

Ladysmith Federation

Junior School News

Friday 15th January 2016

Message from the Governors

Ladysmith Federation Governors are delighted to announce that Mark Wilkinson has agreed to continue as Acting Headteacher of the Junior School for the coming academic year starting September 2016. David Broad has also agreed to continue in his role as Acting Deputy Head.

Mark was a key part of the team that helped the school earn its Ofsted rating of Good, and Outstanding in some areas. Results from national tests are above average and children say they enjoy school. The two schools are working well together for the benefit of the children, and Mark and Dave have made a great start in their roles this year. With the likelihood of a new school building in the next 18 months, the Governors have decided that the best thing for the two schools at this point is for Mark to continue, and we wish him every success for what will be an exciting year ahead for the Junior School.

Read for My School



Read for My School is a national schools reading competition that promotes reading for pleasure by challenging pupils to read as many books as possible in three months. Throughout the competition there are prizes and awards to be won for schools and pupils taking part.

We would like the children to read as many and as wide a range of books as they can in the three months of the competition. The website includes a library of over 100 online books to choose from and all participants can access these freely throughout the competition. Books to suit the full range of reading abilities are available. The books are organised in eight genre-categories and we would like children to aim to read books from a range of categories. Children may also choose to read any book of their choice offline and then log what they have read via their Read for My School account. Other key features of the programme include:

- Read for My School is fully compatible with most major tablets and can be accessed via Kindle and iPad so that children can access books in whatever way they find most enjoyable.
- Read for My School will run from **18th January to 15th April 2016.**

Children will need to log in to www.readformyschool.co.uk and create an account from 18th January.

You will need our 'classroom code' to sign up, which is: **854056**

We will be talking to the children about this on Monday during assembly.

Library – help needed!

If you can spare some time next Monday morning from 9 - 10.30am in the library, any help would be much appreciated; we need to put new labels on our books. If you are available, please come to reception to sign in and Mr Broad will meet you there.

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School Council

Children from our school council went to Stoke Hill Junior School this week to meet with the council representatives there. They met with the Assistant Head Teacher, Mrs McKimm, and the school council to share ideas and go on a guided tour of the school. They had a great time and have lots of ideas to think about. We have invited them back to visit Ladysmith in the near future.



Bike It



Some of our Year 6 children have been enjoying taking part in Bike It training this week which teaches the children how to ride safely on the roads. All pupils will have the chance to do this when they are in Year 6.



New Bird Feeder

We would like to say a huge thank you to Manraj, one of our Year 3 Wildlife Champions, who decided to write to Bernaville Nursery to ask for sponsorship of a new bird feeder for school. She showed real Ambition, Adventure and Achievement in her quest. Manraj will work with Mr Hawkins to choose a suitable site for the feeder and we look forward to it being used. Well done Manraj! The work that Manraj put into getting the feeder really shows off our school values of Ambition, Adventure and Achievement.



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Class Assemblies

Our next class assemblies are:

5RM on Friday 29th January

4KR on Friday 5th February

Assemblies start at 9.05am – please head straight into the hall from 8.55am. We look forward to seeing you there.

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