

MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
27th January 2012

Dear Parents

Parent evenings

Y6 teachers invited Y6 parents to discuss their child's progress this week. I hope parents found these meetings informative about how much progress their child has made and what targets they are working towards. Y3, 4 and 5 parents will be invited to meet their child's teacher later in the term.

Y4 inventions

Y4 enjoyed a special treat this week when they visited the Manna House Bakery as part of their topic on inventions and machines. The highlight of the visit was filling jam doughnuts! Y4 children's behaviour was, as always, a credit to our school.

Pupil Voice

Our Pupil Voice are very independent and proactive. They decided to organise a cake sale to raise funds for Mrs Rehman who is planning to do three marathons in just nine weeks later in the year. She is aiming to fund raise £4,500 for breast cancer charities.

Our pupil voice organised a slick presentation in Monday's assembly (well done Josh H!), created posters and wrote an article in last week's newsletter to promote the event. The response from parents and children was staggering. The number of cake donations was overwhelming – thank you so much. I was also delighted with the care that children (and parents) had clearly taken to home bake and decorate such delicious looking cakes. Pupil voice were planning to hold the sale at break and after school but we were stunned at the end of break when all the cakes had been sold! We are clearly champion cake eaters at MJS! Report from Josh O:

"We raised over £100 and were sold out in fifteen minutes! Thank you to everyone who donated all the tasty cakes and put some of their time towards baking them. A great thank you to all parents, pupils and to Pupil Voice for all the organisation they put into the sale."

If Pupil Voice can be so successful in one week – watch out for their next event!

Y5 trip to Southampton – by 5HA

Yesterday, 66 desperate youngsters waited in anticipation for the start of their trip of a lifetime. Inspired by the wonders of history they travelled to the Tudor House Museum in Hamwick (Southampton) in search of great knowledge. They returned as experts in their field after a very informative and enjoyable day.

Look out for future Archaeologists!

Children with special educational needs.

If your child has an IEP and is in Y3, 4 or 5 you will be contacted shortly to arrange a time to discuss progress towards their IEP targets and to agree new targets. Informal meetings with parents about IEPs are an important part of the parent school partnership. I know many of you appreciate these regular meetings to discuss your child's progress.

School lunches

A plea from our school office staff – please would you send payment in advance if your child requires a school dinner. This will save a lot of time spent chasing unpaid dinner monies. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend!

Laurie Anderson



Diary Dates:

Tuesday 31 st January	Year 3 trip to Living Rainforest-Newbury
Thursday 2 nd February	Year 5 Assembly for parents – POSTPONED
<i>(Saturday 4th February 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!)</i>	<i>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!)</i>
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 <i>(letter to follow)</i>
Friday 24 th February	Year 4 trip to Beaulieu Palace <i>(letter to follow)</i>