

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
3rd February 2012

Dear Parents

Once again we have had a very busy week in school. 'Thank you' to the many parents who have supported trips and sporting events over the last few weeks.

Y3 trip report

Y3 went on a visit to the Living Rainforest on Tuesday and these are some of their comments:

"We all had an amazing time. Firstly we had a tour around where the animals live. It was amazing to find out that cockroaches eat all the poisonous animals so we can survive." *Holly Mitchell*

"We learnt a lot about different animals and plants – the Agouti is the only animal which is able to crack open a brazil nut. The Pitcher Plant is a very stinky plant that attracts flies and other sorts of insects to come and drink its green liquid which then makes the fly/insect fall asleep and die." *George Banks*

Rugby report

On Tuesday 31st January, Mr Hoskins took eleven pupils from our school to the Waterside Tag Rugby Festival at Orchard Junior School. We played several matches against other schools. Winning all of our matches, we advanced to the semi-finals against Foxhills. Drawing 2-2 the referee decided to go to the golden try. The game was so intense! Unfortunately they stole the game from us at the last minute. After the match, Mr Hoskins told us how well we played and how the game just didn't go our way. Thank you to everyone who helped us get to Orchard. *Rhys Crookes & Adam Davis*

Football Club

Mr Robinson will be running an after school football club starting on Friday 24th February. Letters to follow.

Doing our best

In our ARCTIC assembly this week we learnt about Zakele School in South Africa

which Mr Bessant has visited. He shared pictures with our children, showing the class sizes of 100, a lack of resources and a dilapidated school. He also shared with the children the pride the children of Zakele have in attending their school, how they care for one another and how they give their best everyday. We compared Zakele School with Marchwood and our children recognised how lucky they are with our resources, staff and fun they have at school. This week we have encouraged the children to give their best everyday too. They have been great in responding to this challenge and have given their best in so many ways this week: helping others, working hard, being well mannered. This is a topic in our ARCTIC assemblies that we will continue to return to.

Cold weather

We have been insisting all children wear their coats when outside. Surprisingly in this very cold weather some children have either no coats or have just worn hoodies to school. Please could you ensure your child is suitably dressed for the cold weather – thank you!

Cake boxes

Many of you were kind enough to donate cakes for the Pupil Voice cake sale. There are still plenty of cake boxes not yet collected. They are just inside the door the children walk through each morning in our new practical area. If you are missing a cake box, please come collecting!

ACE time!

Next week is ACE time for upper and lower school. This is an opportunity to come into school and sit alongside your child while you review their learning together. Lower school is on Tuesday 7th February at 2pm and starts with a celebration of learning together in the hall. Upper school ACE is on Thursday 9th

February from 9 – 9.30am based in classrooms.

Minstead Parent Meeting

If your child is going to Minstead for the Y4 residential, you are warmly welcomed to the parent meeting on Tuesday at 6pm. This meeting will provide you with information about the type of activities your child will enjoy on the residential and what kit they will need to take. Please complete the slip below to indicate your attendance at the meeting.

Calling all HSBC employees!

If there are any of you who work for HSBC and also volunteer in school from time to time, please leave your details with our school office staff. You will then be

contacted by Alison Parsons or Judith Effeny (from our PTA) who will explain how you can claim funding for the school.

Half term activities

There are many children's activities taking place during half term – Planet Kids will be organising outdoor play, indoor arts & crafts and games; our Village Hall is holding a children's craft morning on Tuesday 14th February – for more info, contact Alli on 023 8066 7927.

Will there be snow this weekend? Enjoy!

Laurie Anderson



Diary Dates:

(Saturday 4th February National Libraries Day – Hythe Library is holding a free drop-in children's activity morning from 10 am until 12.30 pm – Pirate Party theme. Win a prize if you dress as a pirate!)

Tuesday 7 th February	Lower School ACE – 2 pm Y4 Minstead visit - Parents' information meeting – 6 pm
Thursday 9 th February	Upper School ACE – 9.00 – 9.30 am
Friday 10 th February	Parents' Forum – 9 am
Monday 13th – Fri 17th Feb	Half term holiday
Monday 20 th February	Children return to school Swimming programme starts for Y3 and Y4
Friday 24 th February	Year 4 trip to Beaulieu Palace (letter to follow)
Tuesday 28 th February	PTA Disco 6 – 8 pm

Minstead information evening – Tuesday 7th February at 6 pm

I will/will not be able to attend the meeting *(please delete as appropriate)*

Child's name Parent's signature