

# Ladysmith Federation

## Junior School News

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### David Lawrence



We were delighted to welcome David Lawrence to Ladysmith on Monday to present his 'showcase'. His aim was to enthuse and inspire the children and he certainly did that! The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and went away excited about his series of books.

On Wednesday, he returned to sign and give books to the children who had ordered one. Over 175 books were sold and signed which is testament to the love of reading we have at Ladysmith.

David was staggered by the enthusiasm of our children and commented on how well behaved they were. Some of our children have already started writing their own stories inspired by his visit.



### Story Competition

After the success of David's visit, we would like to announce a story writing competition at Ladysmith. We invite the children to write a short story, no longer than about 500 words (about 2 sides of A4 written or one side of typed, size 12 text) on any subject they choose. David was keen to be involved and has offered to read the top 12 entries and come into school to present the top 4 authors with a certificate and a prize. Despite struggling with spelling and punctuation, David himself was inspired to write after winning a similar competition.

It does not need to be a complete story – it could be the introduction or just a chapter of your story. Finished entries need to be completed and handed into the office **by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. David will then return in the last week of term to announce the winners.

### School Photos



School photos will be taken on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November. More details to follow next week.

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## Killerton Run



We have had over 130 entries for the Killerton running event planned for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

We're pleased to say that **all** of the children who have handed their slips back this week will be going.

We do have 50 spaces left and so if anyone still wishes to go, they can still hand slips in until Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Letters are available by the front door and in reception.

## Wildlife Champions



Before half term, the wildlife champions spent Tuesday afternoon with Paul Martin conducting a site survey around our school grounds.

They will be publishing their findings later in the half term but they were amazed to find how many trees we have on-site and had a great time identifying the various species.

## Tarka the Otter

Huge congratulations goes to all the children who took part in the recent performances of Tarka the Otter at Exeter Cathedral. The children sang some of the songs from the performance in our assembly.



Well done to Mabel who performed her solo piece with real confidence.

## Fiddler on the Roof



Eve Hemment in year 5 will be taking part in a production of 'Fiddler on the Roof' at the Exeter Barnfield Theatre between Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

We wish her luck; please book your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

## **Depression & Anxiety Awareness Workshops For Parents @ Whipton Children's Centre**

**Lisa Wood and Ruth Coe are Adult Mental Health practitioners working in Early Help**

Let us help you develop tools to deal with life's ups and downs. The workshops will be interactive, educational and usable.

**Lisa and Ruth will run 6 workshops commencing**

**6<sup>th</sup> November until 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015.**

**For more details pick up a flyer from the Junior School Entrance foyer or call:**

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