

24 SEPTEMBER 2021

# THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

Dunannie has been a hive of activity this week with trips up to Bedales, plenty of outdoor work, Bushcraft and a trip for Year 2 to Chichester. We have also had Chris from Darmanin Studios here taking photographs of the children - I know he will have captured them all beautifully. The photos will be available to purchase in a week or two and we will be in touch with all the information about how to order them.

On Monday, Camilla led an Eco Assembly where our new Eco Committee, and the Eco Ambassadors, for this year were announced. Congratulations to Bertie, Florence, Jacob, Oscar T and Xander who have been elected as our Eco Committee. Beaulieu, Charlie P, Niamh, Phoebe and Safiya will be our Eco Ambassadors. This year we are raising money for the Polar Bear so I am sure the children will come up with lots of lovely fundraising ideas for the protection of these wonderful creatures.

Friday's assembly was a bit different this week as we had the pleasure of having the Group 1 children back at Dunannie for the presentation of their Story Telling Chair.

Their parents have gifted this to Dunannie as their parting gift and we will treasure it. Fiona read stories to the children from the chair which is positioned in the Willow Garden next to the orchard - the perfect spot for some reading in the sunshine. A huge thank you to all of the Group 1 parents who generously donated this wonderful addition to our outdoor space at Dunannie.

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After their assembly, the Dunannie children went up to the playground for cakes, all in aid of MacMillan Research. Thank you to all of you for your donations to this extremely worthy charity.

Next week, Year 3 have a trip to the SEARCH Geology Workshop in Gosport on Tuesday 28th September and our Harvest Festival is on **Wednesday 6th October at 9am**. We are yet to confirm whether we can have parents on site for this but we will be in contact with you as soon as we have the green light from our Health and Safety department.

If you would like to donate any produce, we will be collecting for the PACT Petersfield Foodbank again this year. They have given us a list of the items that would be most helpful to them but they would be very pleased to receive any dried, tinned and packaged food. Regrettably they cannot accept fresh, chilled or frozen goods.

Tin soup

Tin tomatoes

Tin fruit

Tin rice pudding

Tin or carton custard

Jams (not homemade sadly)

Cup a soup

Rice (long grain, basmati etc)

Granulated sugar (small pack)

Porridge oats

Coffee

Drinking chocolate

One final note, whilst we love having puppies and dogs coming to welcome the children at drop off and pick up, can I please ask that they are always on a lead and closely monitored. We have had to clear up dog mess in the orchard so please be vigilant.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a restful Long Leave Weekend.

Warmest wishes

Fiona

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# NURSERY



We have been experimenting with colour mixing this week. Using powder paint and also grinding chalks we mixed secondary colours and tested our new colours out on paper.

We took our story of Itchy Bear to the woods which we call Itchy Bear Woods and then found the best trees for bear scratching!

## NURSERY



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Nursery had a great time watching the sheep, goats and piglets during a morning

## RECEPTION



Reception had an exciting week with the highlight being a visit to the 6.2 potion-making class with their extremely talented “witches and wizards”!

We experimented with different ingredients (snake venom, unicorn horn among others) observing how the colours changed when ingredients were mixed together. Wow!



RECEPTION



## YEAR 1



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Year 1 have been looking closely at leaves and noticed that even among green leaves, there are many different shades. Using paints, the children mixed their own different shades of green and gave them names, such as, 'Camouflage Green' and 'Juicy Apple'. They're looking forward to the colours which Autumn will bring.

## YEAR 1



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Is there anything more exciting than discovering hidden delights in the natural world? The children in Year 1 were amazed to find stars inside of apples when investigating the parts of an apple in Science today. They noticed that there were 5 points to the star and 10 dots surrounding it and they linked this to their knowledge of doubling.

## YEAR 2



It's all been about improving our listening and partners work skills this week in Year 2, as well as many other things. Year 2 have embraced these opportunities and proved to have brilliant skills when working and listening to others.



## YEAR 2



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Year 2 enjoyed this fabulous view whilst eating their snacks on their trip to Chichester.

## YEAR 3SR



Year 3 have been exploring soil in our outdoor science lesson. We dug down in the ground to explore the layers. We have put soil in jars mixed with water to see if the soil separates when left to settle



## YEAR 3CC



This week year 3 have been investigating soil and digging deeper!  
We wanted to find out how soil can be different in different places, and how scientists test samples to find out what they are made of.  
The garden soil felt so different to the Orchard soil; we invented the 'soil squeeze' test and the 'palm rub' test, and made soil shakes to observe what is going to happen inside the jar!  
More sticky moments this week, with foraging in the woods, weaving and stick maths!

Listening to some Native American myths gave us ideas for our own myths and we began storyboarding ideas ready to expand next week into stories ready for a campfire storytelling!



## GROUP 1 VISIT TO DUNANNIE



It was wonderful to have Group 1 back in Dunannie today to unveil their stunning gift to the school.

## CALENDAR

Date	Start	End	Description	Location
28/09/2021	10:00	12:00	Dunannie Y3 SEARCH Geology Workshop in Gosport	
05/10/2021	09:00	12:00	Dunannie Y1 Trip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park	
06/10/2021	09:00	10:00	Dunannie Harvest Festival	
12/10/2021	15:45	18:00	Dunannie Parent/Teacher Conference (In School)	
13/10/2021	18:00	20:00	Dunannie Parent/Teacher Conference (Teams)	
14/10/2021	09:15	09:45	Dunannie Reception Class Assembly	Dunannie
15/10/2021	09:00	16:30	Dunannie Y3 Native American Festival with Kaya Rhythm and Arts	Dunannie
15/10/2021	15:30	15:30	Dunannie Half Term Starts (No Late Swallow)	
01/11/2021	08:30		Dunannie Half Term ends - Term Starts	
01/11/2021	15:00	16:00	Dunannie Y3 (selected pupils) Swimming Gala vs St Ives	
05/11/2021			Dunannie Flu Immunisations	Sam Banks Pavilion
16/11/2021	15:45	16:15	Dunannie Performers' Platform	Library (DUE)
19/11/2021	15:30	15:30	Dunannie Long Leave Weekend starts (no Late Swallow Club)	
30/11/2021	10:00	10:30	Dunannie Nativity Dress Rehearsal (N/Rec)	
30/11/2021	16:30	17:00	Dunannie Christmas Lights Switch on	Dunannie
01/12/2021	09:30	10:00	Dunannie Nativity (N/Rec) *Parents Invited	Dunannie
09/12/2021	08:45	09:30	Year 1 Class Assembly for parents	Dunannie Library
10/12/2021			Dunannie Christmas Jumper Day	
15/12/2021	15:30		Dunannie Term Ends	