

# Ladysmith Federation

## Junior School News

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### Ambition

We would like to say a **HUGE** thankyou to the Sounds Choir who raised over £500 towards the GROW project with their Cosy Christmas Concert at the weekend! This amount will be match funded by Apple!



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### Adventure

*What a lot has been going on over the last couple of weeks!*

*Year 3 travelled to Stonehenge to find out about life in the Stone-Age*

*Year 4 have been busy practicing the year 3 and 4 Christmas Celebration*

*Year 5 watched the Velveteen Rabbit at the Phoenix*

*Year 6 went to the Northcott Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast.*

### Achievement

**Well done to our stars of the week!**

#### **Year 3:**

Zak, Imogen, Lola, Bethan and Aimee

#### **Year 4:**

Zakery, Lillabelle, Isabel, Lucas and Taylor

#### **Year 5:**

Danny, Matilda, Bel, Alice and Isabella

**Year 6** were in a WWII assembly of their own today so no stars this week!

### Year 3 and 4 Christmas Play

Year 3 and 4 parents are invited to join us on either Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon to watch the Christmas performance. The play will start at 2pm and will last approximately 1 hour. Doors will open at 1.40pm. There is no charge for entry but there will be an optional collection at the end to cover the costs.

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### Community Action Day



On Tuesday, there were several police officers around between both schools monitoring driving and parking. They spoke to some parents, giving advice on where to safely drop children off and pick up. This was part of our ongoing work to make our roads safe for the children. They were pleased to see the majority of parents driving sensibly but also recognised the challenges our children face staying safe while travelling to and from school.

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### Tree Planting

We were delighted to welcome Sir Harry Studholme (chairman of the Forestry Commission) to the Junior School last week to plant 50 new trees along the bank that runs parallel to Pretoria Road. Bill Blight, known affectionately by the children as Garth, kindly organised the event. Bill has worked with children at the Infant School for a number of years supporting their forest school work. We are lucky enough to also benefit from Bill's time and expertise. The new trees are a mix of mature varieties, amongst others including Rowans, Whitebeams and Oaks. They now form the 'Centenary Wood', so called in celebration of the centenary of the Forestry Commission, which was created in September 1919 in a bid to promote forestry and woodland across the country.

Sir Harry planted the first tree and then Mr Wilkinson, Mrs Brown, Mr Broad, Catherine (GROW) and Mrs Beecroft were invited to plant their own trees. The wildlife champions from both the Infant and Junior Schools then helped Mr Hawkins plant the remainder of the trees. Bill has kindly offered to donate some snow drops which will be planted around the base of each tree.

We would like to say a huge thankyou to Bill who has given a considerable amount of his time. We look forward to watching the newly formed Centenary Wood take shape and develop over the coming years. If you haven't yet seen the trees, you are welcome to don your wellies and have a look!







### **Ladysmith Football Tournament**

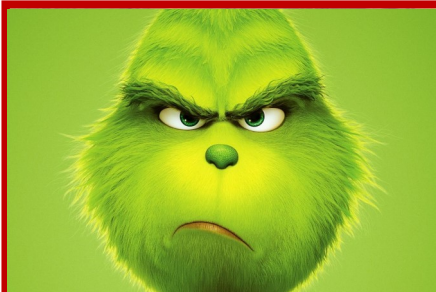
Two Ladysmith football teams travelled by taxi to West Exe School. We arrived there and it was very cold and quite windy. Mrs Brown coached Ladysmith 2 and Joseph's dad coached Ladysmith 1. Everyone worked very hard and put in their best effort. Ladysmith 1 won 1, drew 3 and lost 2. Ladysmith 2 won 2, drew 2 and lost 2!

Both teams had 8 players. Ladysmith 1: Mikolaj, Joseph, Thomas, Millie, Daisy, Lincoln, Dylan and Logan. Ladysmith 2: Lewis, Ritchie, Luan, Harry, Chelsea, Grace, Oliver and Thierno.

Unfortunately, neither team got through to the semi-finals because of very hard opponents but everyone encouraged each other and did not give up. **By Joseph and Micolaj**

Each coach was asked to nominate a player of the tournament. Mrs Brown chose Luan—she said, 'I was proud of the commitment and attitude of all the players but Luan played really well and displayed an amazing attitude all afternoon.'

Joseph's dad, Pete chose Millie, saying, 'She had less football experience than other children, but she played wherever I asked her to and put in loads of effort'



### **Christmas CinemaNight—The Grinch**

Tickets are available online via Parent Mail for £3 and this includes admission, a drink and popcorn. Children are invited to bring in a pillow (named) to make themselves comfy! **All tickets must be bought online by 4pm on Wednesday 18th December—there will be no tickets available on the day.**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – The Grinch—pick up at 5.10pm**

### **Reports**

Next week, you will receive a paper report for your child. This is a brief indication of how your child is doing at school so far this year. This takes the place of School Pupil Tracker which we have used previously.

The report will outline your child's current attainment against 'Age Related Expectations' in reading, writing and maths. It will also give you an indication of their learning behaviour across all areas of the curriculum. A copy of their autumn term attendance will also be included. Please be aware that any late arrivals past registration will have been recorded as an unauthorised absence.

**17.12.19—Year 3 and 4 Christmas Show—2pm**

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**18.12.19—Open Evening—3.30pm-5pm—come along and look at your child's work from this half term**

**19.12.19—Cinema Event—The Grinch**

**20.12.19—Last day of term.**

**7.1.20—First Day of spring term**