

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
24th June 2011

Dear Parents,

Marchwood Family Evening

On Wednesday evening we hosted a special meeting at school during which I was joined by the Headteachers of Marchwood Infant School and Applemore College to present to parents from all three schools how we are working together in partnership and what makes our respective schools special. This was the first opportunity for all three heads and their deputies to meet parents together and explain what we have achieved already through our partnership. The three schools have a firm commitment to working together to make a positive difference for all the children in Marchwood!

Donation Day

We enjoyed a colourful day on Tuesday when all the children wore non-school uniform for a day in exchange for a donation towards the PTA's stall at Marchwood's Summer Fair. Thank you so much to everyone for your generous donations. The hampers on the stall will look amazing!

Parent Forum Mon 27th June 9 -10am

Can you spare us an hour to come and share some ideas about improving our school? Mr Bessant and I would love to meet with you. It is not a formal meeting – more an opportunity to have a chat and a cup of tea! Please come along, otherwise we'll have to eat all the biscuits and just talk to each other!

Football report by Connor & James

On Saturday 18 June, Marchwood went to Poulner Juniors to play a friendly and fun football tournament. The MJS A and B teams were ready for everything that attacked them. The A team came 2nd. James scored 4 goals and Elliott scored 1. We got to the final and we lost 1 – nil. It was fun and we would like to thank everyone who participated in the football

tournament. The A team got silver medals. We would like to thank Ben Hufton's dad for coaching the A team. We would also like to thank the parents that took us to the tournament.

Thank you, Mrs Lane, for training us in the lunchtime. It really helped.

Poulner High 5's Tournament by Chloe Johnstone

The day started off dry with 7 excited and enthusiastic year 6 girls. We played five 8 minute one way matches against Orchard A, Blackfield, Pennington, Brockenhurst A and Poulner; we lost 1, drew 1 and won 3. We were congratulated by the parents and our Coach for the day, Emma, for our team effort as we were told we were through to the semi finals.

We lost 5 – 1 against Brockenhurst A but beat Orchard B 5 – 1 to receive our 3rd place Bronze medals that we collected in the pouring rain under umbrellas and plastic bags.

We would like to thank Mrs Lane for all her time and commitment that made our day so great.

County Champions On Tuesday afternoon I had the pleasure of taking eight of our athletes to represent the New Forest Sports' Partnership at the County Athletics' Final, alongside children from Abbotswood, Blackfield and Foxhills. During the afternoon we competed against all the other representative teams from the different sports' partnerships in Hampshire. The team have been training together for the last 10 weeks on a Friday after school and it was lovely to see the team spirit between all the children and watching them celebrate each other's successes. During the afternoon each member of the team took part in one track event, two field events and one relay. Chloe, Katie, Sarah, Lauren, Elliott, Robbie, Jack and Ben should be incredibly proud of everything they achieved during the competition and it was fantastic to

watch the New Forest B team collect their silver medals before watching the A team crowned County Champions! With so many talented athletes in our school I am really excited about watching them develop over the next couple of years. Perhaps we will be watching one of them at the Olympics in 2020!

Rivers' Trip

Upper School's trip to Bartley Water this week gave them the opportunity to explore the Power of Water first hand. Wednesday's trip was the "soggier" of the two but despite getting a drenching and returning with many disintegrated work booklets 5HA and 6C were very resilient and still really enjoyed the opportunity to see a river in its various guises. The stream near the source remained elusive for Wednesday's group but nevertheless the days have given all the classes an invaluable opportunity to see the various uses of rivers. In addition, it was good to be able to see our textbook and powerpoint research come to life. Thanks as ever to all our adult helpers, without whom, these trips could never go ahead.

Moshi Monster Trading Cards The children were told very clearly yesterday that Moshi Monster, Pokemon and any other trading cards are banned from school from today. They are a lovely game and encourage great playing but we have recently had too many incidents where children have been upset by swaps or cards have gone missing.

Therefore, I would ask that parents ensure children do not bring in any trading cards (or stickers or other versions of swapping) APART from on a Friday. Children may bring in trading cards if they give them straight to their teacher and their teacher keeps them safe during the day. From next week, children will be earning reward time on a Friday afternoon and they may choose to use trading cards as part of their reward time.

Upper School Toilet Murals

Freya and Gail have been working hard on their murals for the last few weeks. Our Pupil Voice team chose them as winners in our mural design competition and Mr Hussey has been supporting them to paint their designs on a large scale to put in our new upper school toilets. The murals look terrific and have been on display in our hall for the past two days for all the children to admire - well done girls!

Teaching Union Strikes – 30th June

As you will be aware from the media, colleagues in NUT and ATL will be taking industrial action on Thursday 30th June. The action (a one day strike) will result in class or whole school closures across the country.

The decision to close a school is never taken lightly, but in this instance, where staff have decided to take lawful industrial action, I will have no choice but to take steps to ensure the health, safety and well-being of pupils.

I am acutely aware that class/school closures inconvenience parents and so I am writing to give you advance notice of the possible impact of action on the school.

In the event that a teacher decides to strike, the teacher's class will be closed for the day and parents will need to make alternative arrangements. It is unlawful for the school to ask other teachers who are not on strike to cover the classes of striking colleagues.

If we have to close any classes because of a strike, I will aim to give as much notice as possible as soon as details are known. This may not be until 8am on the day of the strike.

We will inform parents through either our school web site or email if you have provided us with a current email address and on the whiteboard at the front of the school. **Please ensure we have up to date contact details for your child.**

Best wishes

Laurie Anderson

Dates for diary:

Monday 27 th June	Parents' Forum meeting 9 – 10 am
Tues 28 th June	Year 5 cycle training starts
Weds 29 th June	Year 6 cycle training starts
Thursday 30 th June	Induction evening for Year 2 parents – 6 pm
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 6 Presentation Evening – 6 pm (pse note time change)
Friday 8 th July	New classes' morning (Applemore & Noadswood Induction days)
Tuesday 12 th July	Lower School Sports' morning
Wednesday 13 th July	Upper School Sports' morning
Thursday 14 th July	Year 3 sleepover in school
Wednesday 20 th July	Lower School ACE – 2 pm
Friday 22 nd July	Upper School ACE – 9 am
Thursday 21 st July	PTA Year 6 Leavers' Disco (letter to follow)
Tuesday 26 th July	Last day of term – children go home at 1.30 pm
INSET days for 2011-12 Monday 5th September, Monday 31st October, Tuesday 3rd January, Monday 16th April, Monday 23rd July	