



Friday 23rd January 2015

Federation Job Vacancy: Clerk to Governors

£7.87 per hour, part-time, average 4 hours per week

The Schools' Governing Body is looking for a new Clerk. This important role includes minute taking at meetings as well as preparation and distribution of agendas, minutes and correspondence. The role is very part-time (160 hours per year) and can be worked flexibly around other commitments (except attendance at Governors meetings, which are held in the early evening).

We're looking for a highly organised individual with a professional manner and effective communication skills. A job description and application form can be found on the Schools' websites

www.ladysmithinfant.devon.sch.uk/vacancies

www.ladysmithjunior.devon.sch.uk/jobvacancies

If you'd like more information, please telephone either one of the school offices.

Do you really know which games or apps your child is playing on different electronic devices each day?

For most parents many of the things that the children can do on the many devices are staggering. Whilst the children may be able to master new technology a lot quicker than you as parents, it's you as parents that are the masters of knowing what is safe and what isn't for the children.

By registering for free on the website below, you can find out what the games, apps, websites, movies, T.V programmes and books are really all about. You can read a brief description; see reviews and most importantly see the recommended age for whatever you are looking for. Even the information on more well-known games will surprise you. Please spend some time looking into this – it will improve the safety of your child on the fabulous internet that we rely on in our everyday lives.

www.common sense media.org

Kelso Week 1



This week the children will have had their first Kelso's Choices lesson. They have been learning to distinguish between 'minor' problems that they can resolve, often using Kelso's Choices, and SERIOUS problems that require adult assistance.

They learnt to identify that 'minor' problems are small difficulties that are annoying, maddening, troublesome or irritating. They can be frustrating, but they don't reflect a dangerous situation. They will be learning some strategies to help them resolve these problems themselves in the coming weeks.

SERIOUS problems are often illegal, violent or are against home/school rules. When faced with these people can feel threatened, frightened or panicked.

The children have learnt how to tell the difference between 'minor' and SERIOUS problems, and who they can turn to when faced with a serious problem.

It will really help your child if you have the time to talk to them about what they have learnt this week in their Kelso's Choices lesson.

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School Council

The School Council has been meeting every Friday afternoon. Each representative consults their class, and brings ideas to the meeting that they would like to raise with the School Leadership Team.

Last term they decided to build a willow structure on the school field to give a bit of shelter and to provide some more play activities. Each class submitted a design, and the Council voted to decide the winning one. The willow structure will be planted on Thursday and Friday next week – please see Mr Wilkinson if you would like to come along and help.

At the last meeting the Council looked at some things that will make the school run more smoothly, including putting in extra water fountains, more compost bins, and outdoor seating areas. We will be looking at these in the coming months.

This week they will be deciding on the next big School Council project. You can see the minutes of the meetings on the school website if you want to find out more.

Clubs

Our lunchtime and after school clubs are now up and running (*see the picture on the right*). We thought you'd like to see what's going on and the numbers who have signed up:

Monday – Minecraft, Art, Fun Club, Netball and Craft – *114 children*

Tuesday – Sign language, Story Writing, Fun Club, Card swapping, Gymnastics – *84 children*

Wednesday – Homework, Fun Club, Football, Running – *136 children*

Thursday – Animation, Card Craft, Card Swapping, Dodgeball – *89 children*

Friday – Story writing, Art, Fun Club, tag Rugby, Minecraft – *102 children*



Pirate Day

Next Monday (1st February) Year 3 are having a Pirate Day as part of their work on compass maps and coordinates. They are welcome to come to school for the day dressed as a pirate. It should be fun.

There are lots of websites with ideas about costume making, but this one should give you a good start:

<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Pirate-Costume>

Please don't spend lots of time or money putting together a costume – a stripy shirt, neck tie and eye patch is more than enough!



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