



West Exmoor Federation

'Passionately pursuing educational excellence with our children and community for their lifetimes'

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Dear Community,

Thank you

I would like to say a very heart-felt thank you to Paddy Green who has been a Governor of Lynton School for many years. Paddy has recently resigned as a Governor having served her term-of-office numerous times over. Since becoming Head of Lynton in 2001, Paddy has been a great support to me and with her vast educational background has done a wonderful job acting as a 'critical friend'. I have immense respect for her and will very much miss her guidance and support.

G&T Art Day

On 12th March, gifted and talented artists from across the Federation met at Lynton to work with the Head of Art from Ilfracombe College. During the day the children's artistic talents were challenged whilst they explored the theme of the global world and what it meant to them. They produced some wonderful work which will shortly form part of an art exhibition – watch this space for further details.

Red Nose Day

Children from across the federation once again pulled out all the stops to raise money for Red Nose Day. The children all dressed in red and were encouraged to 'do something funny for money'. The children put on a wonderful stand-up comedy show which was enjoyed by young and old alike and managed to raise just over £100.

Activemark Award

I am delighted to be able to tell you that each school within the federation has been accredited with the 2009 Activemark Award as recognition of the fact that every child receives two hours of high quality PE each week. This makes each school the proud owners of the Healthy Schools Award and the Activemark and we are also hoping to achieve the Eco-Schools award in the near future.

Leading from the Middle

I am also very pleased to tell you that both Vicky Cawley and Clare Cooke have successfully completed the National College of School Leadership programme, Leading from the Middle. This is an accredited leadership course that paves the way for them to embark upon the National Professional Qualification for Headteachers. Congratulations to them both.

London Trip

Children in Year 3 and 4 from across the federation are looking forward to their trip to London later this month. During a two day visit to the Capital they will explore the Egyptian Rooms at the British Museum, experience the award winning musical 'Wicked', have a 'behind the scenes' tour of the Houses of Parliament, enjoy a guided tour of the city and take a ride on the London Eye. It is certainly going to be an action-packed couple of days and I know that the children will have a truly wonderful time.

Deputy Headteacher

On Friday 3rd April we will be interviewing for a substantive Deputy Headteacher of the federation. The selection process will be extremely rigorous with the candidates being observed teaching before under-going a leadership and management interview, carrying out a management task and giving a presentation to the selection panel. There has been a great deal of interest in the post and I will advise you in my next newsletter as to who the successful candidate has been.

Easter Celebrations

As we move towards the end of another school term our focus turns to Easter. The children of Lynton will be holding an Easter Service at St Mary's on Friday 3rd April at 10.30am. The children of Parracombe will be holding their Service at Christ Church, also on the 3rd April at 2.30pm. At Kentisbury the children will be having an Easter Egg Hunt, followed by an Easter Fayre, again on the 3rd April. I very much hope that you are able to attend at least one of these events as the children mark this important festival within the Christian year.

Kind Regards,

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