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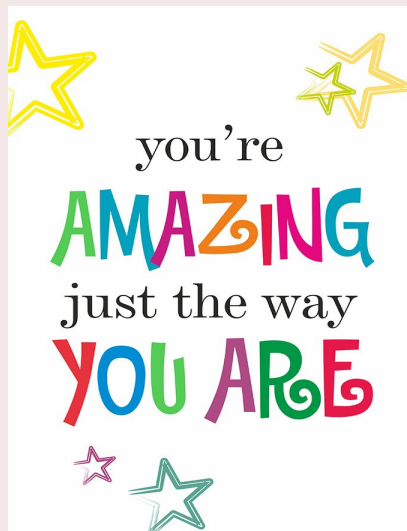
Infant and Nursery Newsletter



Friday 8th May 2020

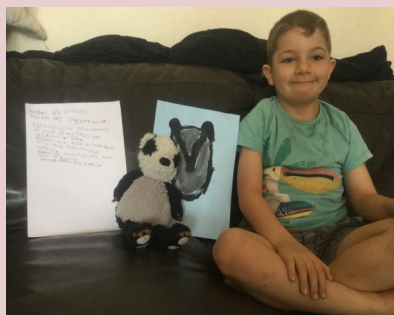


Ambition



The pressure on parents in the current situation can feel overwhelming at times. This sums up how we feel about you, our amazing parents and our community.

Adventure



Devon Wildlife Trust

Aube in 2S took up the challenge last week.

This weeks theme is Trees and Plants, all you have to do is email your picture to the education team.

ebacon@devonwildlifetrust.org

Achievement

This week we want to say a massive **THANK YOU** to all our amazing parents who have been total Superstars supporting their children with their learning. We fully appreciate how challenging it is taking on home school and for some of you juggling your own jobs or working from home.

If your child would like to nominate a parent to be Star of the Week then all they have to do is draw a picture of them and send it to their teacher. We will endeavour to put in as many as we can in the Newsletter next week.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that this edition of the Newsletter will help you to feel that you are still part of the Ladysmith Community by keeping in touch with what's been happening both in school and at home. It is packed with activities and information to keep you and the children safe and happy. We met as a whole staff for a virtual Team Meeting this week. It was so nice to see everyone's faces and I know that the teachers are loving seeing the children playing at home when they post photographs and videos showing what they have been up to. We are all really missing each other and the children and can't wait to see you all soon when it is safe to do so.



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Fun things to do for children

30 Days Wild

Can you do something **wild** everyday in June?

This June, join thousands of people across Devon taking part in our annual nature challenge, 30 Days Wild! We want you to do one wild thing a day throughout the whole month: for your health, wellbeing and for the planet. That's 30 simple, fun, and exciting Random Acts of Wildness.

You'll get a **free, downloadable pack of goodies** to help you plan your wild month, plus lots of ideas to inspire you to stay wild all throughout June (and beyond!). Come rain or sunshine, at home or on your daily exercise, there's something for everyone! For extra 'bonus' items, keep an eye on your emails for additional, fun activities, from instructions for baking hedgehog cupcakes to a beginner's guide to wildlife photography.

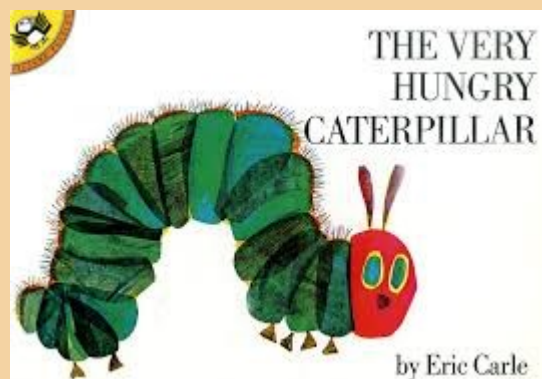


Active Learning Update

They are making some updates to the ActiveLearn Login on **16 May**. This update means you will need to re-enter usernames and passwords again when you first login after this date, as any saved details won't be shown by the browser. Users can note their password and username by clicking "Show" on the Sign In/login page.

We're always here to support you when using ActiveLearn, and further details about the changes we have made can be **found here**. If anything is unclear or you'd like to chat to us, please **contact us online**.

For the Love of Reading Book Recommendation of the Week



This classic children's story seems very apt at the moment as we burst into spring. The children in Year 2 have been on a caterpillar adventure themselves looking at the life cycles of butterflies, creating their own beautiful butterflies and watching videos to show the caterpillars amazing transformations.

Click on the link below to watch a beautiful animated story


Information and Advice for Parents

Staying in Touch

- Our website—<http://www.ladysmithfederation.net/web> (Parent letters and remote learning)
- For admin and other enquiries: infant.admin@ladysmithfederation.net
- Tapestry (Nursery and Reception) and Seesaw (Year One and Two)
- Our Learning support email addresses: receptionsupport@ladysmithfederation.net year1support@ladysmithfederation.net year2support@ladysmithfederation.net

Don't forget to check Parent Letters on the website to find the most up to date information: http://www.ladysmithfederation.net/web/recent_school_letters/281945 and our Remote Learning section where there is further information on learning support.

Staying Healthy and Happy




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Financial Support

If you think that you might be entitled to benefits please follow the link below to the Government online calculator <https://www.betteroffcalculator.co.uk/#/calculator/new/step1>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS: All those in receipt of Free School Meals will receive a hamper of food worth £20. This can be collected from school every Monday on a weekly basis. If you fall into one of the following categories, you can apply for the Pupil Premium Grant, and will qualify for Free School Meals. Applications need to be made via the Devon Citizens Portal - on the DCC website : <https://www.devon.gov.uk/supportforschools/services-and-contacts/free-school-meals>



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School as a “Safe Space”

I am sure you will all be aware through the media about the increased concerns regarding the additional risks that being at home creates for children and adults who are victims of Domestic abuse. I’m quite sure that you will have seen the broadcasts on television aimed at those who are victims of domestic abuse. Please be aware that if you are currently suffering in this way support and help for you is available. The current lock down rules do not apply in the same way and there are options available to you. We have been asked to open the school up as a place of safety for victims to make a phone call for help. If you need to do this please come to school and ask to speak to someone in the school office. Let them know that you **‘need a place of safety to make a phone call’** and they will take you to the Headteacher’s Room where you can contact the appropriate help.



You can access our [new guidance for parents and carers](#) designed to help manage some of the key challenges.

With children spending more time on the internet during lockdown, it's more important than ever for parents and carers and their children to know the best reporting and support routes, should they be worried about something online.

Share our [new ParentInfo article](#) which signposts to reporting, advice and support services available for children and their families.