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25 JUNE 2021

# THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

This week, the children in Years 1 to 3 have been busy preparing for their production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' which culminated in their magnificent performances on Thursday.

What a wonderful effort by Catherine, Camilla, Ben, Mea, all the teachers and TAs and of course, the children. I also want to thank all the parents who supported with the fabulous costumes and for helping the children learn their lines. As well as treating us all to an outstanding live show, they have benefited hugely by performing in front of an audience. Environmental theatre seeks to immerse the audience in the performance, and they certainly succeeded in doing this. Performing exposes children to new vocabulary and ways of communicating. Through the arts of dance, acting, and music, children learn how to communicate in a variety of unique ways. It gives them a sense of responsibility as they become part of a team as everyone is counting on one another to be prepared. The children certainly stepped up to the challenge and I couldn't have been prouder of them. It really was fantastic!

My assembly this week concentrated on fairness and being fair to each other. Helping children understand fairness is an important part of growing up and practicing empathy. When we understand what others need and perhaps what we don't, we recognise our differences and think beyond ourselves. The children, as always, were lively and engaged,

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and came up with lots of their own ideas about what being fair to each other means to them.

We have also had the pleasure of welcoming our new Reception parents on site this week to hear from Natalie about what they and their children can expect when they move to her class in September. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them next term.

Year 2 have visited Harting Down today with a fabulous picnic provided by Chris at Dunhurst Catering. What a treat for everyone and such a great opportunity to be outside, spotting the local wildlife and spending time with our friends. What a great way for Year 2 to end the term!

A couple of housekeeping issues.... we have had more cases of head lice in school so if you could please do another thorough check of hair this weekend, it would be appreciated.

Please note the calendar further on in the newsletter which is completely up to date after the various changes made recently to the end of term events. This calendar is downloaded from the Bedales website which you can always access for the latest updates on upcoming events - <https://www.bedales.org.uk/calendar>.

Lastly, please note that the Parent Survey is due in by midnight on Sunday 27th June. We would really value your feedback: <https://surveys.rsacademics.com/s3/Bedales-Pre-Prep-Parent-Pulse-Survey>

Thank you for your patience, support and understanding this week and I look forward to seeing you on Monday for our final week of term. Please note that we finish at 3.30pm on Friday 2nd July (there will be no after school activities or Swallow Club on this day). The Orchard will be closed after school on Friday due to a staff event.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Warmest wishes

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# NURSERY



On Monday some Block 3 students came to read stories to the Nursery children. It was a real treat- thank you Block 3.

## RECEPTION



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Our reception superheroes have had a wonderful week making superhero cuffs and masks to enjoy as part of their imaginative play. We have loved being outdoors and have remembered how to recycle paper on our own. What a great week!

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We have been rehearsing much of the week for our performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream. The children have embraced everything that goes with putting on a show including learning their lines, drama workshops, dress rehearsals and practising the songs with Ben and Mea. It has been a wonderful week and they put on a truly magnificent show - well done!

Official photos can be purchased by following the below link:  
<https://rachelulph.shootproof.com/gallery/15237432/album/10430448>



## YEAR 2: PICNIC ON THE DOWNS



## ACHIEVEMENTS



**GOLD      SILVER      BRONZE**

Kayahan  
Hugo WM x2  
Albie x2

## CALENDAR

Date	Start	End	Description
28/06/2021	10:30	11:30	Dunannie - Sports Day Reception - Year 1 (Parents Invited)
28/06/2021	14:00	15:00	Dunannie - Sports Day Year 2 and Year 3 (Parents Invited)
29/06/2021	13:00	15:00	Dunannie - Festival (Children Only)
30/06/2021			Year 3 - Grand Day Out
30/06/2021	09:30	10:30	Dunannie - Sports Day Nursery (Parents Invited)
01/07/2021			Dunannie - New Comers / Moving Up Morning
02/07/2021	10:00	10:30	Year 3 - Leavers Assembly (Parents Invited)
02/07/2021	13:30	15:00	Dunannie - Fun Run (CANCELLED)
02/07/2021	15:30	15:30	Dunannie - Term Ends (No After School Clubs)
31/08/2021			Dunannie Staff Inset
01/09/2021			Dunannie Staff Inset
02/09/2021	08:30	08:30	Dunannie Term Starts

## NOTICES



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The John Badly Foundation Summer Auction and Prize Draw launches online today at [www.givergy.uk/bedales](http://www.givergy.uk/bedales). An amazing community effort, with all items donated by parents, staff and OBs to raise funds for full bursaries at the school. You can bid online for Wimbledon tickets, a Welsh holiday cottage (see photo above), a family photo shoot or a range of fantastic workshops, or try your luck with the prize draw to win Toni & Guy vouchers, a True Grace gift set or two beautiful Emma Bridgewater jugs. Thank you so much for your support.

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