

Ladysmith Federation

Infant and Nursery Newsletter



7th June 2019



Ambition

We are continuing our OPAL journey and are looking for a parent or two who would like to join our OPAL steering group. The group is involved with the strategic planning of our OPAL project, discussing issues such as resourcing, developing the school grounds, funding and brainstorming ways to take the project further. We would love to reach our ambitious goal of receiving a Platinum award when we are revisited for our next audit in 18 months time. If you are interested please speak to our school office staff. The next OPAL Steering group meeting is on Friday 14th June at 11am. It isn't a problem if you are unable to attend this meeting but would still like to be involved in the group, we would still love for you to be involved.

Adventure



We were delighted to have Devon Wildlife Trust at our Garden Party. They were planting sunflower seeds in paper pots so that you could take them away. We work closely with Devon Wildlife Trust so that our children learn to care for nature and experience it first-hand. If you would like to know more about DWT and support their work, visit them online.

<https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/>

Achievement



Big Congratulations to our Stars of the week.

A big thank you to them for all of their hard work and resilience.
Well done!

"Ladysmith Infant & Nursery School is now one of the best infant schools in the country, for the quality of play opportunity it provides for every pupil every day. The changes made are contributing to improved behaviour both during and after play times and supporting children to be more creative, cooperative, imaginative and resilient. On my awards audit visit it was clear that playtimes have become a time of infectious joy, fun, wonder and happiness. Congratulations on achieving a well-deserved GOLD OPAL award level."

Michael Follett BA Hons PGCE OPAL Director



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Federation News

Ladysmith Grow Project are organising an evening of



Clip 'n' Climb

Exeter Quay Climbing Centre

Monday 24th June 2019

Ticket price: £10 (Normally £12.50)

See details on the next page

Devon Dogs

Devon Dogs Trust visited us on Tuesday. Children learnt how to behave around dogs in order to keep themselves safe. Some children enjoyed stroking Midnight, a rather large toy dog!





BE DOG SMART

Book your FREE dog safety workshop
in time for Be Dog Smart week
3 - 9 June 2019



learnwithdogstrust.org.uk [#bedogsmart](https://twitter.com/bedogsmart)

Outdoor clothing

Please can we ask for your help in encouraging your children to bring a **waterproof coat** to school each day? We like the children to be outside as much as possible and need them to be equipped for the weather. This week many of them got soggy and had to abandon their lunchtime play in order to escape the rain! Best advice from our OPAL consultant is for children to have a combination of waterproof jacket and fleece so that they can be warm and/or dry whenever the weather changes. Something to think about when considering uniform purchases for next year?



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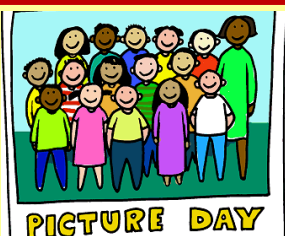


Reception Hook Day

Reception will be having a Hook Day on Monday 10th June to start their new topic 'The Sea'.



During this fun day, we will have sea themed crafts and activities. We ask that children come to school that day wearing something linked to the sea. For Example, they may wear beach shorts, a wet-suit or have pirate facepaint.



Reminder

The school photographer will be taking class photographs on **Tuesday 11th June**.

Want to have fun, challenge yourself or try something new?



Ladysmith Grow Project are organising an evening of Clip 'n' Climb at Exeter Quay Climbing Centre
Monday 24th June 2019
Ticket price: £10 (Normally £12.50)



This is a fundraising event for the **GROW project** which aims to improve the outdoor spaces for the children at Ladysmith Junior School (<https://www.facebook.com/LadysmithJuniorSchool/>)

There are two different times to choose from: 1630h and 1730h; sessions last roughly 90 minutes.



Tickets can be bought at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/ladysmithfederationcptt/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=18822#.XPbYF497nv8>

Climbers must be 4 years old or over. Parents/Guardians remain responsible for their child's welfare at all times. Climber maximum weight is 150 kgs



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Pop Up Café



The final pop up café of this year is on **Thursday 13th June** and it is the turn of Reception and Year 2 classes to bake.



We are hoping to see lots of people at the café for cake and a cuppa whilst the children have a go at some free craft activities.

We kindly ask for volunteers to help out on the day:

Set-up: from 2.15

Selling: 3.20-3.45

Clearing up: 4.30ish

Please let the school office know if you would like to volunteer.

Our last Infant's café was the best yet raising **over £300!!**

Dates for the Diary

Reception Hook Day

Monday 10th June 2019

School Photographer

Tuesday 11th June 2019

Pop up café

Thursday 13th June 2019

Sports Day

Wednesday 26th June 2019
Reception and Year One am, Year Two pm

Year One and Two Parents Evenings

1st and 3rd July 2019

Transition Day

Thursday 4th July 2019

Year One "Sing for Joy" Event

Friday 5th July 2019—pm
University Great Hall

Big Wild Sleep Out

Saturday 6th July - Sunday 7th July

Nursery Garden Party

Wednesday 10th July 2019

Reception Garden Party

Thursday 11th July 2019

Year Two Leavers Performance

Tuesday 16th July 2019
2:15pm

Year Two Leavers Performance

Wednesday 17th July
9:30am

Last Day of Term

Friday 19th July 2019

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