

Junior School News

Friday 20th July 2018

FEDERATION NEWS

The end of another amazing year at Ladysmith!

This will be the last newsletter of the year and what a great year it has been! We would like to thank all parents, children, staff and governors who have supported the school throughout the year.

We hope you have a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September. The first day of autumn term for children is Wednesday 5th September.

Governor's End of Year Report 2018

We are coming to the end of what has been another very busy year for both of the schools in the Ladysmith Federation. Delivering education in the current climate of expectation from the Government with performance pressure on children and schools is no easy task and staff and children across both schools have responded well again. The task is made harder for both schools by the increased pressure on budgets; but again the response from staff, parents, children and volunteers has been enormous and this has had a huge impact on how the schools perform, especially regarding the environment in which the children learn. I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the work done by all those who have contributed towards this.

The Children Parents Teachers Together group has again put on really successful events which has enabled them to contribute a huge amount towards school projects. The OPAL play project could not have developed in the way that it has without their support, nor without the support and encouragement from staff and parents. The GROW project continues to improve the grounds of the Junior School and during this year has secured a hefty grant towards these improvements. We have also seen the development of sand play areas in both schools with volunteers helping to cart the sand around. The nursery has had a sorely needed interior redecoration and has been massively improved. I am sure that there are many other instances of volunteer support for the schools which I have not mentioned. None of these would have been possible without the support and goodwill of our dedicated staff, parents, children and other volunteers who are owed a great vote of thanks for their contribution towards the educational environment in which our children spend so much time. If you have not been involved in these projects but have some time to spare I am sure that your involvement would be welcomed.

I would also like to offer thanks to my fellow governors who are also volunteers and devote a considerable amount of their time for the benefit of the schools.

Finally I would like to wish all of the Year 6 children good luck with the next stage of their educational adventure. It is a big step and can be daunting; but an adventure for all that.

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Things don't come much more ambitious than our year 6 production of Rock Bottom – it was amazing! We would like to wish Coco-Rose good luck – she is dancing in a gala at the Corn Exchange on Sunday.

Adventure

Well done to everyone who took part in the Ladysmith World Cup tournament on Thursday. Good luck to all of our year 6 children who are off to begin a new adventure next year! We will miss you all!

Achievement

Congratulations to Sophie in year 5 who performed in 'Storyland' at the Barnfield Theatre playing the part of a very grumpy Miss Muffet! Well done to Jennifer in year 3 who achieved 81% for her grade 1 guitar exam recently. Ben has been awarded a silver cub award and Harry in year 3 came 2nd in a football tournament recently. We look forward to celebrating many more achievements next year!

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I hope everyone has a restful summer holiday.

Ian Gibson
Chair of Federation Governors

Moving On

We would like to say farewell to Miss McConaghy who has secured a new teaching post working in Salisbury and to Mr Taylor who is moving on to complete his teacher training. You will be sorely missed by children and staff – we wish you all the luck for the future.

CPTT newsletter

Keep an eye out next week for our CPTT newsletter, which gives a round up of all the events we have held this year, the money you have helped to raise and some of the projects that the CPTT has funded at our two schools. A big thank you to all children, parents and teachers for your support of CPTT, whether through volunteering, baking cakes for our cafes or coming along to our events! See below for details and pictures of last week's amazing colour run!

Annual Ladysmith World Cup Football Competition



Well done to everyone who took part in the Ladysmith World Cup on Tuesday. Both events were a huge success and the children showed great determination, self-belief and respect. It was great to see the children working together and encouraging each other.

Both semi-finals and finals were closely matched but in the end, Switzerland were runners up for year 3 and 4 with Germany taking the trophy. In year 5 and 6, England came 2nd place with France winning the tournament. A special mention has to go to Nigeria who showed great sporting behaviour after a clerical error caused confusion in the final rounds.

School Pupil Tracker

It was wonderful to see so many parents at Wednesday's open afternoon to celebrate the amazing progress your children have made this year and to meet their new teachers. Further to your child's full report in March, [School Pupil Tracker](#) will be open from today for year 3, 4 and 5. There you will find details for your child's level of attainment in reading, writing and maths along with their attendance. Please pop into the school office if you have lost your login details.

Rock Bottom!

We are unbelievably proud of the year 6 children who performed their play so utterly brilliantly this week. After weeks of intensive rehearsal, the hard work paid off and the result was incredible. The audience were amazed at the confidence and wit shown by the children. Well done to Mrs Ellis and all staff involved in the production of the play.



Clubs

Details of any after school clubs on offer next year will be sent out during the first week of next term.

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MASH



If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child over the summer and want to speak to someone, contact the MASH on 0345 155 1071 and give as much information as you can.

Librarians

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Coughlan, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Latham, Mrs Pring and Mrs Myton - our wonderful volunteer librarians! They have kept the library open before and after school this year. The children have really benefitted from being able to change their books before and after the school day.

Foodbank vouchers

If you feel that you may need help over the summer period when free school meals are unavailable, please contact Lindsey Blackwell, our family support worker who can provide food bank vouchers. You can contact Lindsey by contacting the school office or emailing her direct at lblackwell@ladysmithfederation.net.

E-Safety Bulletin

We subscribe to weekly videos to help you guide your child's screen time, gaming and YouTube watching. You can access all the videos here: <http://bit.ly/KidsTechAdvice>
This month the videos covered a couple of games to watch out for that have been in the news for negative reasons:

Loot Boxes and Gambling in video game and how the law relates to this

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nV9jXPI50iY>

Gaming Addiction and how to steer your child to gaming health

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dy9ONb_Juo

10 Really Great YouTube creators you'll want your children to watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3glJoGVGk0>

Doki Doki Literature Club doesn't have an age rating but is not suitable for children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rb5n4JjYa-E>



There are many more videos in the playlist worth watching. In particular we wanted to highlight:

- Parents' Guide to Fortnite: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUnQroQu1IU>
- Parents' Guide to Roblox: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kv6zvEf3XCA>
- How to Keep YouTube Watching Healthy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQl69Hlb98>

If you'd like to sign up for a family and join the community directly to get newsletters each week you can do that here: <https://www.patreon.com/geekdadgamer/posts>. You can also catch Andy discussing these topics further on Radio 4's Bringing Up Britain on Monday 23 July 9am and 9.30pm.

Dates for the diary:

23rd July – Year 6 Leavers Disco – 6.15pm-7.30pm

24th July - Last Day of term

5th September – First day of autumn term!

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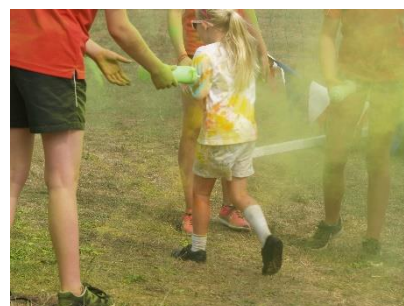


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Ladysmith Colour Run 2018

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Colour Run and End of Term Party last Friday – you helped to raise over £3300 for our schools, which is amazing!! We hope you had as much fun as we did! Special thanks to Vic Matthews for organising and to all those who volunteered to set up/clear away/run a stall/marshal. Lots of you have been sharing your photos over on our Facebook page and on our Facebook group and it's lovely to see so many colourful pictures and smiling faces. In fact, the feedback has been so positive that we are already planning to hold the Colour Run again next year!

Some photos from our fabulous Colour Run! There are lots more on our Facebook group – search for Ladysmith CPTT if you are not already a member.



**See you all for next year's
Colour Run!**

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