

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

May 2008 – II NEWSLETTER

Swimathon - I wanted to say a great big ‘Well Done!’ and ‘Thank you!’ to all who took part in the sponsored swim, our Swimathon, last Saturday at the Applemore Pool. As ever, a fantastic afternoon with everyone feeling really proud of themselves. I was also very proud of them and thought you ought to know of their achievements – see below for details. In brackets is the number of lengths the children said they hoped to do; the second number is the number of lengths they actually swam last Saturday! NB: 64 lengths = 1 Mile. All money raised will go towards our Rwanda Partnership Project.

Jade Dymond	(3)	40
Mackenzie Alexander	(4)	80
Peter Green	(5)	30
Gracie Walker	(1-3)	32
Imogen Dring	(3)	52
Peter Squire	(4)	44
Connor Hansford	(10)	50
Ryan Squire	(20)	100
Amy Fielding	(20)	64
Oliver Spencer	(15)	100
Ben Passfield	(20)	50
Alice Whitehorn	(30)	70
Freya Body	(20)	64
Hannah Mabbett	(64)	73
Kimberley Collins	(50)	122
Brooke Mihill	(40+)	96
Daniel Naraian	(50)	110
Jamie Passfield	(50)	140
Katie Bishop	(50)	80
Thomas Walsh	(50)	70
Isobel Body	(120)	150
Alix Trenerry	(70-100)	150
Mrs Linda Curtis	(64)	64

Mini-Marathon - We hope to go ahead with the Mini-Marathon this coming Friday, 23rd May. The day will run exactly as previously planned. As with the Swimathon, all proceeds will go to our Rwanda Partnership Project.

MJS / Marchwood Parish Council Partnership Project – This Friday sees the closing date of this year’s project which is about ‘Responsible Dog Ownership’. To inspire the children over the last few weeks we have had two excellent speakers visit our assemblies; firstly, Justin, a Vet from Mid-Forest Vets, came to talk about looking after a dog as a pet, and secondly, we had PC Campbell talk to us about the role of a working police dog. He brought his dog, Druid with him which was absolutely brilliant, if a little scary!

We have asked the children to consider entering this year’s project by doing one, two or three things:

- design a leaflet which would be suitable to go to every household in Marchwood advising them about responsible dog ownership;

- design a poster which could be displayed around Marchwood pointing out one aspect of being a responsible owner;

- writing a letter to Mr. Roger Sired of New Forest District Council asking if Marchwood could please have its own Dog Warden.

This theme of responsible dog ownership arose from the Parish Council questionnaires of nearly 18 months ago asking about likes and

dislikes regarding life in Marchwood. High up on the list of dislikes as far as the children were concerned, was dogs' mess on the pavements and in the open spaces. Thinking about responsible ownership through this project is our attempt to do something positive about the problem and to ask dog owners to think responsibly when out with their dogs.

If your child has not yet entered please encourage them to do so..... in fact, I shall extend the closing date until **Monday 2nd June**, the first Monday after half term, as some children and parents may want to spend a couple of hours over half term putting together an entry. I look forward to receiving them after the holiday week.

The Big Green Poetry Competition -and another competition which children have been invited to enter is this one. The closing date for this is (and must be) this Friday 23rd May. If they haven't yet entered (they were asked to write a poem about how we

could all help to make the world a better place) , then there are just a few days left...so get writing!

Dinner Money – Reminder school meals cost **£1.90 per day**. Please send in exact money.

For the *next* half term only, commencing 2nd June, we would be grateful if dinners could be either paid weekly or fortnightly instead of the full half term.

Scholastic Book Club - Miss Boddington would be grateful to hear from anyone who is willing and able to volunteer to take over the running of the Book Club from Mrs. Lynn Allen who has run it very successfully for the last few years. This would be from September 08.

Thanks for your continued support. We hope you have a good half term.

S BASSETT
Headteacher

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Deputy Head



MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

Dates:

21st & 22nd May

23rd May

26th – 30th May

2nd – 6th June

4th June

9th June

13th June

16th June

20th June

24th June

26th June

4th July

7th July

9th July

Lyndhurst Trip for Upper School

Mini marathon – weather permitting! (Second attempt!)

HALF – TERM holiday

Osmington Week for Yr. 6 children

Sex Education DVD Meeting – 7pm

Lower School Victorian Day

INSET DAYS – School Closed

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Overnight stay for Yr. 3 pupils in School. More details to follow.

9.30 am Lower School Sports Day

9.30 am Upper School Sports Day

Applemore/Noadswood Induction Days for Yr. 6 pupils

7 p.m. School Open Evening – all welcome.

Yr. 6 Presentation Evening - 7pm

(Please note that this is a change of date from 2nd July)

Last Day of Term 23rd July 2008 / Inset day Weds 3rd September