

# Ladysmith Federation

## Junior School News

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### Ambition

#### Learning Behaviours

Mr Wilkinson has been talking to the children about six key learning behaviours that build on our ethos of

**A**mbition,  
**A**dventure and  
**A**chievement.

These are **self-motivation, perseverance, creativity, challenge, resilience and independence.**

Try asking your child how they might show or already have shown these attributes at school or at home.

[Click here for more info.](#)

### Adventure

Year 5 went into the science dome this week to experience a planetarium.

*'We looked at constellations and named some of them and then found out how to find North using the stars.*

*We also learned about the phases of the moon and all about our shadows*

*It was amazing to learn about Betelgeuse—a star 150 times the size of our sun!' By Noah and Rosie*

### Achievement

Well done to our stars of the week!

#### **Year 3:**

Reid, Destiny, Amelie, Molly and Ashley

#### **Year 4:**

Chelsea, Violet, Jacob and Lillabelle

#### **Year 5:**

Mike, Ollie, Lewis and Luke

#### **Year 6:**

Mikolaj, Thomas, Samit, Toby, Huw and Joe

## Federation News

Quiz night

Friday Quiz 'n Fizz!

28th Feb - 7:30 to 10pm

£4 per person  
(Includes  
snacks,  
payment on  
the door)



Raising funds  
for shed  
repairs  
(infant and  
junior school)

Quiz night

Register teams / book tables in advance by emailing [hammeldown@gmail.com](mailto:hammeldown@gmail.com). Or just turn up and join a team on the night! Prizes for winners / best team names - plus drinks available from the bar.

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[www.ladysmithfederation.net](http://www.ladysmithfederation.net)

## TikTok

More than 500 million people around the world – many of them children – regularly use the app **TikTok** to create, view and share 60-second videos.



TikTok can be a great tool for self-expression and connect users around the world, so it's important that children are aware of the potential risks and learn how to use it in a safe way.

[Read this Parent Guide](#), which is full of sensible advice about how families can make the most of the settings and tools available to them.

## Parent's Evenings

We have changed the dates of parent's evenings which were in the dates for the diary section last week. They are taking place on Tuesday 17th March from 5-7pm and on Thursday 19th March from 4-6pm. You will have received your child's report the previous week and so this will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and look through their work.

Letters will be sent out nearer the time to allow parents to book an appointment.

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## **SUGAR SMART**

Are you planning to take part in **Fizz Free February**?

With 9 days to go, there's still time to get your office, group or school on board. The Fizz Free February challenge is a fun way to break old habits, spark conversations about reducing sugar and inspire further actions on healthier eating.

[Click here for more info](#)

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## World Book Day 2020



**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day! Find out how to get involved below!**

### Dress Up!

This year, rather than dress as a character, we have challenged the children to come to school **'dressed as a word'**... this is to celebrate the richness of the written word (and to make it easier to create a costume!)

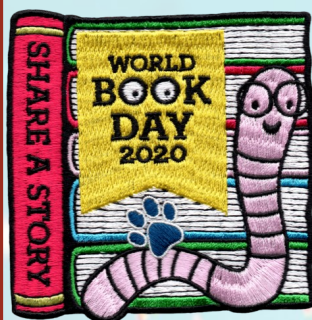
Some suggestions already have been to dress up as 'sparkly', 'cold', 'explosive' or 'colourful'. The children can then guess what each other's words are and we can explore the range of vocabulary.

Of course, if your child would prefer to come to school dressed as their **favourite book character**, they are most welcome – we are always amazed by the variety and inventiveness of their costumes!

As ever, please do not go out and spend lots of money – there are plenty of characters and words which can be created with what the children already have at home.

## Shared Reading

Throughout the day, the children will be spending time with some children from the Infant School to share stories and explore the words or characters they have come as.



## Book Swap

If you have any unwanted children's books (in good condition please), we are hosting a book swap. Anybody who donates a book will receive a token so that after school, they can collect a new book.

Any books left over will be given away the following day.

Book donations can be brought in on World Book Day morning and placed in a trolley which will be by reception where they will be swapped with tokens. A maximum of 5 tokens will be given to each child.



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**Internet Matters** Information on navigating social media safely, get tools and tips to support your child's digital wellbeing on Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp. [For more details, click here](#)



**The Curly Hair Project Autism in Education**, Friday 31st January 2020 from 09:30am – 15.15pm, Isca Room, Exeter Community Centre, 17 Saint David's Hill, Exeter, EX4 3RG.

This event will look at the difficulties that autistic children might have during their education. The Curly Hair Project understand that managing a whole class can be hard work, so the strategies they suggest are likely to benefit the whole class as well as make teaching more effective. Teaching children empathy from a young age for example, can really make a huge difference and can result in an overall calmer classroom.

the curly hair project

Autism & Education Day



With three different streams to choose from, attendees can select the material that is most relevant to them. To book a place and [find out about this and other courses available](#).

### **Mr Hawkins Needs You!! Voting is OPEN!!**

Ladysmith Junior School has been chosen as one of three finalists in the RGB Building Supplies' latest Well Built Community Fund.

The decision now rests with the public to decide who should receive the £1,000 worth of building materials – we would LOVE to give it to Mr Hawkins to buy new tools for his projects at school!

Votes can be cast one of three ways:

1. By visiting RGB's Exeter branch and placing a chip in the Ladysmith Junior School box
2. By [visiting RGB's Facebook page](#) - remember to hear the post not in the comments!
3. By emailing [RGB@pmwcom.co.uk](mailto:RGB@pmwcom.co.uk) and putting 'Community Fund – Ladysmith Junior School' in the subject box. Only one vote will be counted from each email address

#### **Dates for the diary:**

27.1.20—Rearranged Killerton Run  
28.1.20—Year 3 Parent Workshop—Reading  
4.2.20—Year 6 Parent Workshop—Reading  
5.2.20—Year 5 Parent Workshop—Reading  
7.2.20—3CH Family Assembly  
12.2.20—Open afternoon—3.30pm-5pm  
14.2.20—Last day of the half term  
24.2.20—Start of spring term 2  
28.2.20—Federation Quiz night at the Junior School  
3.3.20—Year 4 Parent Workshop—Writing  
5.3.20—World Book Day  
6.3.20—5SW Family Assembly  
Week beginning 9.3.20—Year 6 Beam House Residential Week / Year 6 activity week  
12.3.20—Year 5 Sleepover—details to follow  
13.3.20—Reports Out  
17.3.20—Parent's Evening 5-7pm (please note change of date from last week's dates for the diary)  
19.3.20—Parent's Evening 4-6pm (please note change of date from last week's dates for the diary)  
20.3.20—4AN family assembly—9.05am in the hall  
25.3.20—Open Afternoon—3.30pm-5pm  
26.3.20—Ladysmith Bake Off—CPTT Easter Event! Details to follow  
27.3.20—5LD family assembly—9.05am in the hall  
27.3.20—Last Day of spring term  
14.5.20—First Day of summer term



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