

Ladysmith Federation

Junior School News

Thursday 11th February 2016

Year 3 Climbing Adventure



Linking in with their work on Rocks and Soils, Year 3 have all had a fantastic trip to Clip 'n' Climb this week. The children were amazing, their behaviour was outstanding and they all took on the climbing challenges with a positive attitude. We were extremely impressed with how they represented themselves and the school. Well done Year 3!



Read for My School



We now have 76 children signed up to our reading group and between them, they have read a fantastic 270 books already!

The event runs until **15th April 2016** so there's still plenty of time to sign up.

Children will need to register on: www.readformyschool.co.uk

You will need our 'classroom code' to sign up, which is: **854056**

North Star Sessions

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This week, myself and Mr Broad have worked with all the children to discuss their 'North Star' goals. For some children, this was thinking about what they might like to do when they are older and for others it was more of a shorter term goal. The children shared these ideas and goals with their peers and thought about the skills they already have and what they are already doing to work towards their goal. As well as this, they thought about what else they might need to do along the way. It was great to see the ambition in the room and a clear message came out of it – if you work hard towards them, you can achieve your goals.



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Parent Questionnaire

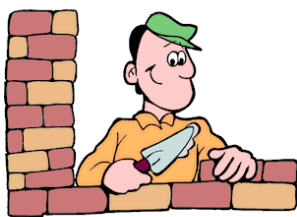
Thank you to all of you who completed one of the Parent Questionnaires. There were some very positive responses but also some areas that we feel we can work on to develop and improve. To this end, we will be constructing an online survey to look at the issues of homework and how we report information about your child's progress and attainment to you. Hopefully this will give us a clear picture of how we can develop these areas. Details of the survey will be in the next newsletter.

Here is an overview of the results from the questionnaire:

- 96% agree or strongly agree that their child is happy at school
- 96% agree or strongly agree that their child feels safe at school
- 93% agree or strongly agree that their child is making good progress at school
- 96% agree or strongly agree that their child is well looked after at school
- 94% agree or strongly agree that their child is taught well at school
- 85% agree or strongly agree that their child receives appropriate homework for their age
- 97% agree or strongly agree that school makes sure the pupils are well behaved
- 97% agree or strongly agree that the school deals effectively with bullying
- 99% agree or strongly agree that the school is well led and managed
- 95% agree or strongly agree that school responds well to any concerns raised
- 79% agree or strongly agree that they receive valuable information from the school about their child's progress
- 95% agree or strongly agree that they would recommend this school to another parent.

Reporting – School Pupil Tracker

As we continue to develop our system for reporting in a world without levels, it has become clear to us that the progress of children, in terms of a judgement of whether they are at Age Related Expectations, can only really be made at the end of each term and not half term. With this in mind, we will, for now, only be updating and opening School Pupil Tracker on a termly basis. We are mindful that this is an area that we need to develop. If you have any comments about how we report to you as parents and guardians, please take part in our online survey after half term.



New Build

I would like to apologise for the lack of information on the New Build project: this has been due to not having a confirmed start date. The intention is for work to start during the Easter holidays but this is not yet confirmed as we are still waiting on planning permission. As soon as I have any definite information I will let you know.

I hope have an enjoyable half term. Don't forget tomorrow, Friday 12th February, is a non-pupil day and we start back to school on Monday 22nd February.

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