

## Junior School News

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### FEDERATION NEWS

**Ladysmith Junior School will be closed on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April to prepare the new building for the children's first day back after Easter on 20<sup>th</sup> April. We appreciate that this may be an inconvenience to some parents but we hope you understand the importance of ensuring that the new school building is safe and ready for the children. The Infant School will remain open as normal.**

#### London Gospel Choir



This week, some children from years 5 and 6 took part in a workshop at Exeter University with the amazing and award winning London Community Gospel Choir. It was energetic

right from the start with a warm up that could have easily prepared us for a PE lesson! The children learned about the roots of gospel music and enjoyed singing some amazing songs such as 'Swing Low Sweet Chariot' and 'Happy'. A huge well done to all of the children who sang beautifully!

#### Cultural Champions



*'We went to St Luke's to meet up with Cultural Champions from other schools. We learnt how to play some games from different cultures and cooked (and ate!!) some delicious Spanish frittata, Mexican salsa and guacamole and tabouleh from Lebanon.'* **By Hams and Fatima**

### Ambition Adventure Achievement

#### Ambition

Our vision for every child encourages our children and staff to have an active and healthy lifestyle with good mental well-being. The children have continued to use our track to run their mile a day. Congratulations to 4KH who are leading the way with 2,145 miles logged so far this year!

#### Adventure

Good luck to year 6 who are taking part in the activity week next week. 68 children are off to Beam House in Torrington for the week while the remaining children have an action packed week planned at school. Remember to follow us @ladysmithfed to see pictures during the week.

#### Achievement

Congratulations to 4KH who did a great job with their class assembly today – it was great to hear about the variety of things they have been learning about!

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## Family Thrive



Ten of our families have taken part in our 7 week course to introduce them to the fundamentals of Thrive and how it works in practice. I am sure they will agree that they learnt about the amazing growth of their child's brain through childhood and how it's linked to their emotional development. Mrs Lisa Callaway, one of our Thrive practitioners, ran the course. The sessions provided structured yet informal sessions that allowed parents and carers time to reflect and interact with each other. They asked questions, received help, practical suggestions and strategies that they could use with their child. If you are interested in taking part in Family Thrive, speak to Mrs Callaway or Mrs Williams.

## St Patrick's Day Menu Change

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, there is a change to the normal menu which has been emailed out via ParentMail.



## Parent Meetings

You should have received a letter today, via email and a hard copy, about our parent meetings which are happening on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's report and see their work. Please complete the slip and return this to your child's teacher who will let you know when your time is.

## Parent Questionnaire

A hard copy and email copy of our annual parents survey has been sent out today, this provides us with valuable feedback about what we are doing well at as well as areas which you feel need improvement. Please complete these and return to the office by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

## Children, Parents, Teachers, Together

You will have received a letter with details of our rebranded, relaunched 'PTA' which is now called the CPTT and is represented by our new logo thanks to the winners of the designing competition, Janson, Lucia and Samuel. If you and your child would like to get involved by becoming a class rep, we'd love to hear from you.

### Dates for the diary:

13<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Roman Roadshow  
13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 residential trip to Beam house.  
13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 activity week  
17<sup>th</sup> March – Y3,4 and 5 School reports sent home  
21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Parent meetings – letter to follow  
24<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief Day – details to follow  
18<sup>th</sup> March – School open morning for ex-pupils of Ladysmith –more - details to follow  
20<sup>th</sup> March – Y6 school reports sent home  
24<sup>th</sup> March – 5AS family assembly – 9am in the hall  
31<sup>st</sup> March – Last day of term – last day in our old building!  
**18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April – School closed**  
20<sup>th</sup> April - First day of summer term – first day in our new building!!



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