

## **Hamish News Hounds Interview Staff**

Ludlow Junior School's Hamish News Hounds have been interviewing staff around the school who work with Hamish, our school dog.



Today I interviewed Ms Locke, a teacher that helps children when they are feeling upset or worried. Usually Miss Garner drops Hamish down to Miss Locke's room, he'll be in there for a bit of the morning for when kids are feeling down, he'll listen to the child and cheer them up

He is apparently funny with Ms Locke and sniffs in her handbag and tries to find snacks and he pulls out all the stuffing from the teddy bears he brings in, and if he's being naughty he does some more funny things a swell. He started to work with Ms. Locke 3 years ago!!! I believe he is 4 years old so he definitely knows Ms Locke very well! He can do tricks dig, sitting, laying down when a treat is being given he can also turn over and jump over things including rivers which is surprising!! And most of all he can dance when the radio is on with Ms. Locke!

When he's around Ms Locke he get excited as he's known her for a long time while. Sometimes she takes him down to the park and throws sticks and he likes to bury them.

Theo Year 5



This time at Ludlow Junior School (in Southampton) the Hamish News Hound pair, Igor and Raul interviewed the Head Teacher, Mr Watkins! We found out that Hamish spends time each week with Mr Watkins but he will also spend some time with the learning mentors (Ms Garner and Ms Lovland) and Ms Locke, with Mr Watkins he generally comes to him when it's rest time however, he also really enjoys helping to give out head teacher awards or cheering up someone who is upset. Usually, at lunch-time Hamish comes to visit him so that he can have a break after a busy morning.

Hamish typically works with adults and also helps with several group sessions. I bet he's working down to the bone! As well as that, this cute canine helps with children as he is very good at helping people to relax, he can cheer people up and will sometimes sit with people in English and Mathematics lessons. Regularly, Mr Watkins takes Hamish on walks every morning before he goes to work with children and one in the evening after a hard day's work.

Hamish first came into school when he was only twelve weeks old and very tiny. I think we can imagine how small he was! Hamish has now been working in the school for four years. Finally, please remember to check out the Hamish section on the school website to stay up to speed on the latest news

Raul and Igor



Miss Lovland met Hamish when he was about 12 weeks old. Hamish visits teachers with Miss Lovland. Also he goes to the library with her and he helps comfort people when they're sad. A quote from Miss Lovland "He keeps me company when I am alone in the Ramp room." Hamish works with her quite often and when Miss Garner (Hamish's owner) goes out, he hangs out with Miss Lovland. Some of Hamish's favourite things to do with Miss Lovland are to play with a teddy and pull the stuffing out of it. As well as this, Miss Lovland occasionally takes him on walks-he loves it! The way he reacts around Miss Lovland depends on his mood. If he is feeling mischievous, then he likes to play and earn treats. But if he is feeling calm then he likes to relax and sleep. Hamish is a good comfort buddy as he knows how people feel. As well as that, he knows lots of words and what time of day it is. Miss Lovland loves to call him fluff.

Grace and Lola



This half term I, Maisie Futter, interviewed Miss Clarke, who is a year six teacher, to find out more about what Hamish does in her class. Firstly, I asked if Hamish had done anything funny whilst he had been in her class room. One of the funny things that Hamish does in her class is gives people kisses/licking their faces!

Another question that I asked her was what dose Hamish do in your class to help. Her answer was, that he calms down children when they are stressed and makes them happier when they are sad. Also linked, is that not only does Hamish calm other people down but he is calm to.

An interesting fact that I found out about Hamish is that he started helping out in her class around November, December 2018. A surprise to me was that Hamish has actually never in his whole time in the class slept.

Did you know that Miss Clarke has never taken Hamish on a walk? The treats that Hamish gets given in class are not necessarily food. The treats that Hamish gets given are actually kisses and having lots of fun!

Miss Clark guesses that Hamish has three bandanas and her favourite is the plane blue one. Which one`s your favourite?

Maisie



After all their hard work interviewing and reporting. Hamish and his News Hounds were rewarded with a trip to Royal Victoria Country Park. They all had a fantastic time.



