

Ladysmith Federation

Junior School News

Friday 19th June 2020

This week's 'virtual Home Learning Stars of the Week' are...



**OF THE
WEEK**

3NW—Sophia from 3NW. It was lovely to hear her talk enthusiastically about the different books and stories she has been reading.

3CH—Molly V for completing her 25 things to do at home and continuing to work really hard!

3CP—Maisy for being so helpful and kind to all her fellow students who are in, or have been in school. Maisy helps, guides and directs anyone who has a question or needs a little bit of help. This includes Mr Parish! Thank you Maisy and well done!

4AN—Ned is the star this week because he has written and sent super fantasy instructions, that I totally believed, and he sent a great idea for a [science investigation](#) for the children in our class to try out at home!

4RC—George for working so creatively at home by making a catapult animation and a fabulous story about 'How the dog got it's fur'.

4GM—Dexter for his amazing fantasy writing which included lots of adventurous vocabulary.

5MS—Tomas D for a brilliant audio commentary on the giraffe's diving display.

5SW—Danny for his saltmarsh model, complete with oystercatchers made from Lego.!

5LD—Cherry – she has been working her socks off on all her home learning. She has really persevered with her maths in particular! Well done, Cherry!

6MC—Jasmine is Star of the Week- for her amazing report all about sleep. She apologised for the delay in sending it in; guess she was having a snooze...

6JE—Ewan for creativity in his imaginative and humorous 500 word story about Filbert.

6IE—Joseph for showing great self-motivation and perseverance with the home learning tasks to produce some fantastic pieces of work for English and topic.



Community Rubbish Action

Scarlett in year 4 has been busy collecting rubbish from Duckes Meadow sports pitches. She had been running there with her dad and noticed an ever-increasing pile of litter from what looked like mini parties and general waste. After one run, she decided to bag up the rubbish, collecting 10 full bags! What a great way to look after our community spaces.

Key Updates

Key Worker Places

We have now allocated all available Key Worker places at school and will not be able to accept any further applications. This is due to a lack of additional space and staff.

If you need a key worker place and have not already been allocated a space, please get in touch with Mr Broad at dbroad@ladysmithfederation.net and we can apply for a place through Devon County Council at a different local school.

Library

From Monday, children are invited to get a new library book out from school. Children can return books which will be cleaned and choose up to 2 new books. We have set up a temporary library in reception with a selection of books from a range of levels. Due to the restricted availability, children do not have to choose books from within their Accelerated Reader range but they should ensure that they are able to access the text.

- Please place any returned books into the cardboard box.
- To get new books, choose up to 2 new titles, scan them using the computer and add your child's library number which can be found in the folder.
- We ask that you use the hand sanitiser before and after your visit.

Summer Holidays

We are unlikely to be open over the summer. We are making this clear so that parents can begin to make alternative arrangements if necessary. FISH are unable to confirm whether or not they will be able to offer any childcare over the summer. We will update you when we have any information.

Transition

You will have received a letter today with details of your child's teacher for next year and initial plans for what transition may look like this year.

September

At the moment, we have had no guidance from government about what a return to school in September may look like. This is frustrating for parents and schools alike and we will be in touch as soon as we have any further information.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Please have a look at the school website for ideas and information on how to support your child's mental health and well-being during this time.

http://www.ladysmithfederation.net/web/wellbeing_during_school_closure



Feeding Time!

The chickens were thrilled with their new picnic table courtesy of JJ and Isaac!

JJ and Isaac have been busy at home making the table and they brought it in for the chickens to enjoy—thank you boys—the chickens love it!

Piano / Keyboard Lessons

If you are interested in piano or keyboard lessons, Ros Lane, who teaches peripatetic lessons at the Junior School is accepting new students.



She is able to offer face-to-face or virtual lessons.

Please contact Ros directly:

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Babcock Communication and Interaction Team - Transition Resource

Guidance now available on the Babcock website to support Children and Young People and schools with transition. [The guidance focuses on EY and Year 6 currently.](#)

Additional Covid19 Communication weekly themed [resources can also be found here](#)

Devon Information Advice and Support - Going back to school or college.

DiAS

Devon Information
Advice and Support
for Special Educational Needs and Disability

DiAS have put together some useful information which aims to answer some of the questions that parents have been asking about their children returning to education settings. You can also find further information around the current situation on their website including; Q&As about coronavirus, tips about how to manage at home, information about changes to the law around EHC plans and needs assessments and resources to support you and your child or young person with home learning, managing anxiety and understanding what's happening.

<https://www.devonias.org.uk/information/q-and-a-about-coronavirus-and-school/going-back-to-school-or-college/>

Global Health Home School

Free activities for children to explore health, science, and staying safe from the comfort of home.

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

Dear Wild Learners...

CHALLENGE: This week the theme is all about Trees!



Devon
Wildlife Trust

4 - 7 years old: Create a picture of a tree or woodland habitat

8 -12 years old: Create a picture of a tree and tell us why you think they are important.

The chosen winning pupil(s) will receive an FSC identification guide on trees. There will be one prize for each of the two age categories (4 -7 years and 8 -12 years).

To participate all you have to do is take a picture of your work, with the student's first name, age and school and send it to Emily from the education team on ebacon@devonwildlifetrust.org by the deadline of Sunday 21st June - we will be in touch with the winner afterwards.

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