

Ladysmith Federation

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

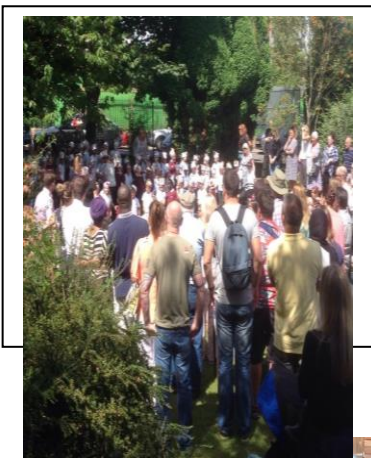
Friday 21st July 2017

FEDERATION NEWS

Please see final page for the governor report to parents written by Ian Gibson, Chair of Governors and here: https://ladysmith-federation.eschools.co.uk/web/governing_body/annual_report_2016-17

Thank you for your support as parents over the last year, and for providing us with amazing children! They are such a credit to you, continually motivating us to improve as a school and as people. Cherish the summer with your very special children!

Ambition Adventure Achievement

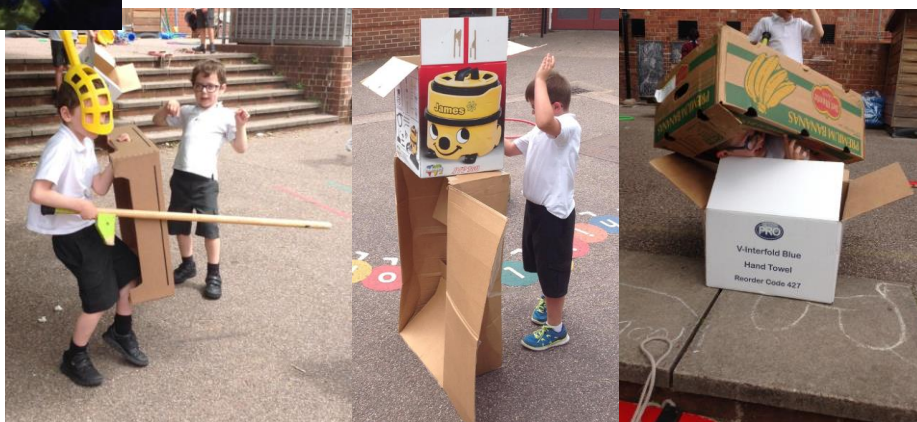


Garden Party

A really successful event. Splendid performances were given by the children. The kitchen provided delicious morsels to sample. Beautiful bunting made by the children was also on sale as well as delicious cream teas. A big thank you to Mrs Pounds and her team of helpers in making this event such a triumph!



The OPAL Project



The OPAL project continues.....! We have been delighted by the way in which the children have responded to "Freedom Fridays" and will be expanding the freedom across the week, with children being able to play in either playground. This will be carefully introduced for the new Reception children. Next term, watch out for the requests for items which we will be recycling, follow the link to our website here:

http://ladysmith-federation.eschools.co.uk/web/the_opal_project/294460

In the first couple of weeks we are collecting: Hats, dressing-up clothes, hand bags; Large pieces of fabric; Old mobile phones, cameras, keyboards. **We would be very appreciative if you could collect such items over the holidays and bring them in when we start back in September. Thank you.**

Baker Prize

Every year we award a book token in recognition of outstanding achievement in **Year 2** in memory of a former pupil of the school, **Mrs Ada Baker**. This year book tokens have been given to Maisie Baker and Lewis Tremain, Xander Jacob and Martha Dodd, Tom Irons and Rosie Holmes.

Congratulations!

Ambition Adventure Achievement

Goodbyes

We have come to the end of another very successful year for the children at Ladysmith Infant & Nursery School.

The success of the school is built on the marvellous team work of all the staff from cleaning, caretaking, office, teachers and governors. We are, therefore, always sad to see people leave Ladysmith. We are saying a sad good bye this term to some of our staff members. From Nursery, teacher Becky Budiman and Key Worker and HLTA Kate Bayliss. We wish them both well in the future, and know Kate will make a fabulous teacher when she completes her training. From our Teaching Assistant team, we are losing two long standing members of staff; Jane Geeson, DT and Cooking expert and Joy Bailey, Early Year specialist and HLTA. We all wish them the very best in the future and will miss them hugely.



Sponsored Skip

Many thanks to all of you who sponsored the children in their skipping to support the British Heart Foundation. We raised a total of **£928.50** of which we get to keep 20% to enhance the children's experiences in school.

The children really loved the challenge and many have become very accomplished skippers and much fitter as a result! Congratulations to the following children for raising over £50. Hopefully their digital skipping ropes will arrive soon!

Grace Navran - £60

Ava Grashoff - £60

Zac Biddulph - £55

Ethan Whipp - £60

Chloe Baxter - £55

Brody Brown - £55

Well done to Butterfly class who raised a total of £286.60 and Hedgehog class for raising a total of £165.00. We are looking forward to beating these totals next year!

CONGRATULATIONS on 100% Attendance

These children all gained **A CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE FOR 100% ATTENDANCE**

during the 2016/17 school year (*up until 14th July 2017*). **Eilidh Killiard RJ, James Pedler**

RM, Ryder Bennett RR, Emilie Waldron RR, Elsie Harris 1P/T, Ethan Whipp 1S, Aaron

Bowker 1RS, Lillabelle Briddon 1RS, Luke Goolld 1RS, Rhys Richards 2F, Daniel Banks 2S/J,

Millie Candler 2S/J, Andrew Dunn 2S/J, Oscar McAleer 2S/J, Amelia Pring 2S/J, Oliver Tremain 2S/J,

Tariana Bennett 2P. Well done everyone!



School Council

Thank you to all the school council members – **Ollie Smith, Clementine Cook, Oliver Tremain, Seren Morgan, Leo Tetley, Ellis Connor-Fortune, Chelsea Gough, Oliver Rice, Violet Wood, Lillabelle Briddon, Oliver Stroud.**

Our School Council have been an amazing group to work with this year, behaving in a mature and collaborative way to collect and discuss issues raised by classmates. Their ideas have been taken to Senior Leadership Meetings for further discussion and they have had a positive impact on the way that children play in the playgrounds by bringing the views of the pupils into focus.

Volunteers



THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have given up their time to come into school to help in classes and around the school. A **Special** thank you to Julie Walker for all her hard work in the Library. We really appreciate everyone's help this year.



Goodbye to Year 2!

We say goodbye and good luck to all Year 2 children who are transferring to Junior School.

We hope they have enjoyed their time at Ladysmith Infant and Nursery School and take many happy memories with them.

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Last Day of Term:

Friday 21st July 2017 finish 3.30pm

WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY PEACEFUL SUMMER BREAK AND SEE YOU ON:

THURSDAY 6th September 2017

(Date differs for new Nursery and Reception children start date)



School Holiday & Term Dates 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

- Children return to school - Wednesday 6 September 2017**
- Half Term - 23 October - 27 October inclusive
- Children return to school - Monday 30 October 2017
- End of term - Friday 15 December 2017

Spring Term 2018

- Children return to school - Thursday 4 January 2018**
- Half Term - 12-16 February inclusive
- Children return to school - Monday 19 February 2018
- End of Term - Thursday 29 March 2018

Summer Term 2018

- Children return to school - Monday 16 April 2018
- Bank Holiday - Monday 7 May 2018
- Bank Holiday - Monday 28 May 2018
- Half Term - 28 May - 1 June 2018 inclusive
- Children return to school 4 June 2018
- End of Term - Tuesday 24 July 2018



Wild bee



Family Fun Day!



Thurs 3 Aug | 10.30am - 4pm | Cricklepit Mill, EX2 4AB



Kick off the summer holidays on the 3rd August at **Devon Wildlife Trusts' Wild Bee Family Fun Day!**



Join us from 10.30am for a fantastic day in the Cricklepit Garden! The day will include...

- Wild bee craft
- Badge making
- Bug hunting
- Insect origami
- Lunch on sale from Big Pot Kitchen



£3 per child
adults & non-walkers go free

@DevonWildlife

@CricklepitMill

/DevonWildlifeTrust

Research Opportunity: Healthy Eating Project for Kids



Game testers wanted!

At the University of Exeter, we're working on a new healthy eating "brain-training" game for families with **children aged 4-12 years**. Past research suggests it could encourage children to eat **more fruit and vegetables** and a little less sweets and chocolate! Parents have also told us it has **helped their fussy eaters** try more new foods.

Our game is in the early stages of development which is why **we need your help to take it further!** We are looking for families to test the game out and tell us what they think. The entire project takes about **20 minutes** and gives children a chance to take part in a real research project. You will also be entered into a **prize draw** for one of six £20 high street shopping vouchers.

To take part, please visit:

<http://www.kidshealthyeatingproject.blogspot.co.uk>

Please feel free to contact us at kidsfoodtraining@exeter.ac.uk



Thank you!



Holiday Clubs and Activities:



Hello, my name is Victoria and I run Pyjama Drama - drama and imaginative play classes full of singing, dancing and lots of pretending! Our classes run weekly during term time, then we have holiday sessions and offer birthday parties too!

This summer, Exeter based classes will run on **Monday** mornings in The Baby Room, Ladysmith Infant School, **Heavitree** and **Friday** morning at Family Garden, **St Thomas**. Class prices start at £5 and are suitable for babies and children up to seven years old. Please see dates and our magical themes below:

Friday 28th July

Cinderella's Irritating Itch (2-5 years / 5-7 years)

Mon 31st July & Fri 4th Aug

Gruffalo goes to the Dentist (6-24 months / 2-5 years)

The Three Little Pigs (5-7 years)

Mon 7th & Fri 11th Aug

Goldilocks makes porridge (6-24 months / 2-5 years)

Thirst for Adventure (5-7 years)

Mon 14th & Fri 18th Aug


Robin Hood and his Mischievous Men (6-24 months / 2-5 years)

Little Red Riding Hood (5-7 years)

Mon 21st Aug

The Road to Treasure Island (6-24 months / 2-5 years)

To book one or more of our summer classes, please contact me – details below.

email: victoria@pyjamadrama.com 01392 247449 www.pyjamadrama.com  Pyjama Drama Exeter

Heavitree Youth Football Club

Heavitree Youth Football Club will be holding free taster sessions for Years 1 and 2 (Boys and Girls) on Saturday 22nd July, Saturday 29th July and Saturday 5th August 2017 at Hamlin Lane (JLC) playing field, Georges Close, Exeter EX1 3LA.

Any queries, or to register your interest, please get in touch on 07515813604 or raddyjr@hotmail.co.uk



For more activities over the Summer break, please see the Main Noticeboard at the entrance to the school.

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Governors Report to Parents

Governor's Report Academic Year 2016/17

It has been another very busy and successful year for both of the Ladysmith schools. The Infant School started the year without a Headteacher and Mrs Brown took over the reins as Acting Headteacher and was then appointed to the permanent position in January following a rigorous selection process. This has meant that the school has operated for the whole of this year without a Deputy Headteacher and it is because of the hard work and dedication of Mrs Brown, her Senior Leadership Team and all of the other staff that the school has run as smoothly as it has and the children have had such a great year. A new Deputy, Mrs Collinge, has been appointed and will join the staff in September.

The Junior School has also had a very eventful year. Mr Wilkinson and Mr Broad both had their acting positions confirmed and the school moved into the new building after Easter. The move from the old building into the new was a huge task and months of planning went into making it the smooth event that it turned out to be. The whole of the staff group have to be congratulated on their hard work ensuring there was little impact on the children. The whole of the building process has added a disruptive element to school life both from the distraction of building noise, the restriction of play space and classroom moves for some even before the final move into the new school. The children seem to be really pleased with the new building and the facilities it offers and we will have the whole site back by this September, although there will still be work to do in finishing the landscaping.

All of this has added additional work for governors and they have put in many hours over the year providing support for the two schools. They all require thanks for their hard work and dedication but for four, who have decided to stand down after many years of service, there needs to be a special mention.

Julie Walker has been a governor at the Infant School and latterly the Federation and has also volunteered in the Infant School for many years. She has a huge knowledge of the education system and has held many key roles on the governing body.

Ajit Nayak has served as the elected Parent Representative on the governing body. His knowledge and interest in data systems and data analysis has been invaluable and has provided governors with much greater understanding of the key questions which need to be asked.

Matt Jones has also been part of the governing body for several years. His specialist background in education has also provided governors with greater understanding of the education system and enabled him to give key support and advice to both schools.

Stephanie Henshaw is stepping down after five years as a governor. Her background is in finance and she has been a supportive and effective Chair of the Resources Committee responsible for overseeing the budget of both schools.

It is going to be hard losing four such experienced and hard working governors all at the same time but I am sure that I speak for all of the governors and staff in offering a huge vote of thanks to them for all of their efforts over the years and to wish them well for the future.

With major building works completed and our Senior Leadership Teams up to compliment the future is full of potential for both of our schools. Alongside our dedicated and hard-working staff my fellow governors and I look forward to continuing to develop an exciting and enriching educational experience for all of the children.

Have a good summer and we look forward to welcoming you and your children back in September.

Ian Gibson
Chair of Federation Governors