

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
September 24th 2010

Dear Parents

Thank you!

Many thanks to all the parents who have returned their questionnaire from last Friday's newsletter. I have found the comments very helpful in identifying what parents like and what they would like to see improved at MJS. If you have not yet completed the questionnaire, please do. The more replies the better. You are part of the Marchwood family and you can help make MJS into an outstanding school! Another copy of the questionnaire is attached – please return by **Friday 1st October**.

Lower School Rainforest Visit

On Monday the lower school enjoyed their first school trip of the year. Their trip to the Rainforest in Berkshire was very successful in beginning their exciting Rainforest topic. Despite some worries on Monday morning about the coach journey, the children all came back to MJS bubbling with excitement about what they had seen. Thank you to the staff and parents for helping and organising such a super learning opportunity.

Pupil Voice

On Wednesday we held our first Pupil Voice meeting of the year. Pupil voice reps attended and we held elections for the post of chairperson, secretary and treasurer. The pupil voice reps have been given a (small!) budget from me. They are determined to raise more funds under the enthusiastic leadership of James Gosling as treasurer. The reps are returning to classes to ask all the children in the school for their suggestions to improve MJS. In 3 weeks they will return with their ideas for the next meeting – watch this space! Reps: Rebecca Rhodes, Callum Godwin (1R); Edana Cole, Lewis Hall (2S); George Ramswell, Megan Stickland (3SF); Lauren Cross, Callum Panter (4G); James Gosling, Jack Crane (5W); Sam Middleditch, Jack Bisset (6SM); Gabriel

Beale, Corin Oliver (7H); Adrian Mylrea, Josh Othen (8C).

Marchwood Infant School Visit

On Thursday I visited Stuart Calvert (the new Headteacher at the Infant School) and was delighted to stand in the rain welcoming all the Infant children to school! We are both committed to working together for the benefit of all the children in Marchwood. We have begun planning ways to work together which will benefit both schools.

Club timetable

Attached to next week's newsletter will be a timetable of all the clubs available to your child. Please do encourage them to try out a club. Staff gladly give up their time to run clubs and are happy for children to try out a new sport or interest to see if they like it.

Visit from our local PCSO – Mark Atrill also visited me this week and is booked to come into an assembly soon. Please see the leaflet your child brought home for more information about the Hampshire Constabulary.

Alexander Atrill (Mark's son) is in the final 40 of the 'Sunbeams' baby competition being run by 'The Sun' newspaper. He has been selected from over 20,000 entries. If you would like to vote for him on-line, please go to www.thesun.co.uk/sunbeams (it's free to register) or phone 0901.802.0219 (10 p from a BT landline.)

Future Dates

Thursday 30th September is Tidy Up Thursday at MJS! The staff will all be bursting with enthusiasm and tidying specific areas of the school to make room for improved resource storage.

Thursday 30th September at 6.30pm is also the Lower School Information Evening.

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th Oct are 'Meet the Teacher' evenings. Please watch out for letters shortly.

Thursday 7th October at 2.15pm is our Harvest Festival Service. More details next week but year 3 parents will be invited to be part of our family for this service.

Friday 8th October is the year 4 sleepover – letters have been sent home.

Parent Power!

If you have a special skill, an interesting job or hobby or just some time you would be prepared to share with our pupils, please complete the slip below. I am very

keen to welcome parents into school for a variety of reasons. The more people we can encourage into Marchwood Junior School, the greater the learning opportunities for our pupils. We can match you with a small group of pupils or you could help with an interesting assembly – please have a think about how YOU could help.

You do not have to promise to come in regularly – offering just one hour to help would be great!

Best Wishes

Laurie Anderson
Headteacher

Name _____ Child's Name _____ Class _____

(Please tick)

I can help with:		I can help:	
Reading support		Weekly	
Art activities		Monthly	
Cooking		Just one time	
Sporting activities			
Share an interesting job or hobby			
Other:			

My child is in year _____

What do you consider to be the strengths of Marchwood Junior School?	What would you like to see improved at Marchwood Junior school?

If you would like to, please complete the details below so I can contact you for further information if necessary.

Name of child _____ Class _____

Name of parent _____

