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THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL

Dear Parents



It has been buzzing at Dunannie this week! The children are busy fitting in plenty of practice for their Christmas performances and they can't wait to show you what they have been working on. Dunannie is filled with the sound of children singing and it is certainly getting us in the mood for Christmas!

Speaking of Christmas, don't forget that our Book Fair is next week. Every purchase you make from the book fair will be enabling the school to receive a selection of new books for both the library and the classrooms. I hope that you are able to get some much-needed Christmas shopping done!

Next Tuesday 30th November is the Dunannie Christmas Lights 'Switch-on'. This starts at 4.30pm so please let us know if you would like your child to stay after school in the classroom with their teacher until this time. We will be making decorations to deck our halls with Christmas joy. We expect this event to be short and sweet, lasting approximately 15 minutes but there will be lights and carols sung by our Dunhurst Choir which should get us all in a festive mood.

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On Wednesday 1st December at 9.30am, Nursery and Reception will be performing their Nativity in the hall at Dunannie/Dunhurst. Please come to Dunannie and we will direct you to the right place. There will be tea and coffee available from 8.30am for those dropping off in the morning, until the show starts at 9.30. Please can all visitors adhere to our visitor's policy. We will be asking parents to wear a mask once they are in the hall. Lastly, please note that we can only accommodate 2 adults per child. Thank you for your understanding.

Just a few housekeeping notes to end on..... Please could all children have warm coats, hats and gloves in school now as the weather has turned much colder. There will be no clubs on Thursday 9th December after school as we have the Y1-3 Carol Concert and we expect most parents will collect their child after the performance. There will also be no clubs on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th, except for Early Birds (8-8.30am) and Swallow Club (3.30-4.30 & 4.30-5.25pm). We finish at 1.30pm on Wednesday 15th December for Christmas.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful weekend.

Warmest wishes

Fiona

NURSERY



The children helped us to make a garage workshop. We have been checking the car to make sure all the parts are working well. We mended it with masking tape! We went down to the car park to look at the cars there and make comparisons between two. We identified different parts of the car and the children helped to explain what they were for.

NURSERY



We have been exploring some different ways to use paint. We used spray bottles which are great for strengthening the muscles in our arms and hands. Then we looked at some of the work created by Jackson Pollock and splattered and dripped in his free-gesture style to create scenery stars for next week's Nativity.

NURSERY



Continuing our theme of stars we made cheesy puff stars, grating the cheese, brushing on the egg wash and cutting out our stars. We sprinkled on cheddar and Parmesan cheeses and baked them in our oven. We ate some for snack and the child agreed we needed to make these again!

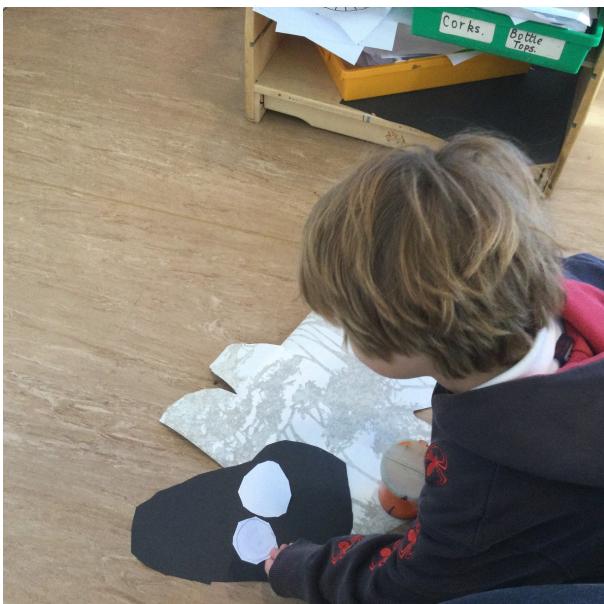
RECEPTION



A busy and creative week in Reception as the children continue to work as team building nests for the Owl Babies on the estate. To extend their learning, we learnt how to create maps with landmarks so that we could find our gigantic Reception nest again!



RECEPTION



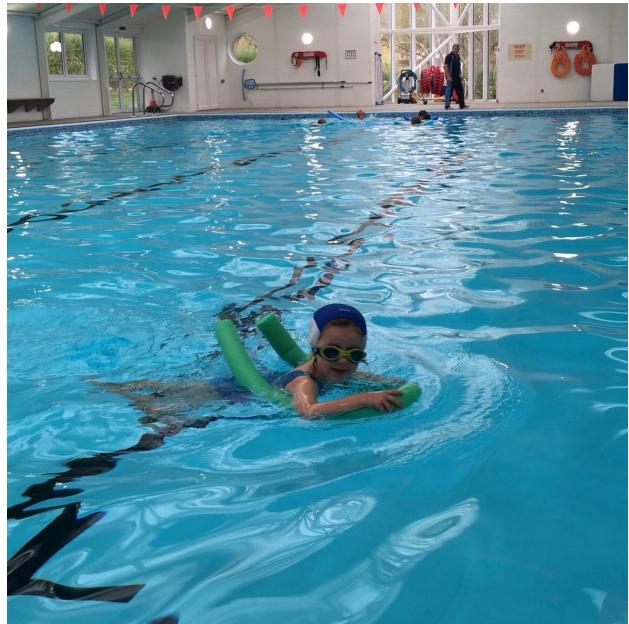
Earlier in the week, we joined forces with the Nursery, listening to a special candle lit story in the library. It is always magical when we are learning with our Nursery friends.

We have also enjoyed preparing for our EYFS nativity taking place next week!

YEAR 1



In swimming, they have been learning how to breathe effectively and were amazed by how much breathing technique affects stroke.



YEAR 1



Year one have been delighted to see the bird feeders they made in bushcraft being enjoyed by the birds in the orchard.

And finally, here is a little sneak preview of a festive project the class are enjoying...



YEAR 2



On Friday, the children had a fun filled, spotty Friday, making biscuits, as well as finding out about and reflecting on the work of Children in Need. They discussed a range of groups that the charity supports. They then discussed which of these groups they would give the majority of the money to and why. They also had to design a fabulous playground making sure all children could access the equipment.



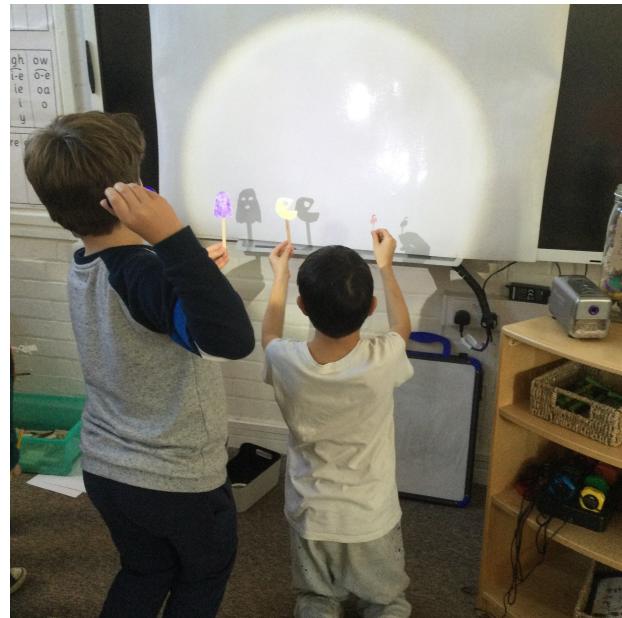
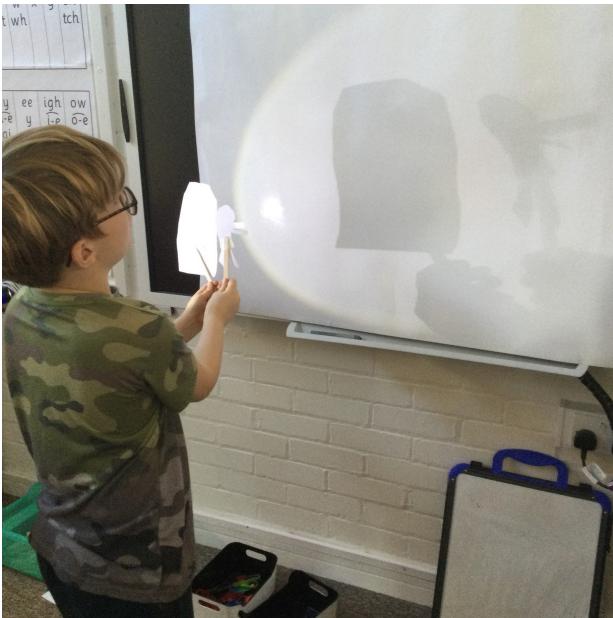
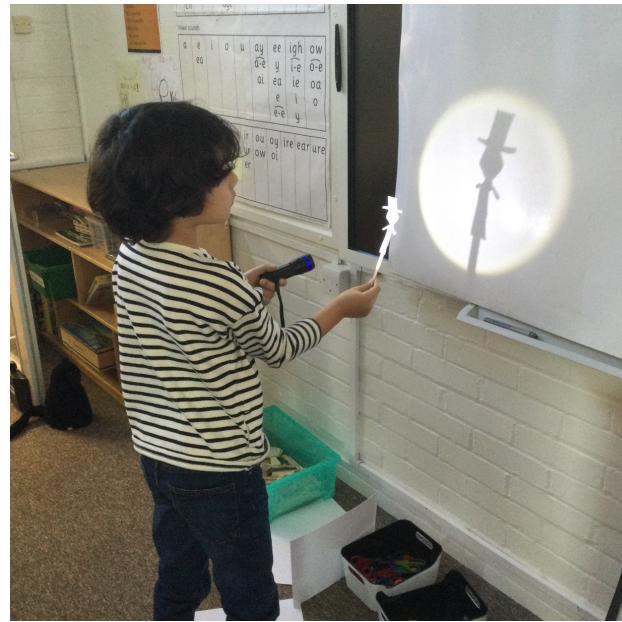
YEAR 2



This week it's all been about flight. We've gone back in time and found out about the Wright brothers, who made over 200 designs before finally getting it right. It's hard to comprehend that it was only 66 years between the first flight lasting 59 seconds and the first rocket landing on the moon.

We've also made model planes, as well as continuing to build our hot air balloons. Let's hope one of them takes off and lands somewhere far away.

YEAR 3SR



In science we have been continuing investigations into light. This week the children made shadow puppet stories to show each other. To make the effect more interesting, the children cut out features in their puppets to let the light through such as 'eyes' and 'open mouths'!

We discovered holding the torches in different places affects the size and depth of the shadows.

YEAR 3CC



We love reading in Year 3. This week we have been sharing our newspaper reports – headline news The Gold Rush is On!

Typing and writing, we used a newspaper format to make our work look really good, adding photos and adverts too.

We read stories to our friends, share jokes in our weekly Joke Spot, and even read in some unusual places too!

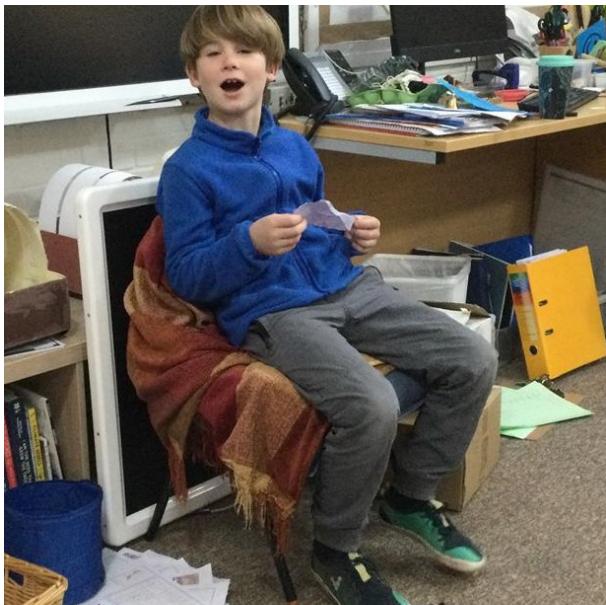


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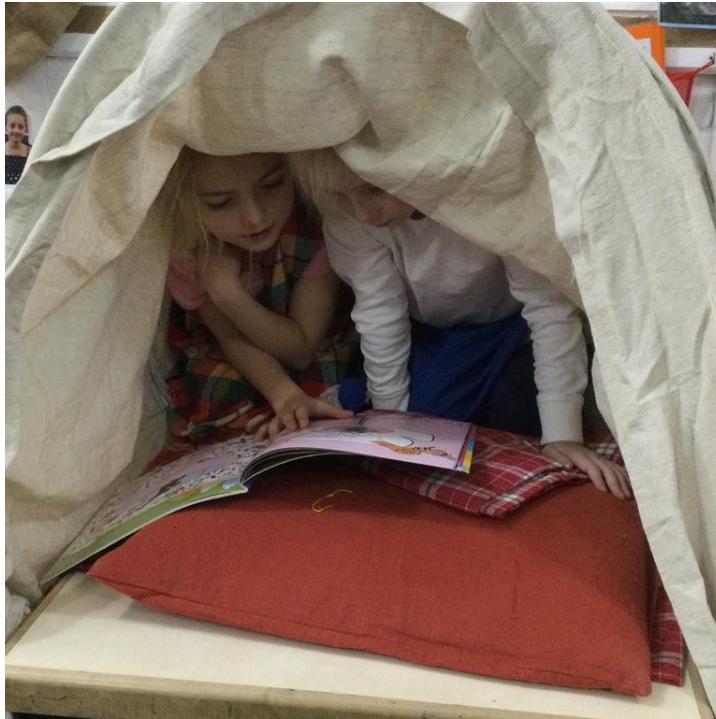
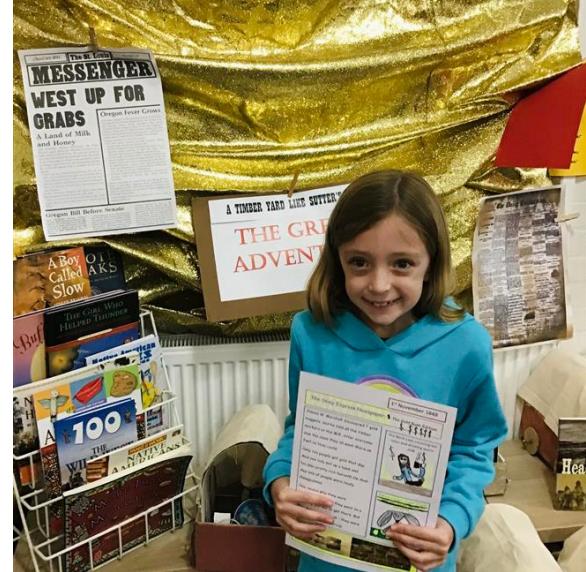
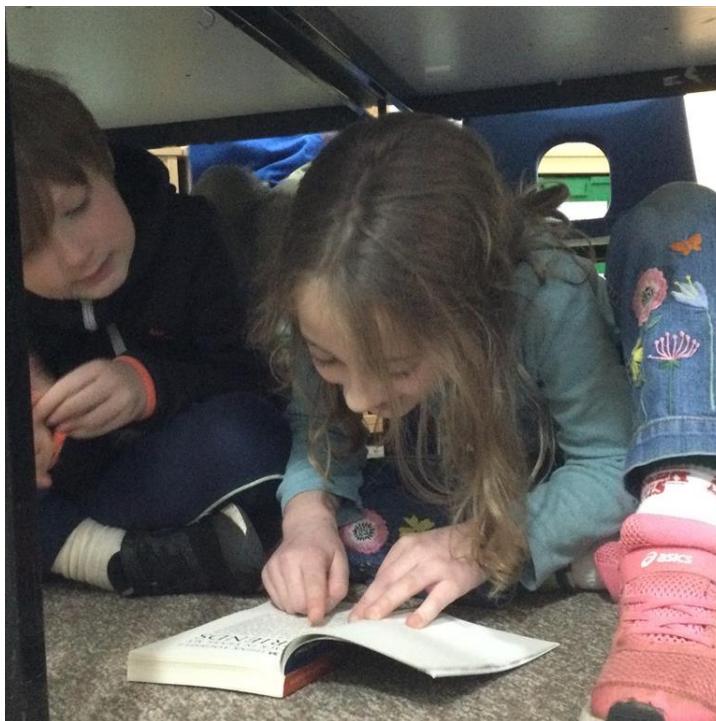


Modelmakers this week was a STEM challenge. Can we make a chair from paper or cardboard, strong enough to sit on?

Brilliant design, planning and construction techniques, and some hilarious testing too -well done Modelmakers!



YEAR 3CC



BUSHCRAFT



Reception learnt about the fire triangle this week and which elements are required for combustion. They also had an introduction to fire safety which will be an ongoing theme this half term.

BUSHCRAFT



Looking after birds in winter, the children helped to make bird feeders with lard and seed and hung them around the orchard. See if you can spot any.

BUSHCRAFT



Year two helped to set out the boundaries of the woodland, found their own special quiet place in the woodland and created woodland clay folk for their outdoor classroom.



ACHIEVEMENTS



GOLD SILVER BRONZE

Kayahan

CALENDAR & EVENTS

Date	Start	End	Description	Location
29-Nov-21			Dunannie Book Fair	
30-Nov-21	10:00	10:30	Dunannie Nativity Dress Rehearsal (N/Rec)	
30-Nov-21	16:30	17:00	Dunannie Christmas Lights Switch on *Parents Invited	Dunannie
30-Nov-21			Dunannie Book Fair	
01-Dec-21	09:00	16:00	Whole School Flu Immunisation	
01-Dec-21	09:30	10:00	Dunannie Nativity (N/Rec) *Parents Invited	Dunannie
01-Dec-21			Dunannie Book Fair	
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	
03-Dec-21	14:30	15:15	Dunannie Reindeer Run (Y2&3) *Parents Invited	
07-Dec-21	09:25	10:40	Group 2 House Football and Netball	Dunhurst
08-Dec-21	09:30	11:00	Dunannie Christmas Carols Rehearsals	Lupton Hall
09-Dec-21	08:45	09:30	Year 1 Class Assembly *Pre-recorded. No parents.	Dunannie
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	
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	



Why not celebrate Christmas this year with Petersfield Youth Theatre?

Featuring both Christmas favourites and songs from festive shows, PYT will be injecting their hallmark energy into this special performance of musical theatre.

A live band, Christmas Trees, and all things that sparkle will support our cast of 100 in the beautiful surroundings of an especially transformed Quad at Bedales School. Our younger members will be joined on stage by their more experienced teenage counterparts in what promises to be a wonderful festive treat.

Let it Snow! is perfect for all the family, so why not get your Christmas off to a musical start and come and experience our hospitality and musical delights.

With special thanks for Bedales for being our hosts. And we would like to thank our friends at Wylds Farm Christmas Trees for sponsoring this production.

Who knows, it may even snow!

Tickets will be available from Saturday 27 November from 9.00am at One Tree Books (01730 261199) - maybe stop for a coffee at the newly refurbished coffee shop '*Gingers*' or buy your tickets by pressing the pink button below.

Performances

Tuesday 21 December 3.00pm & 7.00pm

Wednesday 22 December 3.00pm & 7.00pm

Thursday 23 December 11.00am & 3.00pm