

Ladysmith Federation

Junior School News

Friday 13th January 2017

Year 3 Cemetery Trip



All year 3 classes enjoyed a trip to Higher Cemetery this week as part of their topic work on erosion. They looked closely at the gravestones and discussed the factors which may have affected the level of erosion. The children worked well as a team, deciding on a scale of erosion.

New Year's Resolutions



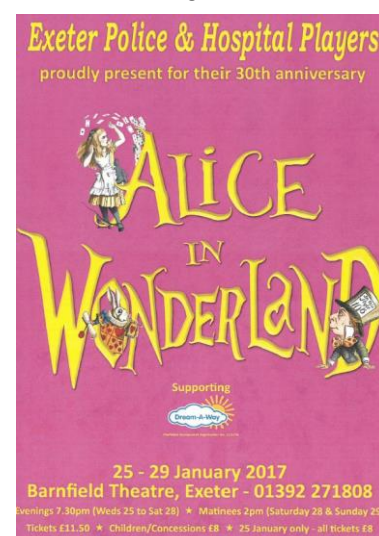
In assemblies this week, the children have been thinking about new year's resolutions – goals which they would like to achieve this year. We thought about how we could work towards these goals by being prepared and by working hard. At breaktime, some of the children shared their goals and it will be interesting to see how they get on! Dylan would like to watch less football; play **more** football, Grace is planning to run more laps during the golden mile, Chloe is hoping to read even bigger books and Peyton is working to become a stronger dancer.

Alice in Wonderland

Ruby in year 6 will be performing in a pantomime for the charity 'Dream-a-way' from 25th – 29th January at the Barnfield theatre. There are still tickets available if you'd like to go along. Good luck Ruby!

Writing Competition

The librarians have launched a 'New Year Writing Competition'. Your story can be about anything you like and there will be prizes for the librarians favourite stories in each year group. Stories need to be handed in to Hams, Bethany or Ms Murchison by 25th January.



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Culture Club



Well done to our cultural champions who hosted the first of our monthly 'Culture Clubs' in the forest room, in the Community building at the Infant School. They were joined by children and parents who have experiences of different cultures. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet, share experiences and get to know one another. If you would like to come along next time, anyone is welcome to join us on Thursday 9th February. Many thanks to Mrs Ewin who organised the event and supported the children to plan and set it up.

Lego



At school, we are beginning to use Lego as part of the curriculum and to support 'Lego Therapy' which supports verbal and non-verbal communication, joint attention and task focus, collaborative problem-solving, sharing and turn-taking. However, we need more Lego! If you have got **any** lego which you could donate, we would be really grateful, even if it is just a few bits. If you have got any to donate, please drop it into the office. Any child who donates will receive a raffle ticket to go towards a Lego prize draw on the last day.

Curriculum Enrichment

We have previously emailed details of two enrichment opportunities:

Year 4 - Multicultural Games and Strategic Thinking - Thursday 26th January - Tutor: Debi Lomax

Year 5 - Codebreakers - Friday 27th January - Tutor Debi Lomax

Course cost: £35

Time: 10am - 4pm

There are still places available, please see the flyer for further details or go directly to the website for further information and to book:

www.excellencesouthwest.co.uk

Community Advert - South West Athletics Academy



South West Athletics Academy is a friendly local organisation and we are holding our Sports hall Athletics Event at the Riverside in January. This is a fantastic opportunity for young children to try Athletics within a fun and safe environment. The details of the event have been emailed out separately.



Dates for the diary:

16th January – 6 Steps to Success trip – 2pm-

23rd January – Ladysmith B fixture at St Peters

27th January – 3AN family assembly – 9am in the hall

10th February – Last day of half term

21st February – First day back

24th February – 5NW family assembly – 9am in the hall

2nd March – World Book Day – details to follow but children will be invited to dress as their favourite book character.

3rd March – 4RM family assembly – 9am in the hall

10th March – 4KH family assembly – 9am in the hall

24th March – 5AS family assembly – 9am in the hall

24th March – Red Nose Day

Football Tournament

Ladysmith A represented the school brilliantly on Monday night. They lost their first game 8-0 but rallied to win the second fixture 3-1.

Our next games are on Monday 23rd January for Ladysmith B.

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