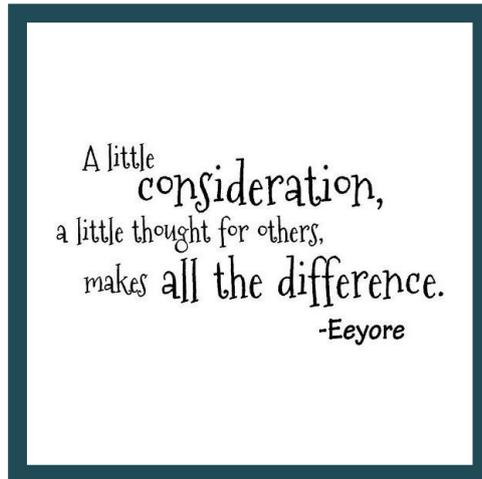


7 MAY 2021

THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

I hope you all had a wonderful bank holiday weekend. Considering it has been a shorter week, we have managed to pack in a surprising amount. Amongst the many lessons, I had the pleasure of visiting Year 3 on Tuesday where I arrived to find what appeared to be an empty classroom until I discovered various legs poking out from underneath the desks! They were creating white light with glow sticks as part of their science project - it was lovely to see the children collaborating, discussing and so engaged in their lessons whilst having fun.

The school has also been filled with music this week, inside and out. Ben has just finished his lesson with Year 3 on the playground and I must say, I've never heard a more enthusiastic and fun-filled version of 'Celebrate' - absolutely wonderful - not to mention the nursery children's rendition of 'Train Whistle Blowing' as they walked back from their music lesson past my window this morning!

For your information, the Summer Term curriculum is now on the parent portal in the Academic section. This is in the School Information area under School Documents. As ever, these are an overview to give you an idea of what your child is going to be doing this term and is also a great way to get conversations started with your child about what they are working on in school so I hope this document proves useful to you all.

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Catherine's assembly this week focussed on one of our 'Be Values' - 'Be Aware'. We discussed the advantages of being aware of everything and everyone around us by using all of our senses, and to notice and reflect on how we might respond to all of those things. Certainly food for thought for all of us.

Our Friday assembly was another wonderful display of the childrens' talents and passions. We had musical renditions on the piano (Martha), violin (Roma and Evie) and the recorder (Sophie). What an amazing way to start the day and I look forward to seeing many more fantastic performances over the coming weeks.

On Tuesday 11th May, we have Chris Darmanin coming in to take class photographs. These will be group photographs of your child's class which will be available to purchase - we will keep you posted on how to do this.

Regarding our after-school activities, thank you to all of you who have completed the survey so far. If you haven't done so and would still like to, please submit your responses to us by Tuesday 11th May.

I'm delighted to announce that we are offering Bikeability again at Dunannie this term. For those of you, like me, who are new to the school, this is a 2-hour course which instructs children on how to ride their bikes to the Department of Transport approved National Standard for Cycle Training. This will take place on Wednesday 9th June at 1.25pm (Reception and Year 1) and at 3.25pm (Years 2 and 3). A letter with all the information will be sent out next week.

At Bedales we are very pleased that we have collectively managed to ensure that our school community has not been hard hit by COVID. Keeping to the protective measures that we have in place is a vitally important part of this and I am grateful to the children, parents and staff for playing their part.

Just as a reminder it is crucial that anyone with a COVID symptom does not attend school and arranges a test. The main symptoms are:

- a high temperature (37.8 or above)
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste

We have a 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

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ask that children who are already at home with minor infections should not return to school until they are symptom free. Children should also stay away if they have been in contact with anyone who has had a positive COVID test within the last 10 days or who has symptoms and is awaiting a PCR test result. If in doubt, please call the Bedales Health Centre for advice (Tel: 01730 711620).

It is vital that we all maintain the good practices and habits at school that we have become used to. These include the 'Hands, Face, Space' mantra and the wearing of masks when moving around buildings. Whenever people enter a building, they should sanitise or wash their hands. We are maintaining enhanced cleaning regimes across the campus which are now well established and have proved effective. We are committed to maintaining a COVID-secure school as restrictions lift across the country over the coming months. If we can persevere with the additional measures for the rest of this term, we stand the best possible chance of having our school back to normal as soon as possible.

We all eagerly await the easing of restrictions in accordance with the Government's 'roadmap' with key milestones being 17th May and 21st June. We are currently planning for more normal school events after 21st June with the Dunannie Festival, Sports Day and our annual Fun Run! More information about these events will be coming home shortly.

Finally, just a reminder that the AGM of the Bedales Parents' Association will take place on Microsoft TEAMS on Wednesday 19th May, at 18:30. All parents are welcome to attend and if you would like to do so please let Pam Goff know at pgoff@bedales.org.uk.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Warmest wishes

Fiona

NURSERY



This week in Nursery we have been focusing on Physical Development. We have had great fun dancing as well as practicing fine motor skills such as writing and threading.



RECEPTION



The Naughty Bus arrived in reception this week causing all sorts of havoc! The children have made their own Naughty Bus scenes, capturing photographs of what it got up to! It has been lovely (and hysterical) to read the stories they have written using their images as inspiration!

YEAR 1

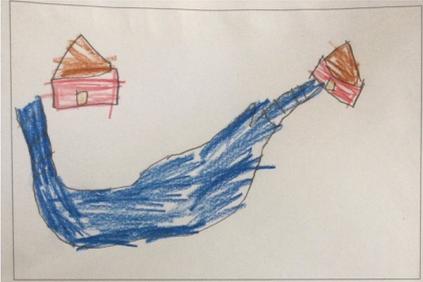


This has been a truly enlightening week in our delving into the history of Bedales. We have been fortunate enough to be able to interview Seona and Jane, two OBs who regaled us with stories of Dunannie, Dunhurst and Bedales we could never have got from books. As well as stories and they shared some of the work they created during time here as students. We are looking forward to being able to talk to more ex pupils next week. In English this week, Year 1 have been learning the difference between fact and opinion. The children used what they have learned through studying buildings, photos and asking questions, to write facts about their school in the past.

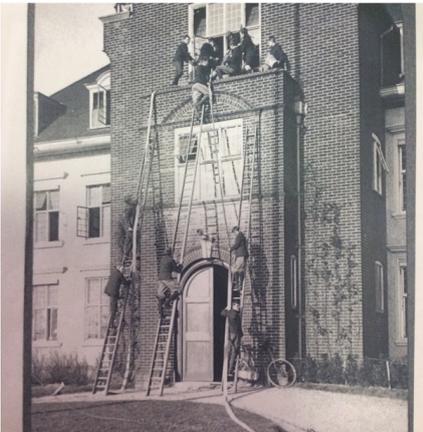
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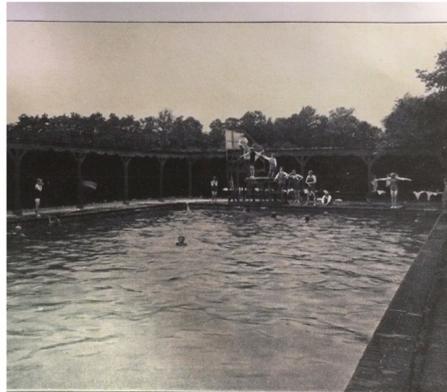
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Dunania used to be about 400m up the road.



Bedales used to have a uniform



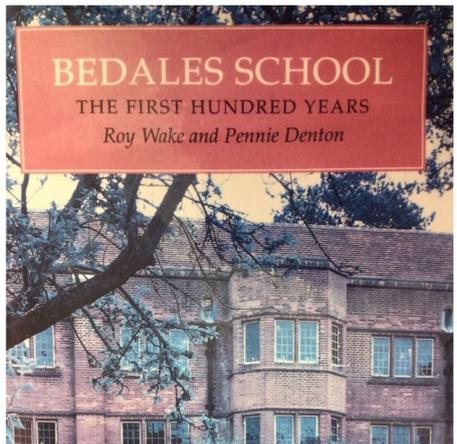
THE SWIMMING BATH.



Children learned pottery and weaving in the barn but now it is a nursery.



There used to be two pools and they were outside. Children used to wear uniforms.



YEAR 2



Do you know what a female worker bee does to a drone bee in the hive? Do you know how much honey a worker bee makes in her lifetime?

We learnt the answers to these questions, as well as many other amazing facts about the honey bee when we visited Dunhurst hives. Ryan knows so much about these incredible bees, it was wonderful to visit him and the hives.

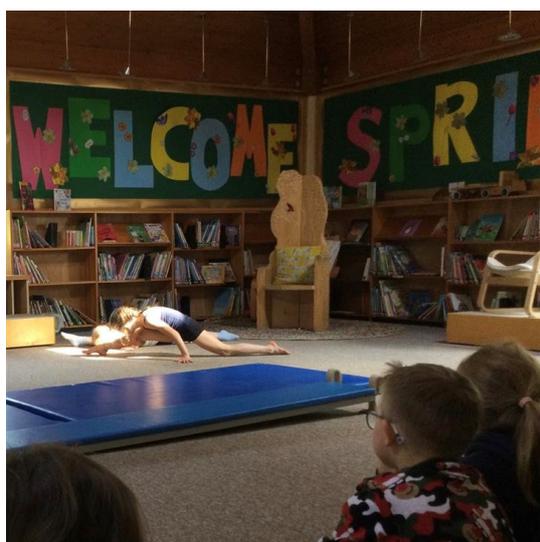
This week we also continued making bees for our incredible flower garden which has grown in size and stature. After taking close-up photos of flowers on the iPad, we drew huge flowers using pastels inspired by the art of Georgie O'Keeffe.

YEAR 3



This week in Year 3 we have been learning all about how chocolate is made and how cocoa farmers can get a fair price for their cocoa harvest, as part of our Rainforest project. Our theme also continued into our ceramics class with another group working with Eva in Dunhurst. We have also started working on our Product Design Project with Mark, making initial designs and thinking about what our wooden toys might be like. We also enjoyed a visit to see the new born lambs.

YEAR 3



OUTDOOR WORK



Reflecting the work Year 1 has been doing in the classroom the children looked for symmetry in natural objects and made their own natural logos for the DunannieSchool orchard. They also earthed up their potatoes again.

OUTDOOR WORK



In ODW Year 2 went out and identified those places which support bees and those which do not. We talked about how we can improve areas with diverse planting, providing water and shelter as well as changing how we use and maintain areas before designing bee-friendly gardens.



ACHIEVEMENTS



GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

Hugo W-M

Max A
Hugo W-M

CALENDAR

| Date | Start | End | Description |
|------------|-------|-------|---|
| 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 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 |