



What a very busy month March has been with so much exciting learning happening in each class. Our Developing Young Workforce and Learning for Sustainability week was a huge success with lots of trips and visitors to school enhancing our children's learning experiences. Our musical theatre group wowed the audience with their fantastic performance of Annie. We have also had several sporting successes. As we draw on the end of another term it is lovely to look back on all the hard work and achievements of our children.

Access doors

Please continue to note that pupils arriving late in school should use the Main Reception door located at the front of the building opposite the swimming pool. This door should be used **at all times** by parents and visitors. This is for the safety and security of our pupils.

Wake and Shake

This will take place in the gym hall every Monday and Tuesday. Access will be available from 8:30pm through the side doors. All parents' staff and pupils welcome! Dance your way to feeling good ready for the school day!

Staffing

We say a huge goodbye to Mrs. Blackie who taken up a new post at Chirnside Primary School. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and will miss her. We welcome Mrs. Jenny Vallance who has joined our admin team.

We also say goodbye to Mrs. Millar who has taken up a new teaching post at Greenlaw Primary We welcome back Mrs. Flockhart and look forward to welcoming back Ms. Knox to P7A after the spring holiday. Mrs. Trafford will continue to be on long term absence after

the holidays and Mr. Maunder will be taking over the main teaching of P6B and ensuring consistency in planning and learning and teaching.

Website

We have recently updated our school website to make it more streamlined and easier to navigate. We hope you find it useful and informative. Please visit us at www.dunsprimary.org.uk

Sports Day

Please note the change of date for Sports Day which is now on Friday 7th June.

Borders Cross Country

Well done to all our pupils in P6 and P7 who took part in the Borders Cross Country Championships. Everyone did an amazing job.

Online Safety

Unfortunately we have been experiencing ongoing concerns regarding some of our pupils' use of online devices and this is an important area of learning. Further information for parents and carers on how to help support and protect your child using devices can be found by visiting: www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Uniform

There is an extremely high level of support from parents for our school uniform policy. The wearing of uniform helps to build a sense of identity, pride and belonging within the school. We continue to encourage all children to come to school in full school uniform. Please note that sports tops are not acceptable.

FDPS

At our recent FPDS meeting we elected our new committee for this session. These are as follows:

Chair: Fiona Lawson

Secretary: Wanda Jane Field

Treasurer: Emma Lindsay

We say goodbye to Julie Chalmers Mackenzie our chair and to Lesley Roshier our vice chair who have both been key members of FDPS for many years. In their time on FDPS they have helped plan and organise so many events as well as helping to raise thousands of pounds which have benefited our school. On behalf of all staff and children we would like to say a huge thank you for all their hard work.

Basketball Tournament

Well done to all our children who took part in the Berwickshire Basketball tournament. Everyone played really well and one of our team will be representing us at the Borders finals. Well done to:

Thomas (P7)

Craig (P7)

Lewis K (P6)

Geordie (P7)

Finlay C (P7)

William O (P7)

Rurari (P7)

Communication

Please continue to follow us on Facebook @Duns Primary and on Twitter @Duns Primary where you will receive regular updates of all the exciting learning that happens each week.

Learning for Sustainability and Developing Young Workforce

We had a fantastic week of learning across all classes during our learning for sustainability and developing the young work force focus week. Across the school we focused on themes including:

- Outdoor learning
- Children's Rights
- Sustainable Energy
- Waste Reduction
- Recycling
- Sustainable Building
- Food and Farming

We had many visitors from a variety of different companies and organisations including:

- Farmers
- Nurses
- Fitness Instructor
- Agronomist
- Gamekeepers
- Scientist

It was a fantastic week of learning for our children. A huge thank you to all our companies, organisations and visitors who contributed to the week. Also a big thank you to Ms Knox for all her hard work in organising everything.

Berwickshire Dance Festival

Well done to all our pupils who took part in this year's Dance festival. P1 took us on a journey through the Polar Lands. P5 took us on a Viking adventure, P6A told the story of a jewel heist and P6B showcased the importance of online safety. Their performances were fantastic and they received great feedback from the judges.

Annie Jr. 2019

Well done to all our children in our musical theatre group who put on an outstanding performance of Annie. The children were amazing! We are so proud of all their hard work and talent. A huge thank you to Mrs. Davidson, Miss Devaney and Miss Turnbull for all their hard work over the year. We look forward to the next performance!

Happy Holidays

The Senior Leadership and staff would like to wish everyone a very happy and relaxing holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 15th March at 8:50am**. A reminder that school will be closed on **Friday 19th April** for the Good Friday Holiday.



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