particularly interested in Ancient Egyptian symbols which led to them writing their names in hieroglyphs.

The class finally finished their design for the ideal pen for the goats this week; collaboratively creating a wooden model using tools safely and with precision.

YEAR 1



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YEAR 2



This week we have been busy building habitat boxes and thinking about the different creatures and plants that you would find there. We also found out about the diet of the creatures and labelled them, omnivores, herbivores or carnivores.



YEAR 3



Year 3 worked with Bedales Sixth Form students this week to test two different types of rocket propellant - air and water, and vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. Great teamwork everyone.

Just as in real rocket launches, some launches were more successful than others and there were some surprising landings! Can you spot the rocket?



GLOBE THEATRE STORY-TELLING SESSION: A MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM



We had a fabulous visit from Sarah Llewellyn-Shore, Education Practitioner at The Globe Theatre, for a story-telling session on Tuesday. She told us the story of Shakespeare's, A Midsummer Nights Dream in a really fun and interesting way - we loved it!



ECO COMMITTEE



A huge thank you to the wonderful Cinta Protectors and our incredibly supportive parents. We raised an amazing £353 selling plants grown by the children. We are especially pleased as we have reached and gone over our target of £500. Fabulous!

ACHIEVEMENTS



GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

Leo P

Wilf

Albie

Hugo WM x2

CALENDAR

Date	Start Time	End Time	Description
07/06/2021			The Great Litter Pick Week
08/06/2021			World Ocean Day
09/06/2021	13:25	17:25	Bikeability Cycling Course
10/06/2021			Dunannie Nursery PJ Day
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)
23/06/2021	09:00	10:00	Dunannie - Reception New Comers Morning
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)
25/06/2021	11:00	15:30	Year 2 Picnic on the Downs
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)
28/06/2021	13:30	15:00	Dunannie Eco Afternoon (TBC)
29/06/2021	13:00	15:00	Dunannie - Reserve Sports Day (Reception - Year 3)
29/06/2021	13:30	15:00	Dunannie Eco Afternoon (TBC)
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

FRIENDS OF DUNANNIE



- FoD would like to thank everyone for the successful Food Bank delivery on Wednesday. We delivered your donations to the Petersfield food bank, and aim to help families for whom the half term holiday represents an additional financial burden.
- FoD would like to thank Michelle and all others who are helping with costumes for the upcoming production. We still need more helpers though!! Please contact Michelle or your own class rep if you are able to offer any time or expertise.
- Would you like to be a FoD rep next year? The class reps change each year and we are looking for volunteers to represent each class from September. This is especially good for parents who are new to the school and would like to know more about FoD and meet other parents. Ask your current rep for more details.

26-5-21

To The Head, all the staff, pupils, parents
& Governors @ Dunannie,

Thank you so much for everyone at
Petersfield Food Bank for your very kind &
generous donations delivered to us today.
We are thrilled with everything you sent
& know that our clients will also be very
grateful. You have made a very big
difference. Thank you!

with very kind regards

Elaine Knox
Chair of Trustees Petersfield Food Bank

NOTICES

Janet King and Caroline Shanley Swim School
at
Bedales School
Petersfield



Hooray we are back.
Swimming lessons available
for all abilities.

Small Group Lessons

Our group lessons are tailored to cater for all ages and abilities from pre-school onwards.

Lessons are carefully planned to get the most out of each 30minute session. Places available for all abilities.

Lessons, Wednesday 4.00pm to 6.30pm

For further details contact Janet or Caroline
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