

10 DECEMBER 2021

THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

I am writing this final Friday Letter of the term having just watched Years 1 to 3 perform a spectacular Christmas concert at the Lupton Hall. It was such a wonderful treat to have everyone there - thank you to all those that came and a huge thank you to Ben and Mea for putting on such a fabulous show. I would also like to congratulate the children for all their hard work - it really showed how much they've been practising - I am so proud of their efforts! Lastly, thank you to the FODs for decorating the hall - not an easy task but it was a huge success. Well done everybody! I would also like to give a special mention to Year 1 whose film was 'released' this week! What a truly fabulous Assembly. Leanne, Bryony and the children so enjoyed making this short film and I hope that you all enjoy it too. Here is the link - I highly recommend you take a look - for those that would like to watch it:

<https://media.bedales.org.uk/View.aspx?id=18847~5p~JauebgKwgW&code=Ag~UjFOBNuKSktGiFa5VUbhkQ7bFG7KU6LUDPWQQNMUw7n9oScJs2pHsUP2rw&ax=7C~k09AutAKeeJhvV>

Our Christmas Jumper Day was a huge success today! The children looked spectacular, and I think they thoroughly enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit by making cards and gifts in their classrooms this morning (everything will be available to purchase, in aid of Amka, our polar bear, on Monday 13th December at 3.30pm pickup). The children also had a very special visitor today and our Elfs were extremely busy making his Grotto rather special!



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He gave every child a copy of Natalie's beautiful book, 'The Wintertide Bear'. A few parents have asked if Natalie could sign their child's book which she is very happy to do - please bring them in next week and we can facilitate this.

Just a few reminders.....

There will be **no after-school activities on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th**, except for Swallow Club (3.30-4.30 & 4.30-5.25pm). There is no orchestra either for those that usually attend this on a Monday after school. **We finish at 1.30pm on Wednesday 15th December** for Christmas.

The Dunannie Christmas post box will be emptied for the last time on Tuesday! If your children would like to send a Christmas card to anyone, including teachers and classmates, they can be posted in the post box that is in the lobby area at Dunannie and our Year 3 Elfs will deliver the cards .

Speaking of books, I would really like to encourage you to read at home as much as possible with the children, especially over the Christmas holidays while they are away from school. We hope that every child leaves Dunannie with a passion for reading and you can help us with this if you read with and to them at home.

Lastly, I would like to say a huge thank you to Keziah who leaves us at the end of this term. Keziah has worked at the Bedales pool as a lifeguard since January 2018. She then started working at Dunannie as a volunteer during the summer term of 2020. Since then, she has been a fantastic and reliable TA working in Nursery, Year 2, Early Birds and Swallow Club. She leaves us to begin training as a Police Officer in January and we wish her all the best for her new adventure.

Last but certainly not least I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to all the teachers and teaching assistants who make this school so magical. We are extremely fortunate to have so many talented and committed teachers at Dunannie and I would like to take this opportunity to wish them a richly deserved, relaxing Christmas break. I also want to thank you all for the wonderful contribution to make Dunannie school community so special. In the past week the children have performed a Nativity, welcomed Santa in his grotto and sung like angels in the Christmas Carol concert. I can't imagine how many of you have been decorating halls, wrapping gifts and listening to your children instrument practicing lines and songs night after night to help bring the year to such a happy, successful conclusion. Thank you for your contribution.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Warmest Christmas wishes

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NURSERY

We have been watching the grounds crew re-landscaping our garden this week and using our diggers to recreate their work indoors. We have been using the big leaf collectors to help them clear the leaves from the playground and garden too!



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The children have independently decorated their tree and hung their stockings in the home corner!



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We loved making sparkly Christmas Lava lamps, using our pipettes to squirt coloured water into the oil. The children were surprised at the result as they had agreed that the two liquids would mix in together and turn all the contents red or green.



We made beautiful stained glass biscuits this week; mixing, rolling and cutting out the dough together.

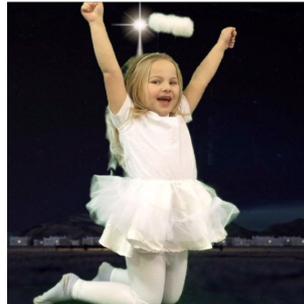


RECEPTION

This week we have been embracing Christmas. We have opened up our class Christmas advent calendar and have been learning about the true meaning of Christmas.



YEAR 1

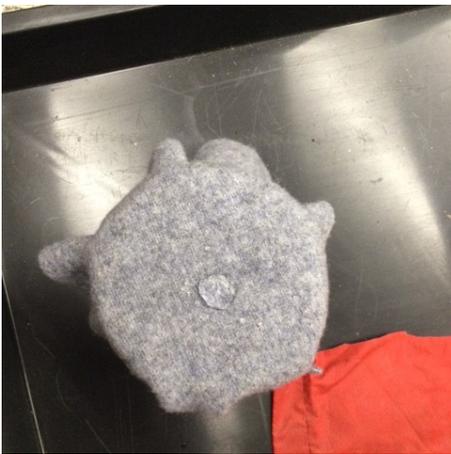


This week was the premiere of the Year 1 Nativity. Everyone who has seen it has enjoyed it and commented on how well the children performed. Well done, actors, writers and singers!

YEAR 2



If you were to take your dog to Antarctica- what material would you make your dog's coat out of? Remember that it needs to be warm and waterproof. Year 2 had to test different materials to find out which material would be the best. We decided that the coats should be made of wool with a plastic covering.



YEAR 2



Look at our hot air balloons - we are so proud of them. We have worked so hard over the last six weeks with the wonderful Susan from Dunhurst, to make these



YEAR 3SR



Year 3 had a wonderful time at Steep church this afternoon finding out about the church at advent

YEAR 3CC



As we move closer to the Winter Solstice on 21st December, Year 3 have been finding out about how leaves change and the cycle of the seasons turning. We heard about the old story of the Oak King and the Holly King, who battle for supremacy at the solstices. Identifying features of evergreen and deciduous trees, we decided who would win on the Winter Solstice!

YEAR 3CC



Our fabulous end to Modelmakers this term was inspired by The Gingerbread City, built annually by architects in conjunction with The Museum of Architecture. This is definitely worth a visit, and open until 9th January 2022, 6-7 Motcomb Street, Belgravia, London. Have a look at thegingerbreadcity.com

We had lots of fun designing and building, and then nibbling our wonderful construction. Well done to all the Year 2 and 3 architects!



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Well done to all those who took part in the Reindeer Run. Fantastic effort!

BUSHCRAFT



Having completed work on their mud kitchen this week, reception class enjoyed singing carols around the fire, whilst cooking Christmas tree pasties and jam.



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Year one have started work, building a lean-to shelter in the woodland. Over coming weeks the class plan to add additional layers and branches, packing them with leaves and mud to provide protection form precipitation.

ACHIEVEMENTS



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CALENDAR & EVENTS

Date	Start	End	Description	Location
13-Dec-21	15:30	16:00	Dunannie Eco Committee Christmas Sale	Dunannie Playground
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	



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 Wylde 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 **3.00p m & 7.00p m**

Wednesday 22 December **3.00p m & 7.00p m**

Thursday 23 December **11.00am & 3.00p m**