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THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

The weather has been kind to us this week and the children have enjoyed exploring the great outdoors within the Bedales Estate, as well as Year 2 and Year 3 venturing on their class trips. It's often not where we go, but how we experience it that makes the adventure worthwhile. It's amazing how much we see when we are no longer focused on just getting from A to B but have time to look around and absorb the environment. Our children love to point out the spring flowers, the bird's nests or subtle changes that occur in the Orchard and I envy their ability to observe their environment with fresh eyes every day.

This week is National Children's Mental Health Week, so we have been focusing on being self-aware of our actions and behaviour this week. Monday's assembly was on Anti-Bullying and thinking about the choices we make. The children also created rules for Orchard play:

I will play and include others

I can build dens

I can be imaginative

I can have fun

I will not run with sticks, throw sticks or use a stick in a dangerous way.

I will not climb trees.

I will climb on the play equipment instead!



Reminders of the rules will be placed around the Orchard to help the children make the most of their playtime. Our wonderful Eco-Committee have requested two bins to be placed in the Orchard after finding a significant amount of litter left in the Orchard. One will be a recycling bin (green) for plastics and one black one for general rubbish. They have asked me to politely remind all parents to please put their rubbish in the bins when they leave the Orchard. Your children are becoming keen Eco-Warriors, hoping to make Dunannie the "greenest" school, so be warned they will be watching that your daily habits are helping and not harming the environment.

It was wonderful to welcome parents from Nursery and Reception to our first weekly Coffee and Chat event on Tuesday. We were lucky with the weather this week, however next week's Coffee and Chat will be held in the Dunannie library, and I look forward to seeing lots of the Year 1 parents there.

On Thursday Year 2 had a brilliant time visiting the Weald and Downland Living Museum in Chichester, where the children got to embrace the outdoors and explore the 40-acre site. Through sight, touch and even smell they learned first-hand what life was really like for people living in years gone by. Year 3 finished off their week by exploring the wild and wonderful Arundel Wetland Centre where they were able to immerse themselves in nature and even enjoyed the unique experience of getting up close and personal with rare and endangered birds from around the world! While it is clearly the case that, in any school, much of the progress that children make is the result of what happens in the classroom, I am firmly of the opinion that experiences like these trips should always be an integral part of a Bedales education.

Next week Year 3 will take part in their own mini-Winter Olympics. This will take place on Thursday 17th February between 2-3pm on the Bedales astro, and will be followed by refreshments at the Sam Banks Pavillion. Parents are very much welcome to come and cheer them on.

Finally, next week is our last week before half term. Please note that there will be no late Swallow Club on Friday 18th February.

A few dates for your diary:

- Parents evening: 15th and 17th February 2022
- World Book Week: w/c 28th February/ Bake sale and Dress Up Day 3rd March
- 9th March: 3 Schools concert
- Red Nose Movie Night: 17th March (More information to follow)

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Fiona

NURSERY



We have been doing some great teamwork this week. We have worked together to carry a heavy pipe, given our friends rides on the chariot trike, stacked the bricks together and worked as a team to create sand mountains over the black pipe. Well done Team Nursery!

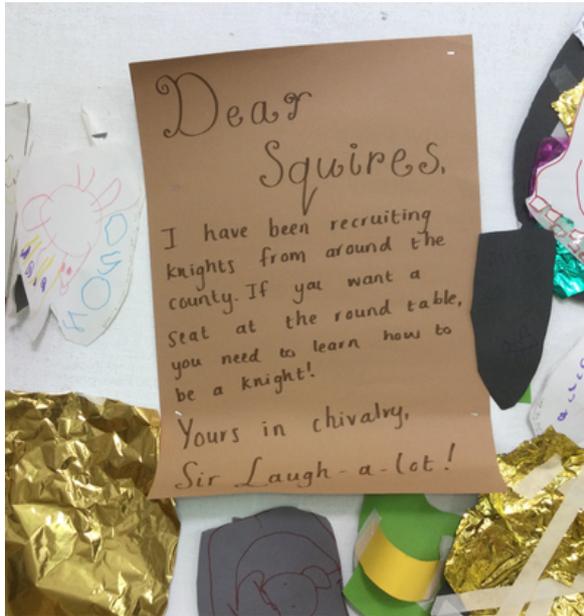


NURSERY

We have been space adventurers this week. We had a surprise visit from Adam the Astronaut and in Music we travelled into space, making the sound of twinkling stars with our triangles before meeting aliens and coming back home in our special spaceships.



RECEPTION



After loving a dragon-filled week, Sir Laugh-a-Lot left a scroll in our classroom saying he would be recruiting squires! The children have started investigating different parts and functions of castles and have created shields with personalised crests representing something special to them or their families. We are also developing story language so we can have a go at writing our very own three part stories! Well done Reception!



RECEPTION



YEAR 1



Year 1 have really got to know the characters in fairy tales this week. They created their favourites and used a variety of joining techniques to attach the materials.

In groups, they used their spoon puppets to create 'mixed up fairytales' which they performed. For example, Rapunzel baked a gingerbread man who, when baked, jumped out of the oven and escaped by climbing down her long hair...only to be eaten by the Big Bad Wolf at the bottom.

Their imaginations are brilliant!



YEAR 1



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In PSHE, the children have been thinking about what makes them feel a sense of belonging at home and they had so many ideas. They used drama to develop and show their ideas to others. Here you can see; playing sports together, going on a family walk, pulling crackers at Christmas and having a dance and a laugh in the kitchen.

YEAR 2



What an amazingly interesting trip to the Weald and Downland Museum. We were able to explore all the different houses, some from over 800 years ago. We couldn't believe how cold and dark the houses were. Some with little bedding and no ovens or fridges! And as for the bathrooms . . . ! We decided we were happier living in our modern houses.



YEAR 2



YEAR 3



Year 3 spent a wonderful day at Arundel Wildlife Wetland Centre today. We were so lucky to see so many beautiful birds close up, and in formation in the skies above. This time of year is really special, as there are lots of visiting birds on their migration journeys. We found out about one bird in particular - the Arctic tern - that flies an incredible 25,000 miles from the Arctic to Antarctica, where it enjoys the Antarctic summer! Our migration game was great fun, adding up the hazards, challenges and luck needed for a migration journey of many miles. Using the display boards and bird spotting guides, we became quite expert at spotting lots of different birds.



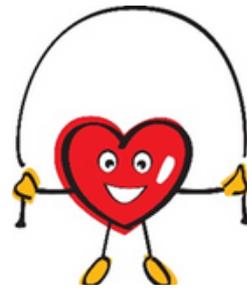
YEAR 3



The Wetland Centre is a truly wonderful place and we enjoyed our boat trips along the reed beds looking out for early nesters, and maybe a water vole or kingfisher. We had our own thatched cabin for the day and really enjoyed learning so much – thank you to all the lovely staff at the Centre for sharing their knowledge and love of birds with us.



P.E, GAMES AND SWIMMING



On Monday all classes took part in their Health and Fitness lessons. The children worked hard to raise their heart rates for prolonged periods of time and to recognise the beneficial effects that exercise was having on their bodies. It was fantastic to have most of the children back in the pool on Wednesday. Although their swimming programme has been disrupted due to Covid the children were enthusiastic and are continuing to make good progress with their strokes.



ACHIEVEMENTS



G O L D S I L V E R B R O N Z E

CALENDAR & EVENTS

Date	Start	End	Event	Location
15-Feb-22	8:30	9:15	Yr1 coffee and chat	Sam Banks Pavilion
15-Feb-22	15:30	17:30	Dunannie Parent Consultations	Dunannie
17-Feb-22	17:30	19:30	Dunannie Parent Consultations	Dunannie
18-Feb-22	15:30		Dunannie Half Term Starts (No Late Swallow)	
28-Feb-22	8:30		Dunannie Half Term ends - Term Starts	
1-Mar-22	8:30	9:15	Yr2 coffee and chat	Sam Banks Pavilion
1-Mar-22	18:00	19:00	Year 3 Shrove Tuesday Event and Parents' Information Evening	
1-Mar-22			Shrove Tuesday	Dunannie
3-Mar-22			World Book Day	Dunannie
7-Mar-22	8:50	12:15	Dunhurst/Dunannie Music Three Schools Concert Rehearsal	Blue Room (R118)
8-Mar-22	8:30	9:15	Yr3 coffee and chat	Sam Banks Pavilion
8-Mar-22	8:50	12:15	Dunhurst/Dunannie Music Three Schools Concert Rehearsal	Blue Room (R118)
9-Mar-22	13:00	16:00	Three Schools Concert Rehearsals	Lupton Hall (R001)
9-Mar-22	16:00	17:00	Three Schools Concert in Lupton Hall	Lupton Hall (R001)
9-Mar-22			EYFS Woodwork Workshop	Dunannie
11-Mar-22	15:30		Dunannie Long Leave Weekend starts (no Late Swallow Club)	
11-Mar-22			British Science Week	
14-Mar-22	14:30	15:30	Dunannie Y3 Hockey v Ditcham	Ditcham Park
15-Mar-22	8:30	9:15	Nursery and Reception coffee and chat	Sam Banks Pavilion
15-Mar-22	9:00	15:00	Dunannie Y3 Trip to Winchester Science Centre	
15-Mar-22	10:00	13:00	Dunannie Open Morning	Dunannie
16-Mar-22	8:30	9:15	Yr1 coffee and chat	Sam Banks Pavilion
19-Mar-22			Red nose Day	
22-Mar-22	8:30	9:15	Yr2 coffee and chat	Sam Banks Pavilion
24-Mar-22	14:15	15:15	Dunannie - Yr 3 Swim Gala Girls & Boys v The Royal	Bedaes

DUNANNIE MENUS



DUNANNIE LUNCH MENU - Week One

WC 10/01/22 - 31/01/22 - 21/02/22 - 07/03/22 - 28/03/22

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Homemade Soup	Tomato & Basil Soup	Broccoli & Stilton Soup	Curried Butternut Squash Soup	Soup of the Day	Chicken Broth
Classic Main	Garlic & Herb Crispy Chicken	Rich Beef Lasagne	Stone Baked Pepperoni Pizza	Roast Topside of Beef with Yorkshire Puddings & Gravy	Battered Cod or Fish Fingers
Vegetarian	Beetroot, Feta & Cherry Tomato Galette	Gluten Free Roasted Squash & Spinach Lasagne	Stone Baked Margarita Pizza	Butternut Squash, Mozzarella & Spinach Wellington	Fishless Fingers
Carbohydrates	Steamed New Potatoes	Garlic Bread	Potato Wedges	Roast Potatoes	French Fries
Vegetable Choice	Broccoli Steamed Leeks	Fine Beans Roasted Squash	Corn on the Cob Garden Peas	Roasted Parsnips Shredded Cabbage	Garden Peas
Dessert	Rhubarb Crumble & Custard	Fresh Fruit Salad & Natural Yoghurt	Chocolate Mousse	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Caramel Sauce	Ice Cream Tubs

A SELECTION OF SALADS AT THE SALAD BAR, CUT FRUITS & COLD DESSERTS AVAILABLE DAILY

SWALLOW SUPPER CLUB - Week One

Classic Main	Chicken Korma, Onion Bhajis & Naan Bread	Minted Lamb Chops	Homemade Sausage Rolls	Chilli Con Carne	Chicken Burger on a Brioche Bun
Vegetarian	Butternut Squash Korma	Bubble & Squeak with Poached Egg, Hollandaise & Rocket	Vegan Sausage Rolls	Chilli Non Carne	Spicy Bean Burger
Carbohydrates	Pilau Rice	Crushed New Potatoes with Rosemary	Thick Cut Chips	Loaded Nacho Chips	Sweet Potato Fries
Vegetable Choice	Cauliflower	Sliced Carrots Garden Peas	Baked Beans Broccoli	Roasted Peppers & Red Onion	BBQ Beans & Mixed Salad



DUNANNIE LUNCH MENU - Week Two

WC 17/01/22 - 07/02/22 - 28/02/22 - 14/03/22 - 04/04/22

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Homemade Soup	Leek & Potato Soup	Pea & Ham Soup	Roasted Pepper & Red Lentil Soup	Soup of the Day	Cream of Mushroom Soup
Classic Main	BBQ Pork Ribs	Sticky Chinese Chicken	Shepherds Pie with a Cheesy Crust	Beef & Pork Meatballs in a Ragu Sauce	Cod Goujons
Vegetarian	Spicy Bean Burgers Topped with Halloumi & Chilli Jam	Noodle Ramen	Vegan Shepherds Pie with a Vegan Cheese Crust	Meatless Balls in a Ragu Sauce	Mozzarella Sticks
Carbohydrates	Leek & Potato Soup	Pea & Ham Soup	Roasted Pepper & Red Lentil Soup	Soup of the Day	Cream of Mushroom Soup
Vegetable Choice	Broccoli Roasted Vegetables	Pak Choi Mange Tout	Fine Beans Sliced Carrots	Roasted Squash Sweetcorn	Mushy Peas Baked Beans
Dessert	Baked Alaska	Chocolate Brownies	Treacle Sponge & Custard	Jam Roly Poly & Custard	Fruit & Seed Granola Bars

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SWALLOW SUPPER CLUB - Week Two

Classic Main	Mixed Grill Steak	Indulgent Beef Bourguignon	Loaded Cajun Chicken Nachos	Dunhurst Fried Chicken	Beef in Black Bean Sauce
Vegetarian	Vegan Schnitzel	Butterbean & Thyme Cassoulet	Loaded 3 Cheese Nachos	Fried Brie Parcels & Cranberry Sauce	Peppers in Black Bean Sauce
Carbohydrates	Julienne Fries Onion Rings	Creamed Potatoes	Spiced Wedges	Sweet Potato	Special Fried Rice Spring Rolls
Vegetable Choice	Grilled Tomatoes Grilled Garlic Mushrooms Minted Garden Peas	Roasted Root Vegetables	Grilled Peppers & Assorted Salad	Broccoli Baked Beans	Pak Choi Baby Corn

DUNANNIE MENUS



DUNANNIE LUNCH MENU - Week Three

WC 24/01/22 - 14/02/22 - 07/03/22 - 21/03/22 - 11/04/22

	Carrot & Coriander Soup	Roasted Med Veg Soup	Potato & Horseradish	Soup of the Day	French Onion Soup
Homemade Soup	Chicken & Chorizo Pasta Bake	Steak & Onion Pie	Chicken Katsu Curry	Beef Fajitas with Guacamole, Salsa & Sour Cream	Battered Cod
Classic Main	Tomato, Mozzarella & Basil Pasta Bake	Leek & Mushroom Pie	Cauliflower Fritter Katsu	Vegetable Fajitas with Guacamole, Salsa and Sour Cream	Pea & Goats Cheese Risotto
Vegetarian	Carrot & Coriander Soup	Roasted Med Veg Soup	Potato & Horseradish	Soup of the Day	French Onion Soup
Carbohydrates	Tomato & Rosemary Focaccia	Roasted New Potatoes	Braised Rice	Spiced Wedges & Tortilla Wraps	Thick Cut Chips
Vegetable Choice	Fine Beans Sweetcorn	Roasted Root Vegetables Savoy Cabbage	Broccoli Pak Choi	Corn on the Cob Roasted Cajun Vegetables	Garden Peas Baked Beans
Dessert	Rice Pudding with Strawberry Jam	Mango & Passionfruit Cheesecake	Toffee Apple Upside Down Cake & Custard	Winter Fruit Shortbread	Lemon Meringue Pies

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SWALLOW SUPPER CLUB - Week Three

Classic Main	Shredded Chicken Curry, Onion Bhajis & Poppadum's	Beef Fajitas with Guacamole, Salsa and Sour Cream	Cod Fish Fingers with Lemon & Tartare Sauce	Chicken Chow Mein with Spring Rolls & Prawn Crackers	Cumberland Sausage Hot Dogs with Caramelised Onions & Relish
Vegetarian	Butternut Squash Tikka Masala, Onion Bhajis and Poppadum's	Vegetable Fajitas with Guacamole, Salsa and Sour Cream	Mozzarella Sticks	Tofu Ramen	Meat Free Hot Dog with Caramelised Onion & Relish
Carbohydrates	Braised Rice	Potato Wedges	Sweet Potato Fries	Spring Rolls & Prawn Crackers	Onion Rings Sautéed Potatoes
Vegetable Choice	Sliced Beans	Steamed Kale	Tender stem	Pak Choi	Mixed Salads