

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
5th November 2010

Dear Parents,
We are enjoying busy times at Marchwood Junior School and are slowly getting used to the colder weather. Most children are remembering to bring coats so they can enjoy being warm(er) when outside!

Break Time Fruit and Vegetable Snacks

In assembly before half term, children were reminded about bringing *only* fruit or vegetables for their break time snack and we discussed the reasons for this. We mentioned that if fruit or vegetables had chocolate, yogurt, cereals, etc added, then they would not be suitable for a break time snack at school. Volunteers from each class showed their break time snacks including the containers they bring them in. On display were the items that can be bought from the 'Snack Shack' operated from our school kitchen. Just a reminder that the maximum money to be brought in for this is 50p and children should not buy snacks for another child. Lastly, the children were shown where to throw away fruit and vegetable waste for composting.

Ocarina – come along and play

This term, Mrs. Denison is offering children the opportunity to 'come along and play your ocarina'. This will be held in Mrs. D's old room on a Thursday at 12.30p.m. The first session was yesterday and was good fun with the children choosing the songs they would like to play. Children do not have to come along every week – just come along and play when they

want to. One thing: remember to bring your ocarina!

This Week

On Monday teaching staff enjoyed our first joint staff meeting with the Infant School staff. We have worked on assessing children's writing together to ensure we have similar expectations. All teachers found the meeting beneficial and useful to work with our partner school.

On Tuesday dedicated members of our fabulous PTA started the 'great MJS PTA tidy up'. They were ruthless in helping fill our skip with old resources, ready to move into a new dedicated PTA storage room. Thank you ladies.

On Wednesday Rev. Roger judged the 'Christmas Fair Programme Design Competition' – winners to be announced in Monday's assembly!

Next Week

On Monday is the first Headteacher's Tea Party for those children who have been awarded a Headteacher's certificate so far this term.

On Tuesday, Y3 and 6 buddies will have a special buddy time and enjoy a treat from our lovely cook, Mrs Baker. She will be providing each child with a 'breaktime buddy biscuit' to enjoy when they meet for an additional playtime together.

Wednesday is **Donation Day** – please see the letter from the PTA for details.

Thursday, our **Book Fair** arrives – it will be in school for a week so please

come and visit after school from Thursday 11th to Wednesday 17th. There will be many ideas for Christmas presents! All sales will produce commission that will be used to buy more books for our School Library

The **Dental Service** will be in school on Thursday, carrying out a routine screening on all children. You should have already received a consent form to complete and return to school as soon as possible please.

Friday is '**Smiley Day**' in our kitchen. The potato 'smiley faces' are not usually on our menu for school dinners. However, for one day only Mrs Baker will be providing smiley faces to eat with fishfingers or cheese

and potato pie. If your child would like to enjoy a smiley face school dinner then remember to order one next Friday!

Firework Evening

I am excited about seeing the fireworks this evening. Many thanks to the PTA and Mr Hussey (talented Site Manager) for all their hard work for what I am sure will be a wonderful community evening. See you there!

Poems

Year 6 have written some beautiful personification poems. Two of my favourites are:

I can smell the onion sitting on the lower shelf
Maybe someday I will be in a sandwich
I remember sitting on the shelf at Tesco
I am red
I'm confused. Why people aren't eating me?
My smug enemy the mature cheese
I am Red Leicester

By Ronan Atkinson

Blue ink pours out of my tip
I can touch the paper while I write
My tip has a ball point at the end of it
I am a story writer
I remember when I was sitting in the shop
My dream is to write a beautiful poem
I am a pen

By Sam Wilkinson

Enjoy the weekend!

Laurie Anderson