

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
18th November 2011

Dear Parents,

Mr Hoskins evidently relished his professional development opportunity to write the newsletter last Friday. Thank you, Mr Hoskins, for a very eloquent update on school events. One parent's description of 'wordy' was an accurate reflection of last week's newsletter.

We are rapidly heading into our very busy time in school. The first Christmas songs have been sung, we are planning our Christmas displays and special events... and it is still only mid November! Parental support over the past couple of weeks with whole school events has been terrific – thank you so much.

Hamper Day

On Tuesday 15th November, we enjoyed our hamper donation day. Children came into school in non-school uniform in exchange for a donation towards their class hampers. The amount of donations was magic – thank you so much. Each class decorated and named their hamper before they were all judged by our lovely kitchen team. The winning class will be announced in assembly on Monday. Hampers will be prizes during our Christmas Fayre and the Village Christmas evening. Funds raised will directly benefit your children – thank you.

Children in Need Day

Pupil voice decided on our dress up theme for today. We have enjoyed all sorts of unusual outfits; pyjamas, boys (and male staff) in dresses and high heels, staff in school uniform, spotty clothes. The children loved the muffins that our lovely kitchen ladies baked and our children decorated. Many thanks to the kitchen staff who gave up their afternoons this week to make hundreds of muffins to raise funds for Children in Need. Thank you also to the staff who volunteered to be targets for the children throwing sponges at lunchtime. We had a lot of fun! We have

raised approximately £300 – thanks for all your support.

Governors in school

Our governing body are having a governor fortnight during which they have been invited to come into school to help in class for a week. The governing body are part of our Marchwood Family and so we have warmly welcomed them in to see how well the children are learning. Our two recently appointed Parent Governors are Mrs Lyn Geary and Mr David Mitchell and they have already been busy attending various governor meetings.

Kingwood Meeting

Thank you to the parents who came to the meeting on Tuesday evening. A £40 deposit is required by Monday to secure a place for your child. This trip will be focused on team building skills and the children will have a terrific time in October next year. Please see me if you have financial concerns but you would like your child to attend this trip.

Green Team visit *by Jaz Freeman*

On Wednesday 16th November, the Green Team went to the Marchwood Energy Recovery Centre and had a look at all the things you can recycle. We saw rubbish being delivered by the bin men into a bunker. A large claw scoops up big heaps of rubbish and is placed in a hopper to be burned to produce electricity.

Next, we looked at a huge boiler that had super, super clean water inside that was heated by a fire. They use the fire to burn the waste and it turns into heat which is then turned into electricity. The electricity they produce can power 53,200 homes around Hampshire.

So your home could be powered by rubbish!

Wristbands

I have been asked to let parents know that wristbands are not permitted to be worn in school. There are a number of charity bands that are for very worthy causes. The Help for Heroes wristband is a particularly common one in our village, given the close links with 17th Port and Maritime Regiment. However, I have made it very clear to children that no wristbands are to be worn during school time as they are not part of school uniform and we pride ourselves on how smart the children are and the care they take with their school uniform. The only exception to this is on non-uniform days when children are welcome to show their support of local and national charities through the wearing of bands they choose.

I would welcome support from parents with wristbands. Children have also been given this message very clearly. Thank you.

Monday 21st November

Y6 are attending Applemore Recreation Centre for the first of our Olympic events. Parents are asked to drop pupils at the Rec for 8.45, wearing appropriate PE kit. They will be returning to school by minibus for about noon.

Please note that if you want your child to have a school dinner on that day, you will need to ring or call into the school office to order one before 10 am. Otherwise, please send your child with a packed lunch that can be eaten on return to school.

Strike action

There is a proposed day of strike action by many unions on Wednesday 30th November. I hope to be in a position to inform parents early next week of any action impacting on Marchwood Junior School.

Thursday 24th November – Y3 are visiting our local church to look at the beautiful stained glass windows for their new light topic.

Saturday 26th November 11 – 3pm Christmas Fayre - There will be lots of stalls for you to peruse, Christmas gifts to buy, games to play, entertainment to applaud and food and drink to enjoy.

Laurie Anderson

DIARY DATES:

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| Monday 21 st November | Year 6 Athletics at Applemore Recreation Centre PTA meeting at 6.15 pm to finalise arrangements for Christmas Fayre |
| Tuesday 22 nd November | Treehouse Theatre visit to Lower School-Egyptian play |
| Thursday 24 th November | Yr 3 visit to St John's Church |
| Saturday 26 th November | School Christmas Fayre 11 am – 3 pm |
| Wednesday 7 th December | PTA Christmas Disco |
| Tuesday 13 th December | Christmas Concert dress rehearsal 1.30 pm Christmas Concert 1 - at 6 pm |
| Wednesday 14 th December | Christmas Lunch Christmas Concert 2 - at 6 pm |
| Friday 16 th December | End of Term! |