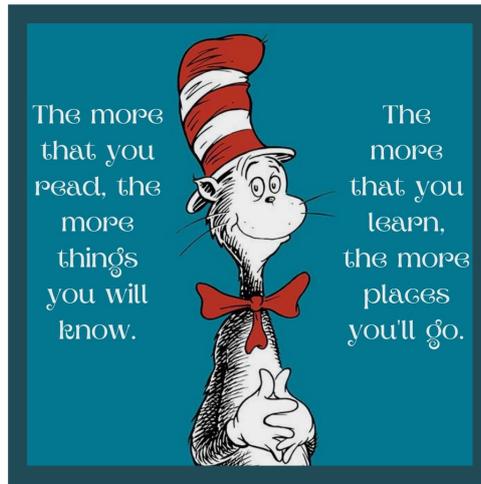


11 JUNE 2021

THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

I hope you all had a restful half term and enjoyed some of this wonderful warm weather.

As we look forward to bouncing forward after the pandemic it has struck me that it is not about 'catching-up' but more about creating awe-fuelling experiences for our children. Building relationships with children requires nuanced care and attention to allow them to thrive and flourish. This week the children have been reconnecting with one another, appreciating the awesome wonders nature puts in our path. We all need to take time to refill our emotional buckets by supporting one another and working together. Research indicates that connectedness increases when awe is observed (Krause and Hayward).

Our Year 2 and 3 classes have been doing exactly this as they have begun rehearsing their Midsummer Night's Dream production. The children have done an amazing job learning their lines, working and collaborating together and developing their characters. Rehearsals will start outdoors next week and our awe-inspiring environment will provide them with the perfect backdrop.

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This week we have also been celebrating 'World Oceans Day'. Common Seas are collaborating with Kids Against Plastic to ask the question – ‘What if young people helped schools lead a plastic waste revolution?’ The children have been litter picking this week as part of the campaign - it's amazing how these small acts of kindness - to our planet, and ourselves - can help us improve our surroundings and our mood.

Our much-loved African Drumming teacher, Kristian, is sadly leaving us at the end of term so a special celebration assembly was held in his honour on Tuesday. It was a musical extravaganza with Ben playing the piano; lots of singing; and drumming of course! We shall all miss his enthusiasm and passion and wish him lots of luck in his new adventure.

On Wednesday, some of the children took part in the Bikeability Level 1 course. The children had great fun as well as picking up lots of important skills and tips on how to ride their bikes safely. Vincent commented that they all ended up riding much more confidently by the end of the day - have a look at the photographs further on in the newsletter.

Year 3 had their very first fixture of the year on Thursday which was a huge thrill to take part in having been unable to play sport against other schools for so long. The athletics against St. Ives was great fun and everyone enjoyed being outside and interacting with new people. We won too so well done to everyone who took part.

Lastly, please can I remind everyone about drop-off and pick-up:

- Please drop the children at 8.30am at the main playground gate and encourage them to arrive independently
- Please collect children from their classrooms at 3.30pm but can I urge you to leave promptly so that Swallow Club can have full use of the playground from this time
- You are welcome to use the Orchard after school but please do not return to school to use the loos as this impacts on the safety of those children in Swallow Club - unfortunately the gate was left open twice on Thursday!

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Warmest wishes

Fiona

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NURSERY



'Bedtime Day' in Nursery. We had great fun wearing our pyjamas to school and going for a cooked breakfast in the dining room.

RECEPTION



Reception have had a wonderful time engaging with our new vet role play. We have been on the lookout for superheroes, starting by investigating who our school superheroes are!

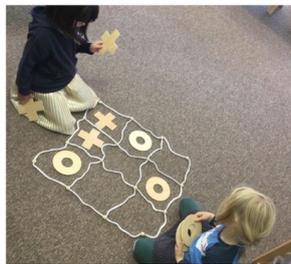
YEAR 1



Year 1 have been exploring the concept of Joy. They have been thinking what makes them feel joyful, how their actions and choices affect others and how they can choose joy. They have sketched joyful self-portraits, written about creatures that make them smile and have chosen what they want on the classroom walls to create a joyful atmosphere.



YEAR 1



YEAR 2



Year 2 have spent the week celebrating our beautiful seas, as well as doing their bit for the environment and picking up litter. Yesterday we made a huge mural out in the playground.



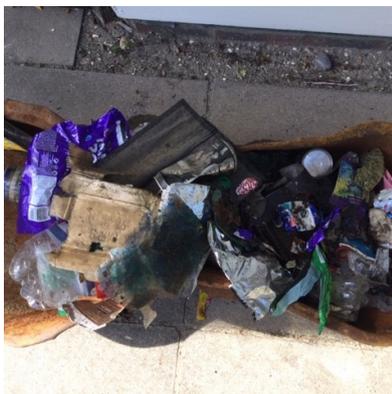
YEAR 3



Year 3 have been rehearsing their Midsummer Night's Dream production. The children have done an amazing job learning their lines, working and collaborating together and developing their characters. The big event takes place on Thursday 24th June!



WORLD OCEANS DAY: LITTER PICK



Lots of litter picking this week in honour of 'World Oceans Day'.

BIKEABILITY



Bikeability was a great success this year - everyone learnt new skills and passed their Level 1 certificate with flying colours!

PE



Year 3 enjoyed a brilliant afternoon of athletics against St Ives....and we won!



ACHIEVEMENTS



GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

Hugo WM

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Hugo WM

CALENDAR

Date	Start	End	Description
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) CANCELLED
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
31/08/2021			Dunannie Staff Inset
01/09/2021			Dunannie Staff Inset
02/09/2021	08:30	08:30	Dunannie Term Starts

NOTICES



A very fond farewell to our wonderful African Drumming teacher, Kristian! We wish him luck with his new adventures - we'll miss him hugely.

