

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
4th November 2011

Dear Parents,

This half term is busy with lots of special events. The children at Marchwood Junior School are lucky to enjoy so many celebrations but we are very grateful to staff and parents who support in so many ways. Thank you in advance for your support for this busy half term!

Marchwood Family

During our ARCTIC assembly this week we talked about our families and the different places in the world that they come from. Some children shared their family backgrounds with the rest of the school and there was a wonderful range of places, near and far, that were mentioned. Following on from this, we would like to have a world map on display in school showing these places. If your child has a photo of family in another country or of themselves living in another country and would like to have it on display, please could they bring it into school next week. We will photocopy the photo for display and give you the original back. Hopefully we shall see that our Marchwood Family extends all the way around the world

Chinese Lion Dance *by Mr Hoskins*

WOW! That was the response from all those in the hall this Wednesday when the Year 6 pupils watched a truly mesmerizing Chinese Lion dance. I am sure it will be an amazing inspiration for all of those fortunate pupils as they move through their topic, Whispering Shadows. I can not wait to see their Shadow Puppet performances in December. Many thanks to Mr Tang for organising the lion's visit.

Poppies

Poppies are on sale every playtime for children to purchase in advance of our special remembrance assembly on Friday 11th November. We have asked the children for a minimum donation of 20p for their own poppy. It is a good idea for the children to write their name on the back of their poppy as they are easily lost. Our army board has been updated especially for Remembrance Day – pop in and have a look! Thanks again to Mrs Gosling and Mrs Bowen for their time given to update the board.

Headteacher's certificate

On Thursday afternoon, we had the pleasure of taking the first fourteen Headteacher's certificate winners for their treat to Playzone in Portsmouth. The children were great ambassadors for the school and we enjoyed a special time together. Mosese created a new world record for the best hiding place ever during a game of manhunt!

Cycle Paths

Thank you to the 42 parents who kindly sent in the slip from last week's newsletter indicating if they would be keen for their child to ride to school. I have included it at the bottom of this newsletter in case you missed the opportunity last week. The school has currently been halted in its efforts to enable children to ride to school as the paths surrounding the school are not deemed to be wide enough. Parent power could help me move this issue forward so please help if you are interested. Thank you.

Tuesday 8th Nov - Donation Day

Children are invited to wear non-school uniform in exchange for a donation for a prize for one of the Christmas fair raffles. Y3 and 4 are invited to donate a bottle of something and Y5 and 6 are invited to donate a chocolate prize. All funds raised at the fair are given back to the school by the PTA.

PTA meeting

The next meeting of our PTA is on Monday 7th November at 6.15 pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend so please come and support your PTA.

Firework Night

The PTA and our Site Manager, Alan Hussey, have been working hard to provide a fantastic firework show tonight. Gates open at 6pm and the fireworks start at 6.45pm. See you there!

Laurie Anderson

DIARY DATES:

Friday 4 th November	Marchwood Firework Evening 6.45 pm
Tuesday 8 th November	Donation Day for Christmas Fair raffle – see above
Thursday 10 th November	Travelling Book Fair arrives in school for 1 week
Monday 14 th November	Year 5 visit to Intech, Winchester
Tuesday 15 th November	Christmas Hamper challenge
Wednesday 16 th November	Green Team visit to Marchwood Energy Recycling Facility - pm (letter to follow)
Wednesday 16 th November	Information evening for Year 5 parents re Oct 2012 residential trip on IOW – 6 pm (letter to follow)
Friday 18 th November	<i>Children in Need Day</i> Lower School achievement assembly – 3 pm – Parents invited
Tuesday 22 nd November	Treehouse Theatre visit to Lower School – Egyptian play (letter to follow)
Saturday 26 th November	School Christmas Fair

Cycling to School

I would/would not like my child to cycle to school, if facilities become available.

Child's name Class

Parent's signature