

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
4th March 2011

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the half term break! I do hope you enjoyed lovely family time. We have enjoyed a busy week at school, kicking off with an entertaining puppet show on Monday afternoon (see Robbie Bradley's review below), followed by Pop Mime Auditions after school on Wednesday and various World Book Day activities taking place around the school. The refurbished Upper School toilets were finally opened, much to the delight of our pupils!

Calling all dads, grandads and uncles!

We need your help! Could you possibly spare us some time on 31st March or 1st April between 1.30 and 3pm? The PTA have organised a Mothers' day sale and we need some men to wrap the gifts when the children have chosen their gift. I promise you do not need to be a skilled, professional gift wrapper – a willingness and enthusiasm to help will be greatly appreciated. Everything is provided and the PTA will also be there to support. You just need to turn up and wrap! Please leave your name at reception.

Confident Parents, Confident Kids

Just a reminder that we are hoping to run a series of parenting sessions during the Summer term, running on one afternoon a week for 8 weeks. The sessions (run by Jane Wilton and Elaine Wells) will cover all aspects of parenting and are free of charge. A creche is provided if required. You should have all received a letter. Do drop in and speak to reception if you are interested in learning a little more!

Attendance

Could I encourage parents wherever possible to make dentist and doctor appointments for out of school time? I understand if it is an emergency appointment but we would find it helpful if routine appointments were made for out of school hours. Missing odd lessons does make it tricky for children to catch up with their learning. Thank you for your support.

Applemore College Design & Technology Visit

On the Friday before half term, a group of Lower School children went to Applemore, accompanied by Mrs Chainey and Miss Baker, one of our student volunteers. The children had fun working with Applemore students to make chicken egg cosies out of felt – see below for photos.

Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March

We are using the suggested Comic Relief theme this year of 'Take the Stage'. The children have loved singing the Comic Relief song in assemblies over the past few weeks. On Friday 18th March children are encouraged to come to school dressed as some kind of entertainer. This could be a ballerina, pop star, diablo performer, juggler or magician! We will ask the children to bring in 50p to donate to Comic Relief.

Tuesday 22nd March at 5pm

We are holding a Maths and English information session for parents. The aim of the session is to give you more information about how we teach reading and calculation strategies and also to give you some suggestions to help your child at home. Your child

should have brought a letter home with details so please don't forget to return a slip to book your place. We will be providing childcare so the children can relax while parents are working hard!

Tesco & Sainsbury vouchers

We have started collecting these vouchers in school so please bring them in and place them in the boxes in our Conservatory. We hope to use them to purchase more educational

resources for the school. Thank you for your support.

Enjoy the weekend!

Best wishes,

Laurie Anderson

The Puppeteers' Visit *by Robbie Bradley*

The puppeteers was about miming things and not speaking so you had to guess what was going on. Some bits in the act were quite funny, also in other parts you had to use your brain to figure out what they were miming. Overall it was a pretty good show.

Lower School visit to Applemore College

