

Ladysmith Federation

Junior School News

Friday 19th July 2019

Ambition

The colour run was a fantastic event and was only as successful because of the ambition of Vic Mathews, Sarah Dart and the rest of our wonderful CPTT! We would like to say a huge thankyou to everyone who has given up their time to support the CPTT this year.



Adventure

We would like to wish year 6 children along with other children who are leaving us this year all the best for the future.

We are incredibly proud of all the children and everything they have achieved during their time at Ladysmith. You are always welcome to pop in to say hello or join us at one of our community events.

Achievement

Well done to our final stars of the week!

Year 3: Ned, Oliver, Ethan, Taya and Jaya

Year 4: Isaac, Harry, Brody, Rosie, Noah, Rafal, Silas and Michal

Year 5: Dilraj, Liya, Alex, Bella and Finlay

Year 6: Mollie, Poppy, Leah, Matilda and Izzy



Oh What Knight!

We are unbelievably proud of the year 6 children who performed their play so utterly brilliantly this week. After weeks of intensive rehearsal, the hard work paid off and the result was incredible. The audience were amazed at the confidence and wit shown by the children. Well done to Mrs Ellis and all staff involved in the production of the play.

Federation News

The end of another amazing year at Ladysmith!

This will be the last newsletter of the year and what a great year it has been! We would like to thank all parents, children, staff and governors who have supported the school throughout the year.

We hope you have a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September. The first day of autumn term for children is Wednesday 4th September.



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Colour Run and Summer Party 2019!

This year's event was the biggest, brightest, noisiest one ever! The atmosphere was absolutely fantastic with well over 600 runners and over 1000 people in total attending! The exact figures are yet to be released but the event made over **£6000 profit!!**

We would like to say a **HUGE** thankyou to Vic Mathews (and her husband!) who did such an amazing job organising and setting up the colour run and to Sarah Dart who also worked tirelessly before, during and after the event to organise the summer fair.

It is always hard to single people out but we would like to give a special mention to Vanessa Johnson, the CPTT treasurer who had dedicated a lot of time and expertise over the year.

We would also like to thank Marie Fieldhouse who did a wonderful job advertising the event and looking after the CPTT Facebook page over the year.

As always, Mr Hawkins was on hand to help and the event also would never have taken place without the help, time and commitment of the CPTT children and parent representatives who helped to plan and run the event.

Finally, thankyou to everyone who attended the event—see you again next time!!

COLOUR RUN



Governor's Annual Report 2019

The 2018/19 academic year has been very successful for both of the schools within the Ladysmith Federation as a result of the level of effort and commitment given by everyone concerned. I would especially like to offer thanks to the numerous volunteers who support both of the schools in a huge variety of roles. Their involvement makes a huge difference to the quality of the educational experience that the children have during their time at the schools. Well done and please keep up the good work.

Both schools have benefited from their involvement with the River Exe Learning Partnership (RELP). This is a group of similar schools within the local area that have a similar ethos, who work together to share good practice and to ensure continuing improvement in the education that they provide. Both schools have participated in the RELP continuous development program and have been subject to peer review which has been very positive and shown that both schools are continuing to improve.

Ladysmith Infant School

The Opal Play Program in the Infant School has recently been reviewed and has received a Gold award. Congratulations to everyone who has had a hand in developing and delivering this program. Platinum award next!! The school has provided many enrichment activities including yoga, space dome and author and artist visits. These could not have happened without the support of Children, Parents and Teachers Together (CPTT) who's involvement and fundraising activities make a huge difference to both schools. Many thanks to everyone involved and keep up the good work. The Forest School continues and proves very popular with all of the children who experience it. Tapestry, which is a system where teachers and parents can upload photographs and share information, is continuing to prove useful in the Nursery and Reception classes and use of the system is growing. The Help Us Grow Green (HUGG) project has received funding which will see changes made to the outside environment over the next few months. Children from years One and Four have been involved in the Sing for Joy event at the Great Hall of Exeter University.

Ladysmith Junior School

The Junior School was subject to an inspection by Ofsted in November and came out of it described as a Good School/Good Provider. This is what we would have hoped and expected but it is always worrying to go through an inspection. Many congratulations to everyone. There has been continued development of the curriculum throughout the year in order to provide a broad and balanced education that values all subjects. A rich diet of off-site activities has also been provided including two residential for years Four and Six, a sleep-over in school for year Five and year Three went to the Principality of Wales. There has been a continuation of the Grow Project and further development of the school grounds in order to provide an enriched environment for children to play and learn in. This has also seen the arrival of chickens in recent weeks. Many thanks to everyone involved.

Governors are also required to ensure that their school have adhered to current Equal Opportunities legislation. Both schools operate on a fully inclusive equal opportunity basis and this is built into the policies and procedures that governors expect the schools to operate by. It is our responsibility to ensure that every child, irrespective of their needs, has the same opportunity to attain their full potential. Governors receive reports from the SENDcos of both schools regarding the needs of children that have been identified, the interventions that have taken place during the academic year and the success of those interventions. We are informed of staff allocated to support children and the training that is organised for staff in order that those interactions can be as successful as possible. The schools also provide support and advice to parents.

Governors are also volunteers who are working to support the schools and to ensure that they maintain the quality of provision that is expected for the children they educate. We are currently working towards developing new strategic goals for the Federation. If you are interested in learning more about this please visit the Governor section of the website at <http://www.ladysmithfederation.net/web/governors/216261> .

If you, or anyone you may know, are interested in becoming a governor and helping to support your schools please do get in touch to discuss this. I can be contacted on igibson@ladysmithfederation.net .

In summary 2018/19 has been a very good year for both schools and the governors are extremely grateful to all of the staff for the hard work that they have put in to make this year successful. This task has not been getting any easier over the last few years because of budgetary pressures that have been put on Local Authorities and schools; but staff keep stepping up to ensure that all of the children get the opportunities that they require.

As usual I would wish the children good luck when they move to their new classes or schools in September.

Ian Gibson

Chair of Governors



MASH

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child over the summer and want to speak to someone, contact the MASH on 0345 155 1071 and give as much information as you can.

Lost Property



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Any named clothing in lost property will be kept until September but we are not able to keep any items without names and any unnamed packed lunch boxes or other items will not be kept over the summer. As you can imagine, lost property quickly mounts up, especially when it is not named clearly.

2nd Hand Uniform

There will be a 2nd hand uniform sale on the first Friday back to school in September? 3-4pm in the infant school playground. Any donations of uniform to be handed in to the infant school office.

Mystery donation —thank you!

Mrs Callaway would like to say a big thank you to the person who donated a bag of material. It's very much appreciated. It was a generous donation and I feel they need a thank you.

Funding

As parents you may be aware that there are issues around fair funding for Devon schools. Schools in Devon are significantly affected by a gap of £290 per pupil when compared to other local authorities. This equates to around £180,000 per year across the two schools. [If you would like to know more about this issue, clicking here will take you to a letter](#) from 80 cross party MPs to the chancellor and has the support of the Governors of this school, the County Council and staff here at Ladysmith.

TRY BMX FOR FREE!!

THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST
11AM - 2PM

PLEASE WEAR LONG SLEEVES TROUSERS AND TRAINERS

FREE BIKE & HELMET HIRE

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@EXTEREAGLESBMX
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COFTON ROAD
EXETER
EX2 8QW

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



Summer Reading Challenge 2019

4.9.19—First day of autumn term 2019-20!

7.9.19—2nd hand uniform sale in the Infant School Playground

