

Ladysmith Federation

Junior School News

Friday 11th March 2016

Accelerated Reader



The library is now open again! The library has moved to the end of year 5 and is now fully operational again thanks to a huge amount of work by Mrs Murchison and Mr Hawkins. The children have been introduced to 'Accelerated Reader' which is a reading program we are using. The system encourages children to read books which are at an appropriate level for their understanding. They will be asked to choose books from within a specific range and then asked to complete a short, on-line quiz to check that they have understood the text. From this they earn points and the system records how many words they have read! The children will also be able to choose a 'free

choice', but this will not be recorded by Accelerated Reader. Once the system is up and running, we will invite parents in to find out more but in the meantime, all children should have an accelerated reader book and they will begin to take quizzes in school. If you do have any questions, please see Mr Broad.



Pop-Up Café

Come join and in the last Pop-Up Cafe of the term next **Wednesday 16th March** from 3pm - 4.30pm in the Junior School Hall. This is your chance to enjoy delicious Year 1 baking, an Easter craft activity as well as a Year 5 enterprise event. Not forgetting the second-hand uniform sale!

Willowrush

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA who funded the willow workshops last week. The children had a great time and took home some really impressive projects. We hope to invite Richard in again to work with year 3 and 4 later in the year.

BEAM house

Good luck to the year 6 children who are off on their residential trip to BEAM house in Torrington on Monday. We are sure they will have a fantastic time and look forward to welcoming them back on Friday. There will be regular Twitter updates from BEAM house so make sure you follow @ladysmithfed.

Sports Relief

Next Friday 18th March is Sports Relief day. The year 6 children who are not attending BEAM house have organised relay races during the morning. Children are invited to wear sports clothes to school on that day for a suggested donation of £1 which will be donated to the charity.

Year 3 Art Exhibition

Year 3 would like to invite their families into their classrooms on Thursday 24th March (the last day of term) from 3pm to see their art exhibition.

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Bee Trip



On March 1st, 4KR went to the Honey Scribe project. We walked to Princesshay and met up with Amy Shelton who took us onto the rooves to see some bee hives. A few minutes later, we went to the SpaceX Gallery to meet Claire, the bee keeper, to learn about bees.

She told us how bees produce honey and we got to draw pictures of bees, then covered them in beeswax. After that, we had some tasty lunch with our friends. Then we met a popular artist called Tessa Farmer. We looked at the amazing artwork. We made

bees out of acorns and string and plastic wings before walking back to school.

By Ben in 4KR



Devon County Show



Children in year 5 spent an afternoon with recycling specialists, Coastal Recycling last week to promote the value of recycling in the food and farming industry. The children were set the challenge of designing a wheelie bin made out of recycled materials.

The eight winning designs will be brought to life and be placed on the 'Wheelie Wild Trail' across the showground at the Devon County Show.

The pupils were excited to hear all about Devon County Show's activities, from milking dairy cows to watching a sheepdog herd ducks. Education

and Office Coordinator, Emma Watson, talked about specific features of the project: *'We want to give children an appreciation of our food production and rural issues that are prevalent in Devon. They now understand that recycling is an important part of the food cycle and without it we would be knee deep in rubbish.'*

We are hoping to take our year 5 children to the Devon County Show thanks to a discounted entry price and sponsorship from Ashford Solicitors, secured by Coastal Recycling. Details to follow.

Internet Safety

Year 5 and 6 took part in Internet Safety awareness workshops on Wednesday afternoon, led by our local PCSO Percy Giles and his colleague. They watched a video and the children were reminded about the importance of staying safe on-line. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the parents' workshop after school.

Class Assembly

Well done to 4HG who shared their family assembly with us today. It was great to see your street-surfing and gymnastic skills accompanied by your very own class band: The Unbeatables!

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