

Ladysmith Federation

Junior School News

Friday 5th June 2015

Sports Days are scheduled for next week, with **year 5/6 sports day on Monday 8th** and **year 3/4 sports day on Thursday 11th**. Those of you who are able to come in and have lunch with your child, you are invited to join the children on the field at 12.30. Please use the entrance on the field, off Sampson Lane when you arrive. We aim to start promptly at 1.30pm and finish by 3.30pm.

Children will need to wear shorts, trainers and a t-shirt with the colour of their house. They will also need a drink, sun-cream and a hat if necessary.

There will be a refreshment stall on the field during lunchtime to raise money for charity. If you are able to donate cakes, this would be greatly appreciated. Please give any donations to the office on the morning of your child's sports day.

You are also invited to attend the upcoming **Ladysmith Football World Cup competition**. Year 3 and 4 will be playing on Tuesday 23rd June and year 5/6 on Wednesday 24th June, starting at 1.30pm. Over 170 children will be taking part over the two days which is fantastic!

Photos

This afternoon Tempest took 'whole class' photos of the children in Years 3, 4 and 5. We will send home copies of these for you to look at and to buy a copy if you want to.

The traditional Y6 year group photo will be taken on the 15th June.

A copy of the Y6 photo will be added to the 'Ladysmith history' display in the Meeting Room, which has photos of school teams and groups of children going back to 1934, when the school was first built. You are welcome to pop in and have a look at these if you would like to.

Empty Classroom Day

On Friday 19th June we are taking part in National Empty Classroom Day. Teachers are busy planning a variety of activities to make use of our wonderful school grounds to see how much of the day we can spend learning outside.

Art Bigger Than Me

During the next few weeks the children will be working in teams to produce pieces of art work 'bigger than them'. Each year group has come up with their own plan, and we are really looking forward to seeing the final results. The art work should all have a 'Ladysmith' theme, and it will be good to see how the children and adults in each year group have interpreted this.

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The International Projects Centre www.ipcexeter.co.uk

is looking for new host families who could host foreign youngsters for the period Sunday 19th July – Saturday 1st August 2015. Are you able to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere, a chance for students to practise their English (they are here to learn) and bed, breakfast, a packed lunch and an evening meal each day? If so and if you can host two students in a twin room, we pay £468.00 for the 13 night stay.

It's helpful if you already have a DBS 'enhanced check'. Our students are busy at school from 0845 - 1700 and have a full day trip on the Saturday of the middle weekend. We organise two nice evening activities per week and ask all hosts to collect from our venue at Exeter School. If this would be a great way for you to make cost – effective use of your spare room and of introducing your children to youngsters from different countries, and if you would be interested in hosting please telephone the IPC Accommodation Office on 01392 660067 and ask for Tina, or e-mail tina@ipcexeter.co.uk - please remember to mention Ladysmith when you call.

New P.E. Tops

Thomas Moore are now stocking polo shirts in school colours. These are our new P.E. shirts, and they look very smart!



Taiko Drumming

Jonathan Kirby, director of Kagemusha Taiko, kindly lent us 10 taiko drums following the year 3 taiko sessions we ran before Christmas. His request was that Ladysmith perform at the taiko festival on 3rd July as part of the junior performance night at the Northcott, with groups performing from around the UK.

We have a committed group of players who practise every week, and we are lucky to have a taiko player Dawn Colgan and teacher Jan Howe help run the sessions. Jan and Dawn have been writing a new piece for our performance, and the children have been engaged, enthusiastic and quick to learn taiko skills.

Kagemusha are providing theatre seats for the children but parents can purchase tickets from the Northcott website for the Friday. There is a whole weekend of taiko, with international taiko stars playing on the Saturday. There are also usually free workshops and performances over the weekend. The junior performance evening is inspiring and there are usually a few tears from the audience.

We are hoping that Ladysmith will continue to develop the relationship with Kagemusha Taiko following the festival. They are a great resource in our locality, and have supported us in bringing taiko to school.

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