

# Ladysmith Federation

## Junior School News

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### Wildlife Champions Photo Winners

Well done to all of the wildlife photography competition entries. We had some amazing entries and it was extremely hard to judge the winners. The winners were: Albie in year 3, Rosa and Grace from year 5 and Hazel, Tallulah, Alice and Jamie from year 6. Each winner received a certificate designed by Barnaby and a book.



### Food Project

Last Friday, a group of children had the opportunity to work with Kevin Cotter from Love Local Food. The children had a great time making smoothies and sampling foods that they may have not tasted before.

The Love Local Food mobile shop stops outside the school in Ladysmith Road on a Tuesday between 3:00pm and 3:50pm and sells a range of local and seasonal produce sourced from independent food producers, they would love to see more families from school visiting. The group also gets involved in community projects. For example, last Saturday they worked with Parklife Heavitree on a community plant swap. To find out more visit:

[www.lovelocalfood.org.uk](http://www.lovelocalfood.org.uk).

### SATs

Next week is the SATs tests for our Year 6 children. We try as hard as possible to not make the tests into something that the pupils dread whilst trying to give them the best chance of doing as well as they can. We have always had a policy of ensuring that we continue to offer a balanced curriculum in Year 6 and this is something we have stuck to this year and intend to carry on for the future. Year 6 children have had an additional letter with further details.

### SEND Coffee Morning

The next SEND Coffee morning will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2:30 – 3:20pm in the Infant School Community Room.

### Heavitree Tennis

On Tuesday, we welcomed John from Heavitree Tennis into assembly. He talked to the children about the different types of junior tennis and the coaching sessions that are available at the Heavitree Park tennis courts, some of which are free. For more details on tennis in Heavitree Park go to [heavitreetennis.co.uk](http://heavitreetennis.co.uk)



### Singing Sensation

Well done to Daniel in 4KR who took part in a recent performance of Benjamin Britten's War Requiem in the Cathedral on 23rd April. His choir, the Devon County Junior Choir (DCJC), sang alongside the Exeter Music Group Symphony Orchestra (EMG) and the EMG singers. The DCJC were absolutely brilliant, singing very difficult music in Latin.

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## **Building Project**

Our new build project should be starting next week. The first week will involve some stripping out of the gym and Year 4 block and the contractors setting up the site. The top staff car park will be out of use from now on. Entry to the school will be as normal through the Pretoria Road entrance and the side gate on the lane. Throughout the build the contractors will be working with us to use the build for educational purposes, starting with a Site Safety Assembly in the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> May. It is an exciting time for the school and everyone associated with it. Although the change will be gradual, we will be left with a far more useable building and grounds that we can really get stuck into developing for the benefit of all our children and future members of our school community.

As the build develops, I will be including regular updates and photos in the newsletter.

## **PTFA News**



### **Ladysmith PTFA Big Wild Sleepout**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June from 4pm onwards –  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June midday**

**Save the date for a great family social.**

The Big Wild Sleepout is a unique opportunity for families to spend the night in the wild. Bring your tent and sleeping bag and enjoy a night under the stars at Aylesbeare where camping is not normally allowed!

We'll be enjoying food cooked over our campfire and heading out onto the heathland for an evening walk to track down nightjar, owls, bats and glow worms.

**Look out for more details and booking forms next week. Places will be allotted on first-come basis.**

## **Pop up Café**

This term's Pop Up Café will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 3-4.30 pm in the Junior School hall together with another Year 5 enterprise event. Come along and enjoy Year 4's baking!

## **Sponsored Event**

Can you help THE INFANT SCHOOL SPONSORED BOUNCE on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June? We're looking for people to help co-ordinate and count. If you are able to help, please contact: [ladysmithptfa@googlemail.com](mailto:ladysmithptfa@googlemail.com).

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