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# THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

I can't believe how quickly this half of term is going. The children are as busy as ever with their school work as well as working on their performances for the Christmas productions. Please note the calendar at the end of the letter for all the events coming up over the coming weeks.

On Monday we had the pleasure of celebrating the launch of Natalie's book, 'The Wintertide Bear'. In assembly she read to the children (and their bears!) and they were also given special bear biscuits at breaktime. It was a wonderful way to acknowledge a great achievement by one of our very own members of staff - a huge 'Congratulations' to Natalie and may she sell many copies of her fabulous book. We are hoping to give each child a signed copy of her book this year for Christmas but if you wish to purchase any for friends or family, you can find them on Amazon.

This week, it's Harmony Week at Dunannie which has been a time to really reflect on all the things we have learnt so far this term about kindness and inclusion. Our Dunannie BE Values are touched upon every single day so that by the time the children move onto their next chapters, they are equipped with many of the life skills they will need to form strong and valuable relationships.

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This week some of the children have showcased their musical talents at the Performer's Platform. We were able to welcome parents into school for the first time to watch the children which I hope you'll all agree, was a delight. The children had obviously been practicing and it was a pleasure to see them shine. Well done to all those who took part.

Year 2 have been on a class trip to Milestones Museum in Basingstoke this week as part of their topic about transport and travel in the past. A great day was had by all - please see the photographs further on in the newsletter.

Thank you for all your kind donations to Children in Need today. The children looked fabulous in their spotty outfits - it is always a fun day for them and a great way for them to learn and have fun at the same time. We are proud to have played a small part in supporting thousands of children in local communities across the UK this year.

Just a reminder that we are holding a Book Fair at Dunannie from Monday 29th to Thursday 1st December. We hope that you will use the opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done whilst helping the Dunannie library - for every purchase you make from the book fair, you will be enabling the school to receive a selection of new books for both the library and the classrooms through the commission we earn on each item sold.

A couple of important housekeeping points to finish on.... **if you arrive after 8.30am please could you report to the office** that your child has been dropped with their teacher. Also, please can I ask that you **do not park on the ramp up to the side gate** - it is important that the access is kept clear at all times. Lastly, please can I remind everyone that **we finish on Wednesday 15th December at 1.30pm.**

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Warmest wishes

Fiona



## NURSERY



This week we took the children's interest in vehicles and created our own town map, including a recycling centre, a purple pool and a building site. We then explored how the Beebots worked and how we could code them to move from one place to another. We added ramps and obstacles too.

# NURSERY



As the children's interests developed we became interested in creating with loose parts, junk, wood and construction kits.

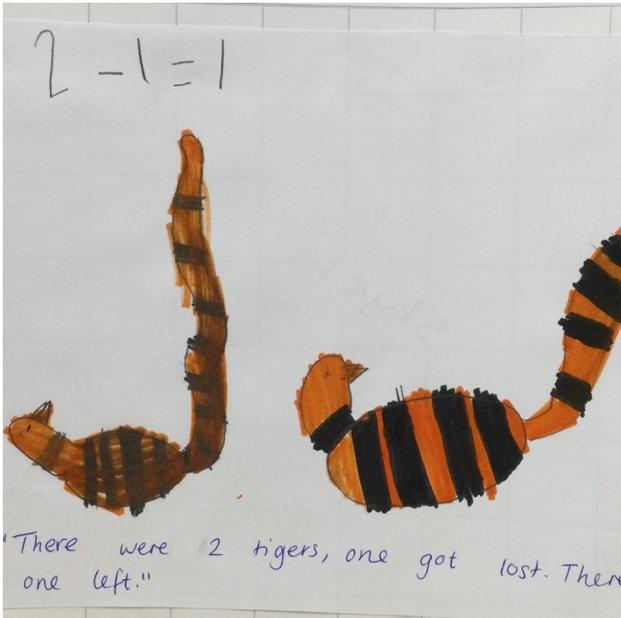
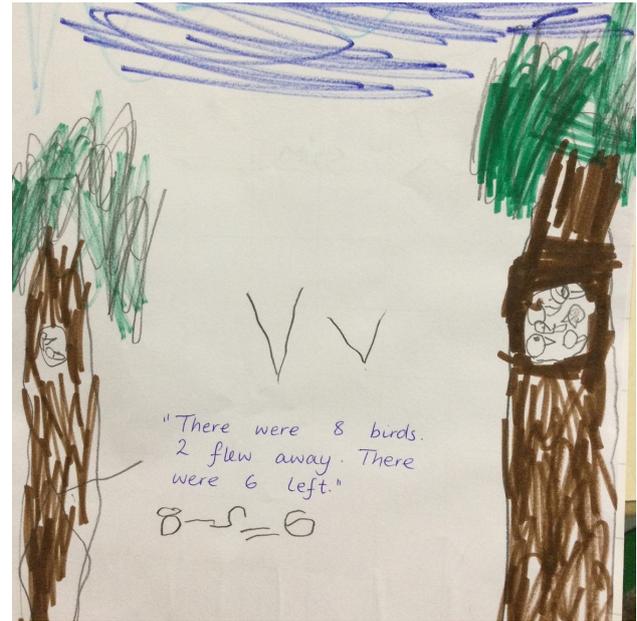
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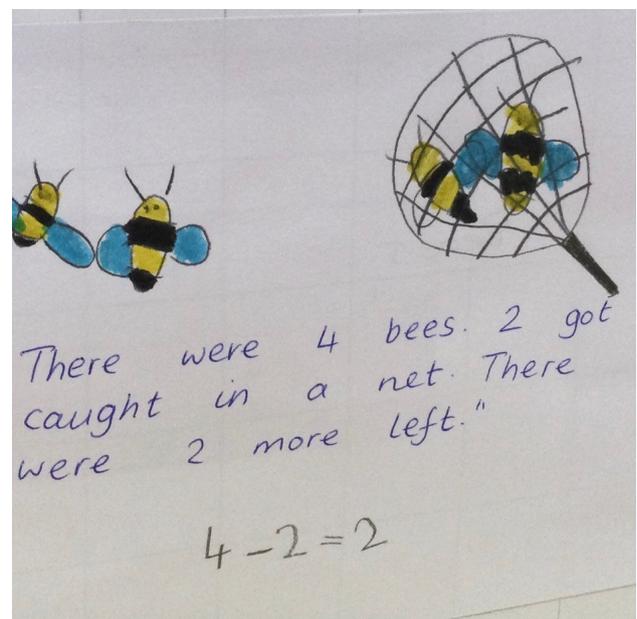
Owl babies arrived in Reception this week. The children have considered different types of homes, using various materials to create homes for owls, woodland creatures and stick men! Such wonderful ideas, teamwork and craftsmanship displayed by our fabulous little team!

# YEAR 1

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In Maths, Year 1 are mastering subtraction. They started using themselves and equipment to represent subtraction stories before drawing and telling some. They also became the teacher and marked some subtraction sentences, explaining the mistakes that had been made.

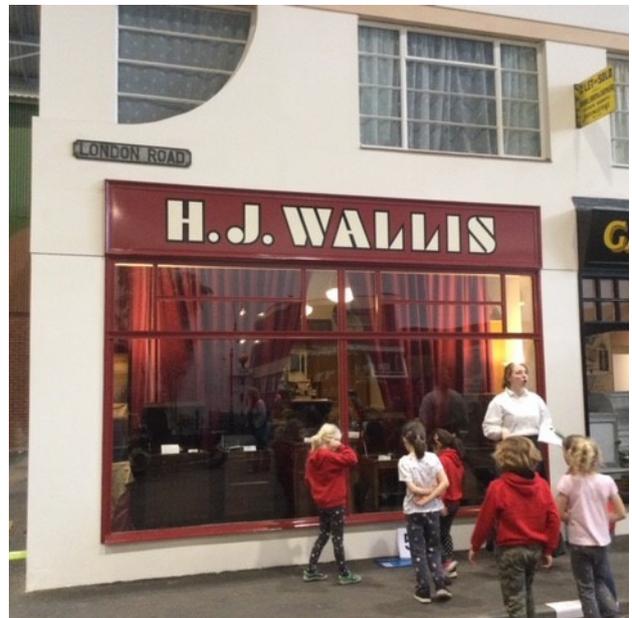


# YEAR 1



In art this week, Year 1 used oil pastel printing techniques to create Christmas card designs.

## YEAR 2



Year 2 had a wonderful day at Milestones Museum on Thursday



# YEAR 2



Board School Rules

- I. Scholars must do as they are told.
- II. Scholars must be seen but not heard.
- III. Scholars must only speak if spoken to.
- IV. When not working, scholars must sit with hands behind backs.
- V. Scholars must stand when an adult enters the room.
- VI. Scholars must address the Master as 'Sir' and the Mistress as 'Madam'.
- VII. Scholars must be neat.
- VIII. Scholars must begin with a prayer.



## YEAR 3SR



Year 3 have been making Christmas cakes!

## YEAR 3CC



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Our story of the American Pioneers continues with ....Yes, Gold!  
After settling in the West, we heard the news that James W. Marshall had discovered a nugget of gold in January 1848. The news spread like wildfire and we investigated how newspapers reported the story at the time, and how they tell us news today.

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We are working on our own news stories and reporting skills.  
Outside there was much excitement in the sand pit as gold nuggets were discovered and our very own Gold Field was full of eager prospectors.



## YEAR 3CC



As this Sunday is traditionally known as Stir-Up Sunday, we made our own Christmas cakes, following the recipe and working in small groups to weigh, and of course stir the mixture.

We recycled baked bean tins into baking tins, and will work together on the next steps - icing and presentation.

We made our Christmas wishes too! Brilliant collaborative and organising skills on show this week.



## YEAR 3CC

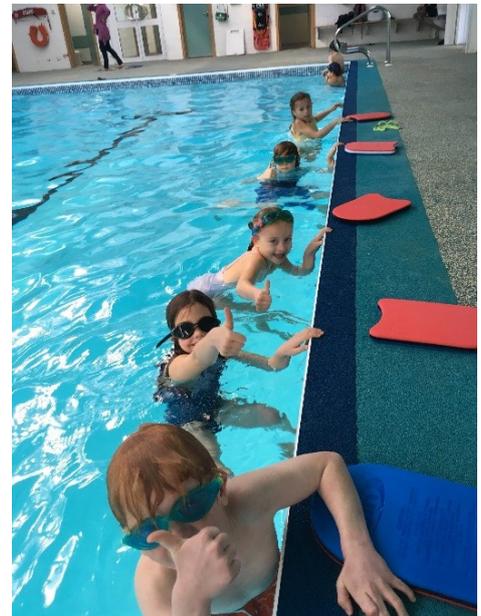


In the Bedales Ceramics Studio we started designing and making Christmas decorations with Ana, and a team of Bedales students who popped in to help - thank you all!

## PE, GAMES & SWIMMING

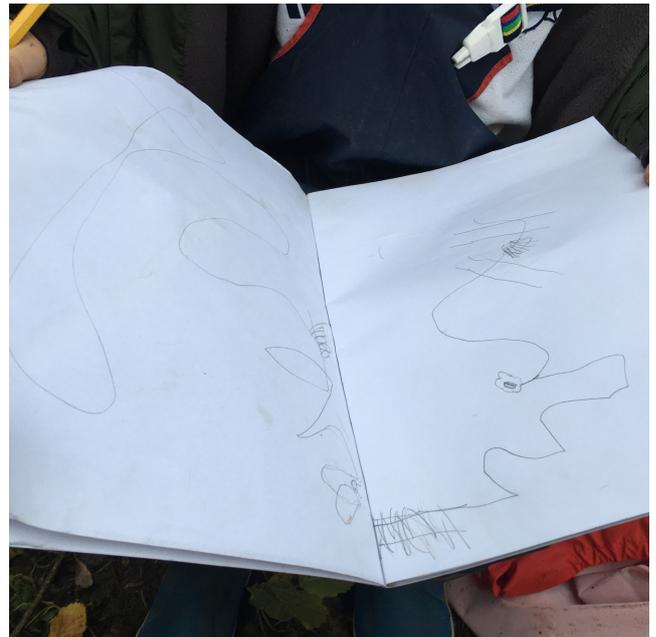


Year 1 worked really hard in gymnastics this week. They worked cooperatively with a partner to create some lovely balances and sequences.



All Year 2 are making fantastic progress in their swimming lessons and all groups are now confident enough to swim in the main pool.

## BUSHCRAFT



In recent weeks, the children have begun working collaboratively on creating a glade in the woodland. Using basic tools; loppers, secateurs, rakes, shovels and bow saws they have made great progress. Reception and Year One have spent some time thinking about the layout, creating their own designs.

# BUSHCRAFT



# ACHIEVEMENTS



**GOLD**

**SILVER**

**BRONZE**

Safiya  
Kayahan  
Gus

# CALENDAR & EVENTS

Date	Start	End	Description	Location
29-Nov-21			Dunannie Book Fair *Parents Invited	
30-Nov-21	16:30	17:00	Dunannie Christmas Lights Switch on *Parents Invited	Dunannie
30-Nov-21	10:00	10:30	Dunannie Nativity Dress Rehearsal (N/Rec)	
30-Nov-21			Dunannie Book Fair *Parents Invited	
01-Dec-21	09:30	10:00	Dunannie Nativity (N/Rec) *Parents Invited	Dunannie
01-Dec-21	09:00	16:00	Whole School Flu Immunisation	
01-Dec-21			Dunannie Book Fair *Parents Invited	
01-Dec-21			Dunannie Flu Immunisations	Sam Banks
02-Dec-21	14:00	14:15	Virtual Open Day	Dunannie
02-Dec-21	19:30	20:00	Virtual Open Day	Dunannie
02-Dec-21			Dunannie Book Fair *Parents Invited	
07-Dec-21	09:25	10:40	Group 2 House Football + Netball	Dunhurst
08-Dec-21	09:30	11:00	Dunannie Christmas Carols Rehearsals	Lupton Hall
09-Dec-21	14:15	15:30	Dunannie Christmas Carols *Parents Invited	Lupton Hall
09-Dec-21	19:00	23:00	London Christmas Party for Parents	
09-Dec-21	08:45	09:30	Year 1 Class Assembly for Parents	Dunannie
10-Dec-21	10:30	12:30	Dunannie Open Morning	
10-Dec-21			Dunannie Christmas Jumper Day	
14-Dec-21	12:00	12:30	Dunannie Christmas Lunch	
15-Dec-21	13:30		Dunannie Term Ends	
06-Jan-22			Dunannie Staff Inset	
07-Jan-22			Dunannie Staff Inset	
10-Jan-22	08:30		Dunannie Term Starts	