

Ladysmith Federation

Junior School News

Friday 8th May 2020

Federation News

Thank you so much for the huge support and messages that you have given us throughout this challenging time. We feel so lucky to work at Ladysmith and be a part of this community. If you are like us, you will be impatiently waiting to hear from the Government if there are further plans for schools returning this term and if so, when and how. These are very uncertain times and this can lead to anxiety. We know that for many of you, juggling pressures from work, family and finance can be tough and that we want life to go back to "normal".

What we do know is that we will need a little time to plan. The two schools in the Federation need to be sure that our return is safe for our children and families. Our challenges in each school are different, with younger children but a larger building at the Infant School and older children but a smaller building at the Junior School. We may need to make changes to equipment and organisation. Our staff will have their own challenges, with some self-isolating and others shielding. This could also impact on our plans.

We will act as quickly as possible and once we have a plan in place based on advice, recommendations and best practice, we will let you know our proposals.

We all miss the children and the busy school environment and look forward to returning, in whatever form that is!

This week's 'virtual Home Learning Stars of the Week' are...



3NW—JJ for creating a wonderful NHS Rainbow Tribute using Lego.

3CH—Ryan for writing Miss Hartland an amazing and detailed letter explaining his families Ramadan celebrations and what he has been up to this last week.

3CP—Patryk for his awesome weather report and weather map. Patryk has been working really hard on his handwriting, well done Patryk!

4AN—Zach—he has really enjoyed his writing tasks, makes a fantastic cup of coffee and his handwriting is progressing very well!

4RC—Imogen—she's had a consistently positive attitude towards home learning and shown lots of enthusiasm.

4GM—Zuzanna for all her effort with her writing.

5SW—Matilda for this brilliant flash mob lego dance. [Click here to check it out!](#)

5LD—Tom Irons - For a positive and enthusiastic attitude!

5MS—Bel, for her descriptive paragraph, with spine tingling ending. Great use of the word Serendipity

6MC—Jack this week for the amazing Minecraft animation film - with narrated voice-over video pieces - all about destruction of the rainforests

6JE—Andrey who has worked hard to create a Save the Rain forest video (with a powerful message and music) using photos he has taken on his countryside walks during lock down.

6IE—William for demonstrating an enthusiastic and positive approach to the rainforest topic work. He has sent in some great pieces of work

A big Hello from Ladysmith Junior School

The link in last week's newsletter didn't work for everyone.



If you didn't see it last week, please click on the chickens to see a short video from Mr Wilkinson to say hello and to have a look around school.

Please excuse the camera work and the free editing program—our lack of technical skill has been exposed!

Next week's home learning will be available from Sunday evening and can be accessed via the [school website](#) as normal. [Please click here for a link to the information](#) we sent out earlier in the week with updated expectations and FAQs regarding home learning



I am sure you will all be aware through the media about the increased concerns regarding the additional risks that being at home creates for children and adults who are victims of Domestic abuse. I'm quite sure that you will have seen the broadcasts on television aimed at those who are victims of domestic abuse. Please be aware that if you are currently suffering in this way support and help for you is available. The current lock down rules do not apply in the same way and there are options available to you. We have been asked to open the school up as a place of safety for victims to make a phone

call for help. If you need to do this please come to school and ask for the safeguarding lead. Depending on the day, this might be Mr Broad, Mr Wilkinson, Mrs Williams or Mrs Blackwell. Let them know that you **'need a place of safety to make a phone call'** and they will take you to a private space where you can contact the appropriate help.



Dear Wild Learners...

Exciting news! 30 Days Wild is back for its SIXTH year this June. And sign-up is OPEN!

<https://buff.ly/2KNpehR>

30 Days Wild is the UK's month-long nature challenge. It is all about re-connecting with the natural world around you and doing

a little bit of good for wildlife. We know that staying connected to wildlife is really important for our health and happiness – and we could all do with that at the moment! Sign up and you'll get your hands on all kinds of wild ideas and inspiration.

Let's get ready for 30 wildlife-filled days...



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General Information

[Please click here to access a previous newsletter with details of the following topics:](#)

- Keeping in touch
- Remote learning links
- SEND and Family Support
- I am struggling financially. How can I register for Free Schools Meals?
- Advice from the Department of Education: Keeping children safe online
- Information for children from Public Health
- Handwashing advice



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