

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
4th February 2011

Dear Parents,

The sun has started to shine a little this week and the children have been enjoying playing outside without wearing coats, scarves, hats and gloves!

We have had another busy week at Marchwood Junior School. Our learning pods are virtually complete and the new furniture makes them colourful, bright places to learn. The upper school toilets are also almost complete – we are hoping for a grand opening later next week!

Pupil Voice Discussions

A discussion was held on 1st February, chaired by Adrian Mylrea and supported by Mr Chappell, focussing on the Upper School toilet murals. We have decided that we are going to hold a competition amongst the pupils. Design ideas could include a forest or an underwater theme. The closing date is Friday 18th March.

(written by Gabriel Beale)

Recorder club

Thanks to two kind parents, we now have two recorder clubs starting next week. Is there a club you could run or help support, just for six weeks? We would love to talk to you if you can help. Sewing anyone?

Tag Rugby

Our Upper School Tag Rugby Squad did brilliantly on Wednesday. We competed in the Waterside Tournament. We came 2nd overall out of 9 teams. Mrs Lane was very proud of their achievement and effort. We are grateful to the PTA for so swiftly

organizing silver medals to present to the children in Thursday's assembly.

Lower School Athletics

A team of 20 year 3 and 4 children competed in the athletics competition at Applemore on Saturday. For some children, it was their first time of representing the school. Our two teams came ninth and fifteenth respectively, out of 19 teams. They participated with great spirit and attitude.

Y4 Bakery Visit

Y4 recently went to visit the bakery to find out as part of their 'chocolate' topic how doughnuts are made. In English they are learning about explanatory writing and so were interested to find out how the machines worked. Below is a report written by Henry Wallingford and Rhys Whitehorn:

On Wednesday 26th January Year 4 went to the village bakery to find out about the machines. The baker showed us some interesting machines. One of them was called a spiral mixer used to make dough. Also we saw a Jam Dispenser for injecting jam into doughnuts. Each one of us got to make a jam doughnut and most of us took in 50p so we could buy another cake.

The next day in school we drew and labelled a diagram of one of the machines. We had to think about the technical words to describe the machines. Then we had to write an explanation about one of the machines and describe what it does.

We all had a fantastic time – thank you to the Manna House Bakery.

Cooking Club

This week, under the expert eye of Mrs Chainey, cooking club made fairy cakes. I promised them a food review in the newsletter in exchange for a taste so...

I have never seen so many decorations on fairy cakes! They tasted as good as they looked and were baked to perfection. Finlay and Maeve LOVED them too – thank you. Well done everyone! (pizza tasting next week?)

Year 6 Residential Trip to Normandy

Unfortunately, due to lack of numbers, we have had to cancel October's trip. A letter has gone home to all parents who had booked places on the trip. We are now investigating alternative provision, with a residential hopefully happening during the summer term

2012. We'll keep you informed of any decision.

Thank you from Mrs Denison

We have received a thank you card from Mrs Denison. She passes on her thanks to parents who donated to her leaving present and wanted to let us all know that she is putting the money towards a new bike!

On Monday some of our Year 5s will be off to Little Canada on the Isle of Wight, together with four members of staff and a Parent Volunteer. It will seem very quiet without them but we wish them a wonderful week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

Laurie Anderson

Those delicious Fairy Cakes!



