

Junior School News

Friday 23rd March 2018

FEDERATION NEWS



A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the joint family run before school yesterday on the Golden Mile Track. Altogether, people ran 55 miles!

It was great to see so many children dressed up today as their favourite sports star raising money for Sport's Relief. We will announce the total amount raised for this good cause in next week's newsletter.

Netball

It's been a busy week for our High5 Netball squad: a team went to the District High 5 Netball Tournament last Friday and yesterday, the whole club played 2 matches against St Leonard's Primary.

At the tournament, our team played 6 matches, most of them being against Year 6 children. Our team only consisted of Year 5s, so we were



certainly rather challenged when playing some very tall teams! Nevertheless, we played each match according to our school motto "Adventure, Ambition and Achievement – never giving up even when the going was tough. Our team came 12th out of 16 schools. Well done!

Yesterday's matches against St Leonard's were cheered on by a great group of parent supporters. The Super Seven Team won 6 -0 and the Amazing Eights Team lost 8 – 0. It was a great way to finish the Netball season.

Pop-Up Café

We had a great Pop up Café last Friday in the Infant's Café. A huge thank you to the busy bakers and parent volunteers from Reception and Year 2 classes, along with the fantastic Year 5 helpers and everyone who turned up to buy delicious cakes.

Look out for our next cafe in the summer term at Juniors with Year 3 and 6.

Homework

We would like some feedback about your child's homework and would appreciate your time answering a few questions by [clicking here](#) to take part in a short survey. It should take no longer than 5 minutes. The survey will be available until Monday 26th March.

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Ambition

5GM presented their family assembly today and entertained us all with their amazing retelling of Greek myths.

Adventure

Ned in year 5 will be performing a solo at the Exeter Children's Orchestra tomorrow (*Saturday 24th March*) at St Thomas Methodist Church – see below for more details. Good luck Ned!

Achievement

Well done to all of the county finalists who competed in the cross country finals in Torbay on Thursday. Find out more below!

We raised an impressive £303.25 for sports relief today - thank you for your donations.

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Torbay County Finals

13 children from Ladysmith travelled to Torbay on Thursday to compete in the county cross country finals.

Clia in year 6 said, "First we had an introduction and saw some Taiko drumming and some cool stunts on bikes. They then explained what we would have to do during the day. The run started at 12.30pm but before then we could do some free activities like riding a BMX bike, archery, taekwondo, bounce and football.

The course was really muddy and the year 5 and 6 team had to go round a loop 1 and a half times which was 2km and the year 3 and 4 team did one whole loop, which was 1.6km.

It was so muddy that people were tripping over and mud was flying everywhere!

I came 3rd out of the 82 year 5 and 6 girls which I was really pleased with.



Dylan, in year 5 said, 'I really enjoyed all the activities we could try. I had never done BMXing before and I could do it after not long.

I had never done a race like that before and I was really scared. At the start, I stumbled but as soon as I got back into position, I really enjoyed it.

The mud got worse and worse as the day went on and poor Freddie lost his shoe! My shoe nearly came off – the mud was so sticky!

Freddie and Freddie in year 6 said, 'It looked like there were hundreds of people in our race. It was really crowded at the start but when we got going, it started to spread out. I lost my shoe once and a man gave it back to me then I lost it again – the mud sucked my shoe off and it got lost under the squelchy ground. We came 55th and 53^d; we could've done better if we had had a better start. The day was great fun – the best bits were the free activities before the race.'



Shelter Box



Year 4 are decorating seasonal cakes for sale after school on Thursday (last day of the term) to raise money for shelter box, as we have been studying natural disasters. It is one of year 4's '25 things' and Emily's gran who volunteers for shelter box came and shared experiences, work and

photographs with us. She said the children were very intelligent with their questions and responses, really empathising with people's plights.

Library

We will soon be needing new books for our school library. If you have any books suitable for our children, we would welcome any donations. Books must be in excellent condition.

We are also in urgent need of volunteers to supervise the library before school between 8.45am and 9.15am and after school from 3.30pm until approx. 4pm. If you are able to give any time, please see either Mr Broad or Mrs Brown.

Dressing up Clothes

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated dressing up clothes and toys. We would welcome more donations of any dressing up clothes, blankets and small world toys, such as toy cars and action figures. Please drop donations to the school office.

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The Big Battery Hunt



We are participating in one of the largest recycling challenges in the UK with the **Big Battery Hunt**, hoping to make a difference to recycling behaviour for generations to come. Each child will come home with a box to collect old, used batteries in. These can then be returned to school to add to the collection bin in

reception. For [more information, click here](#) or to [enter a competition, click here](#).

Community

Exeter Children's Orchestra

Exeter Children's Orchestra (players aged 8-18 so some REALLY talented players) is giving a concert tomorrow, Saturday 24th March, at St Thomas Methodist Church in St Thomas - all support is very welcome and they give a great performance.

Also, on Saturday 28th April ECO is holding an Open Day to encourage new players. It would be great to promote this to anyone in school who plays an instrument. There is also a Junior Orchestra for those who are a little bit unsure of joining the main orchestra.

The idea is to get as many players along on the day as possible to see what it's like - and they get some free tuck as an enticement!!

Parklife Heavitree Easter Egg Hunt!

Friday 30th March 2-4pm at Heavitree Park. Come and join us for a special Easter egg hunt around the park. Fun for all the family. 50p per entry. Refreshments available to purchase from our coffee van.

For more details see our website-

www.parklifeheavitree.org.uk

Easter Treat Bags - Fundraiser

FISH Breakfast & Afterschool club will be selling Easter treat bags outside the main school entrance on Thursday 29th March straight after school. Treat bags will be £1 each and all money raised will go towards their dedicated charity Women Vs Cancer.

In November, two FISH staff members are cycling 450km across India to help raise money for the charity so what better way to start the Easter holidays off than supporting this very worthwhile cause!

Dates for the diary:

- 26th March – Year 3 trip to Caerleon
- 26th March– Rescheduled Parent's Evening for years 4, 5 and 6
- 27th March – rescheduled Parents's Evening for year 3
- 28th March – Half-termly open evening – 3.30pm – 5pm
- 29th March – Last day of term
- 16th April – First day of summer term
- 16th April – Tickets to outdoor cinema event go on sale
- 20th April – 4RC family assembly
- 4th May – 4AN family assembly
- 11th May – 3LD Family Assembly – 9.05am
- 12th May – Outdoor cinema event – 6.30pm – late
- 14th May –Year 6 SATs week

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