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# THE FRIDAY LETTER

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF DUNANNIE SCHOOL



Dear Parents

I cannot quite believe we have reached the end of an exceptionally busy term and year. What a week we have had: Year 1 class celebration assembly was a huge hit! The children showcased their wonderful Art work and what talented children artists we have! Reception are also busy sharing the highlights of their year with their parents this morning. Year 2 had fun, fun, fun with the Ghanaian African Drumming, Dancing and Art workshop, and of course Year 3 filled their week with a thrilling trip to Legoland and they challenged themselves on the high ropes at Go Ape! We were able to say a very special farewell to these amazing Year 3 children last night and whilst they are only a few steps away, we will miss them dearly! A special thank you to Shane Gavin for building the fantastic new hut in the main playground and to the Year 3 parents for this incredible gift that will be enjoyed for many many years by Dunannie children!

I wanted to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of Dunannie this year – children, staff, parents, and friends of the School. Thank you, especially to our amazing children for reminding us daily of their unique talents, brilliance and 'joie de vivre'. Thank you to all the parents who have contributed in myriad ways, including our wonderful Class Reps and FoD Chairs. Your support of the School has been impressive and invaluable. While our staff's tireless effort and dedication have taken many forms, all have shown a commitment to ensuring Dunannie children have memorable and inspirational experiences. We welcomed 27 new children yesterday at moving up morning and we are very much looking forward to getting to know them in September. We also say goodbye to Catherine, Bridget, Daisy, Natalie Gafford and Natalie Callis who have contributed so much to the wider life of the school during their time with us; they have made their mark – and made a difference! I would like to take this opportunity to say again that it has been wonderful to know you all and to work with you. Thank you for your wholehearted commitment, for your wisdom and expertise, and for the kindness and care you have shown for the children throughout your time here. It has been appreciated and it will be remembered.

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It has been a very busy year at Dunannie with so many highlights. The coming year promises to be no less exciting, but for now, I would like to wish all our children, families and staff a restful and enjoyable summer holiday. I know that the summer is a chance to take a breath, relax, spend time with friends and family, and perhaps travel. Whatever you are doing, I hope that you have a great time. To the Nursery children off to new schools, Dhilan, Conrad and Robyn who are leaving us, I want to thank you for your smiles and contributions to Dunannie during your time with us, and best wishes as you embark on your new adventures. Whatever the next chapter holds, I hope it is full of happiness, success and good fortune. For everyone else returning next year - I look forward to welcoming the community back to school in September when we do all of this again and more!

Best wishes,

Fiona

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## NURSERY

We have had a busy final week in the Nursery. We have harvested our potatoes and tidied away the compost, cleaned the trikes and scooters, made a train track the length of our barn and still time for a board game or two in the "triangle house" we made together. Thank you to all the children and families who have helped to make this year such a special one for us.



## NURSERY

As a final woodwork project we have worked together on a collaborative piece. We are now waiting to see what our friends in Reception Class add to it before it is mounted on the wall in the garden for us to enjoy as we move up to Reception in September. We have loved our woodwork this year and are looking forward to developing our skills further!



## NURSERY

The rain stayed away and we enjoyed Sports Day. We tried our best in the races and then showed our families some of the activities we have been doing this year. Thank you Karen for organising such a fun event. More photos can be found in Karen's Sports Day section.



## RECEPTION

The last few days in reception have been full of harvesting the fruits of our labours - from digging up our potatoes and shelling our peas for an end of term feast to the last bit of woodwork with Daisy....



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# YEAR 1

Year 1 have ended the year with an amazing showcase of their art work.



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Year 1 put on the most fantastic art exhibition and showcase of their work this year for their parents. The joy, pride and enthusiasm shown was heart warming. They are an incredible team!



## YEAR 2

A fantastic final week for Year 2! We particularly loved learning from our Ghanaian guest speaker, exploring Ghanaian culture including music, stories and art. The children enjoyed printing Adinkra symbols.



I hope all the lovely Year 2s enjoy their summer holidays!



## YEAR 3

What an amazing last week of term in Year 3! Thank you to all the incredible children for making it such a delightful time. !



# PE, GAMES AND SWIMMING

Dunannie Sports Days.

Congratulations to all children who took part in the Dunannie Sports Days. There was some amazing team work and individual performances. Our Dunannie values of courage and respect shone through!



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