

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
11th November 2011

Dear Parents,

For all you avid followers of Mrs Anderson's weekly newsletter, unfortunately, I have to break it to you that it is Mr Hoskins writing this week. However, can I take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful children, supportive parents and inspiring staff for making me feel so welcome in my first term at the school. You really do make Marchwood Magic.

Yet again it has been a jam-packed week at Marchwood Junior School with multiple exciting opportunities to capture the imagination of the children. From dazzling fireworks filling the night sky to fantastic books full of mysterious secrets, I am sure your children have had lots to tell you about. Now as we move forward, I am sure they are excited to demonstrate their creativity, originality and resourcefulness in future events.

Fireworks' Night

What a night it was for both the Junior and Infant Schools! All those that braved the changeable weather were treated to a visual spectacle that will last long in the memory. Watching all your faces lit up by the illuminations, the broad smiles and whoops of delight showed just how much fun we all had.

A big thank you has to go to all the helpers that made this community event so successful. Before the gates were opened, the site was awash with people who had volunteered their time and without them such events would not be possible. In addition, thank you to Mr Hussey for co-ordinating the event, maintaining a safe site and letting us borrow his wide variety of fluorescent jackets.

Donation Day

What an array of colour Tuesday was! The children looked fantastic in their favourite

clothes, sporting big beaming smiles and clutching incredibly generous donations. At present, Mrs Anderson's office is chock-a-block with boxes of delicious chocolates and an assortment of enticing bottles. I can see why Mrs Anderson has removed herself from this alluring temptation this week. Thank you for your wonderful generosity.

Next Tuesday (15th November) we will be replicating Donation Day as we attempt to complete class hampers for the Christmas Fair. Children will be again invited to wear non-school uniform in exchange for a donation to the hamper. The children can bring in any items that will make their hamper have a truly Christmas feel: chocolates, relishes, Christmas pudding, tinned sprouts (maybe not) etc.

Christmas Fair programme delivery

Please would anyone be able to help the PTA with delivering programmes throughout Marchwood? You can collect some outside the school gates next Weds afternoon after school. Even if you could just deliver in your road – every little bit helps! Thank you.

Teddy Tombola

Donations of unwanted new teddies would also be appreciated. Thank you again!

Poster Competition

An opportunity to show our creative flair, you say? "We would love to", respond the pupils of Marchwood Junior. Over the last couple weeks, Mrs Anderson has been inundated with entries to the Christmas Fair Poster competition. An amazing 64 children took on the challenge to design a poster to promote our wonderful fair and to say the standard was exceptional would not do them justice. However, our Chair of Governors, Mr Hoare, completed the extremely difficult task of selecting a

winner and a big well done goes to Freya Landy for her flawless entry.

Book Fair by Mrs Richardson

The Travelling Book Fair has arrived in school and is currently on display in the school entrance. It will be open every lunchtime and after school until next Wednesday.

All classes have been along to look at the books available to buy and the children have also been given a leaflet listing some of the books and offers available. Please feel free to pop in after school with your child to purchase books. Alternatively, children can bring in money in a named envelope for them to choose their own book.

We are offering very competitive prices with books starting from £2.99 upwards. There is a huge selection for all age ranges and reading abilities. With Christmas coming, they would make excellent presents.

Army Board

A particularly popular display in our school is the Army board. Often we can find a cluster of children pausing to look at the selection of pictures and reading the information. At present, the board has a picture of William Merrell, 19, who is on deployment in Afghanistan whom the pupils have taken to their hearts. If any of the children have a Dad, Mum or brother who is on deployment and would like to have their picture on the board, please can you drop a copy into reception so that we can celebrate their outstanding bravery.

Children in Need

Pudsey is calling. On Friday 18th November it is Children in Need day and we are looking to raise money for a charity

that the school holds very dearly. With that in mind, the children will be asked to donate £1 to wear non school uniform. The theme for this year is 'Opposites'. Yes, that means children can come in dressed as adults, boys as girls, girls as boys, pyjamas instead of uniform, clothes on backwards; I have even heard of one Y6 girl who intends to dress as a chicken. Basically, be imaginative and most importantly fun.

However, it does not stop there. Rumour has it that, during the lunch break, Mrs Anderson, Mr Bessant, myself and possibly a few other teachers will be sat in a chair whilst surrounded by wet sponges. Yes, you have got it, for a small fee, the children will have the chance to throw wet sponges at their much loved, inspirational, kind, hard working (and many other good things) teachers. So dig deep in those pockets and find all that loose change, as I am sure no one wants to miss out.

Working in Partnership by Mr Bessant

Next Wednesday Marchwood Junior and Infant school staff will be competing in an inaugural dodgeball competition to be held at MIS. Mr Calvert and Mrs Farbrother have every confidence in their staff team but we feel the training our staff receive during WAM time on a Friday afternoon should give us the edge...

Shoebboxes wanted!

Miss Gill requires a large quantity of empty shoeboxes for a classroom project. Please send into school asap.

Dan Hoskins

Upper School Phase Leader

DIARY DATES:

Monday 14th November
Tuesday 15th November
Wednesday 16th November
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Friday 18th November

Tuesday 22nd November

Year 5 visit to Intech, Winchester
Christmas Hamper challenge
Green Team visit to Marchwood ERF - pm
Information evening for Year 5 parents re Oct 2012 residential trip on IOW – 6 pm
Children in Need Day
Lower School achievement assembly – 3 pm – Parents invited
Treehouse Theatre visit to Lower School-Egyptian play