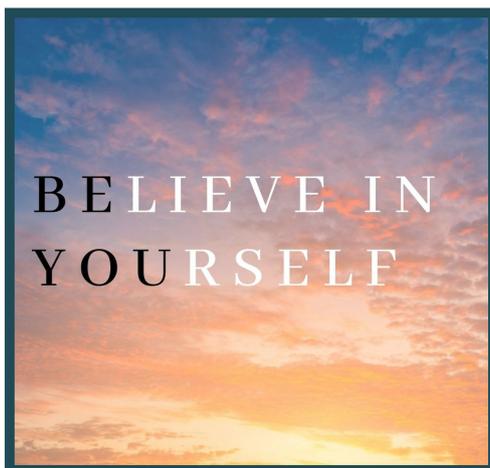


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THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

It has been a wonderful start to the festive period here at Dunannie this week and what better way to get everyone in the spirit than with fairy lights and carols! Thank you to Ben and the Dunhurst pupils for providing us with the wonderful music and to Year 1 for their light presentation on Tuesday.

A big thank you to everyone who has shopped at the Book Fair this week. The children have really enjoyed the experience of choosing their own books and we hope that they will enjoy reading them. A big thank you to Alex too who organised the event - a great success and wonderful to see people in the library again.

A huge congratulations to our Nursery and Reception children, who delighted us with their wonderful performance of the Nativity on Wednesday. It was plain to see how hard they have all been working, so a very well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to Ben, Mea and all the teachers for putting on such a magnificent show.

We have ended the week with the Reindeer Run which was a real highlight for the children in Years 1-3 who had the thrill of chasing Sharon around the Dunhurst pitches whilst dressed as a reindeer! A great way to exercise, get fresh air and HAVE FUN!

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Next week, Year 1's Assembly will be available to view. This is no longer a live event but the children have been working really hard on a rather spectacular film for you to watch instead so I really hope you enjoy it.

We also have our Christmas Concert at the Lupton Hall (Years 1-3) on Thursday 9th. This starts at 2.15pm with coffee and mince pies and the children will arrive at 2:45pm. It is due to finish at about 3:30pm. There will be no activities on this day after school except for Swallow Club (3.30-4.30 & 4.30-5.25pm) as we expect most parents will collect their child after the performance.

On Friday 10th December it's Christmas Jumper Day! Children are encouraged to wear their favourite Christmassy outfits and as well as making cards and gifts in their classrooms that day, they will also get the chance to visit Santa's Grotto. The homemade cards and gifts that they produce will be available to purchase in aid of Amka, our polar bear, on Monday 13th December at 3.30pm pickup (more information to follow on this).

Just a few housekeeping notes to end on.....

Please could I remind everyone about the new COVID guidelines emailed to you this week - if your child has any of the symptoms, however mild, please do not bring them into school until they have had a negative PCR test. Thank you for your support in this and for helping us to keep everyone safe at Dunannie.

There will 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.

I have had a polite request from Dunhurst about the Adventure Playground. Please could Dunannie children refrain from playing on the equipment as it isn't built for their age group and we obviously want to avoid the children hurting themselves.

Lastly, the Dunannie Christmas post box is now open for business! If your children would like to send a Christmas card to anyone at Dunannie, including teachers and classmates, they can be posted in the post box that is in the lobby area at Dunannie.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful weekend.

Warmest wishes

Fiona

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NURSERY



The Nursery had a wonderful time on Monday, making the best use of the snow!

NURSERY



Well done to all the reception and Nursery children for a fabulous Nativity



NURSERY



RECEPTION



After a beautiful Nativity show, Reception have celebrated the start of December by doing lots of Christmassy and Wintery challenges. We have started to make snowflakes using wood and tools and the children have started a collaboration of ideas and interpretations of Peter Bruegel's famous painting "The Hunters in the Snow".



RECEPTION



Our Jolly Postman Christmas Post Office is now open where we are making cards and sending them off to exciting places!

YEAR 1



Art has been varied with new skills being learnt by all whilst feeling festive!

YEAR 1

A long time ago an angel
appeared and told Mary that she was going
to have a baby. Mary told Joseph
that she was going to have a baby
and they went to Bethlehem on a donkey.
In Bethlehem there was no room.
But one of the innkeepers had a stable. Jesus was
born in the stable.

One day an
angel appeared
in Mary's room.
She said to
Joseph
that she was
going to
have a baby. Mary
told Joseph that
she was going
to have a
baby.

In English, the children have been learning how to use capital letters for names. They have retold the nativity story and showed their understanding of this.

YEAR 2



These incredible girls, Edie and Allegra, sang 'I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas' to their families and raised an amazing £12.40 for Amka, our polar bear. Thank you girls. We had another brilliant performance at school.

Year 2 have been getting festive this week and, most excitingly, a member of Shackleton's crew came to see us to persuade us to join Shackleton "for a hazardous journey, with constant danger and safe return doubtful". We are allowed to bring our dogs as they will pull our sleighs across the hazardous ice. We have been given diaries to record everything we see and do. We'll let you have a look if and when we return.



YEAR 2



Year 2 have been investigating how to make strong paper bridges. After lots of testing and failures, we managed to make bridges that held over 7 cars with just one piece of paper.



YEAR 3SR



Year 3SR have been enjoying a range of creative activities getting ready for Christmas (including making paper chains!). It is a real treat to work in the Bedales art department for our ceramics project. A huge thank you to Ana for inviting us. The children have loved learning to use the sewing machines during textiles.



YEAR 3CC



Winter Festivals, Pioneer Patchwork and Amazing Light are just some of the things Year 3 have been exploring recently.

We have been finding out about refraction and reflection in our science lessons this half term. Xander created a really impressive fantastic light cave with so many reflective surfaces, as he worked to angle the mirrors exactly as he wanted them. We also managed to get a torch beam to bounce off a series of mirrors in a zigzag pathway.



The children were delighted to visit the Book Fair, browse for new favourite books and make wish lists.

YEAR 3CC



In the last few weeks of term we have been very busy developing making and textile skills in the run-up to Christmas. We have been sewing on buttons, threading needles and learning different stitches and knots, and this week we are finishing our patchwork and learning how the sewing machine works differently to hand-sewing with a needle.



BUSHCRAFT



This week reception class enjoyed hot chocolate around the fire



BUSHCRAFT



This week after a good play in the snow year one explored the concept of camouflage, looking closely at different birds and how well their feathers blend in to their surroundings. In groups the children took it in turns to hide and seek different coloured threads in the woodland. We learnt the importance of camouflage for predators and also for prey. Everyone enjoyed warming up next to the fire.



BUSHCRAFT



Year two helped to clear deadwood from the woodland, safely using a saw to cut and prepare the wood for a fire.

ACHIEVEMENTS



GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

Kayahan
Henrik

CALENDAR & EVENTS

Date	Start	End	Description	Location
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 Y1-3 *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	14:00	15:15	Dunannie Year 3 Visit to Steep Church	
10-Dec-21			Dunannie Christmas Jumper Day	
13-Dec-21	15:30	16:00	Dunannie Eco Committee Christmas Sale *Parents Invited	Dunannie
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**