

Friday 16th January 2015

Kelso comes to Ladysmith Junior

Conflict or disagreement is normal and often happens when children get together. However, hurtful words, gestures, or physical attack are unacceptable ways to deal with conflict and disagreement at school.



We will be using the **Kelso's Choice** program to teach students several positive ways to deal with difficult situations. To do this, we are asking students who have **minor problems** to try at least two of the ideas from Kelso's Wheel of Choices before asking for adult help. We will be teaching them what the choices are and how to do this.

We will also be teaching them how to **recognise a major problem**, and how if they are in this situation they should **seek adult help straight away**.



By using this plan, our children will develop effective problem-solving skills that they can use again and again. It will help them to deal with conflict in a positive manner and to make appropriate decisions. Knowing what to do will help children reduce the stress and number of conflicts they have both in and out of school.

It will really help your child if you can talk to them about what they have been learning – we started looking at the Wheel of Choices in assembly this week, and the teaching sessions start next week.

Willow Project – Volunteers Needed

As part of a larger project to improve the grounds of the Junior School, on **Thursday 29th and Friday 30th January** we will be planting willow to sculpt into a series of domes and tunnels that have been designed by the children. This will provide some much needed shade on the field as well as an interesting place to play. **Parents from both the Junior School and Infant School are invited to volunteer for a morning or afternoon** on one of the days to help with the planting and gain a new skill at the same time.



For more information please pick up an information flyer from the Junior School office or talk to Mr Wilkinson.

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Football boots

Children in Year 5 and 6 use the school field throughout the year for their PE lessons. To keep the children safe during these lessons they *all* need to wear studded football boots.

Please make sure your child brings their boots on the appropriate day. We do have some spares, but it is better if possible that the children bring their own.

Year 6 need their football boots on a Friday

Year 5 need their football boots on a Monday

If you have any old boots that you no longer have a use for we would be very grateful for them – we can add them to the ‘spare boot’ box or pass them on to a child who doesn’t have their own. You can pass them on to any Year 5 or 6 teacher.

Federation News - Hedge planting

Those of you who are inspired by the willow planting will be pleased to hear that we are working with the Devon Wildlife Trust to plan a Federation Hedge Planting event.

The idea is to plant a native species hedge along the fence backing on to Sampson’s Lane. Every child in the Federation will have the chance to plant a tree, and in a few years time it should provide a haven for wildlife as well as making our school grounds even more beautiful.

The planting will be taking place in February – look out for more details nearer the time.



Clubs

Mr Wilkinson has sorted through all the club applications and your child should be bringing home a letter today that will let you know which clubs they are in.

We have managed to find some additional adults to run multiple versions of the most popular clubs -for example there will be 3 Minecraft Clubs! For the rest of the clubs most of the children will be starting next week, with two clubs starting the week after half term.

We now have over 150 children attending one of our lunchtime or after school clubs, which is fantastic.

Parking

Please make sure you park legally and considerately if you come in the car to drop off or pick up your children.

I know it gets really busy, but restricted parking areas such as yellow lines and zig-zags are there to make sure everyone can cross the road safely.

Please do not save yourself a small amount of time by parking thoughtlessly. You could be putting a child’s wellbeing at risk.

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