

# Marchwood Junior School Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> February 2018



## Dear Parents

It has been a busy half term starting with our successful Ofsted inspection and ending with a super busy week filled with sporting events, a Y4 residential and a fun filled disco! Our twitter feed has gone into overdrive with all the events in school this week! I am so grateful to all our staff who have given so much of own extra time for the benefit of our children. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable half term break. Thank you parents for your continued support. Your continued support combined our super children and the brilliant teamwork of staff helps makes our Marchwood family a really special place to learn and work!

## Minstead residential

Year 4 had the opportunity this week to experience their first residential. We spent two nights away at Minstead study centre. The children were exposed to the outdoor environment and learnt about how to be sustainable individuals, which links into our current Geography unit. From the moment we arrived, we went on a long walk into the forest. The children took part in activities such as 'muck moovers' and 'wooly workers'. We even had the chance to make our own lanterns and take them to a bonfire.

We could not be prouder of the way the children represented MJS during our time away. We have created many special memories together.



## WWII Day

On Thursday, Year 5 experienced what life would be like in WW2. All the children did a fantastic job dressing up from the 1940s. Well done parents. Year 5 experienced drill exercises that were rehearsed during the time of WW2 (Thank you Mrs Stanton!). The children experienced what life in the classroom was like: from handwriting practice with chalk and multiplication exercises, to singing songs of the time to rally the troops and keep spirits up and dancing from the 1940s. Also, they were able to enjoy food from the era - spam sandwiches and jelly and cream. A brilliant day enjoyed by all in Year 5!



### Topic words for spring 2:

Each half term, we plan to share key vocabulary that your child will come across as part of their topic learning. These will not be tested in class but are the important words for children to understand the meaning of and to be able to spell as part of their topic. They will learn the meaning of the words during the course of their topic but your child will have a head start if they have the opportunity to discuss the words at home in advance of coming across them in their lessons. Thank you in advance for your support with this!

*Year 3: Egypt, Egyptian, River Nile, pyramid, mummification, canopic jar, hieroglyphics, pharaoh, ancient, tomb*

*Year 4: sustainability, energy, future, waster, recycle, reduce, reuse, deforestation, pollution, renewable energy*

*Year 5: future, community, spirit, citizen, village, location, responsibility, maintained, local, ethos, features, council*

*Year 6: inspirational, arch-rival, expectation, apprehensive, determination, immortality, courageous, full of, valour, danger-inhabited lands, well-built*

### Safeguarding update

If you are unsure of what the minimum age limit is for different apps, please visit this website: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk> It is a guide for parents on the social networks that children and young people use and looks really good. I thoroughly recommend having a look at this site to inform yourself to help protect your child online.

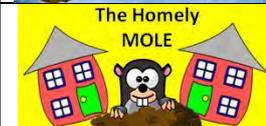
### New Forest Gymnastics

On Tuesday afternoon, 8 children from years 5 and 6 went to Noadswood School to compete in the New Forest gymnastics competition. Lucy Glasspool, Zara Curtis, Finn Hoskins, Jon Pepin, Jessica Mills, Molly Roach, Ethan Jackson and Connor Thomas completed a vault, a floor routine and a body management routine in front of judges, showing confidence and skill. All the gymnasts performed brilliantly in a tough competition with 9 teams from local schools. The standard of gymnastics was very high. Marchwood teams placed 1st and 4th after the scores were counted, which was an excellent result. A huge well done to everyone who completed.

### MOLE Award

The days are getting longer; the sun is starting to shine; and I'm sure it will soon get warmer (or at least we hope it will). Half term is upon us already and this is a great opportunity to get outside and tick off a couple of homely MOLE activities. Why not go on a welly walk or visit an outdoor site of historical interest? You could even track the weather conditions in hope of seeing an improvement. We look forward to hearing all about the fun you have been having! Please feel free to tweet us photos (@MJunSchool) or bring in

photos to share on the MOLE board outside 6J. Well done to the children who have completed MOLE awards recently:

	Freya (Year 3)
	Tayla (Year 6) Ben (Year 3)

### **New Forest Cross County Championships**

This Thursday 36 children from MJS went to Gang Warily to compete in the New Forest Cross Country Championships. Braving the cold, the children excelled in a contest of over 500 children. Their hard work over the year shone through with some stunning individual and team performances. Well done to both the Year 5 girls and boys teams who finished first on the day. Also a special well done to Jon, Ben, Lewis, Maxwell, Daisy and Erin who are all now going on to represent the New Forest at the Hampshire Finals.



### **PTA Disco**

Thank you to all the wonderful PTA members who organised yet another superb disco last night. Thank you also to staff who gave up their time to support at this event. All the children had a great time busting moves on the dance floor (and munching on sweets).

### **Year 5 trip helpers!**

Year 5 have been and are really fortunate to have lots of exciting out- of-school trips to enhance and bring their topics to life. However, to run these trips we desperately need parent volunteers! To be able to help with a trip you need to complete a DBS check and have been given safe guarding training which we will provide. Our next trip is very soon – we are incredibly lucky to be going to see a live orchestra play popular songs on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March for the day. Our next safe guarding sessions are Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – see diary dates for times.

If you are interested please ask at the school office – we really look forward to hearing from you!  
Year 5 team.

### **Year 6 Revision Books**

If you wish to order revision guide books for your child in preparation for Sats, please return the form together with payment before Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February as this will be the final order placed for any books required.

### **Discovery Days at New Forest Centre, Lyndhurst**

On Tuesday and Thursday during half term they are running activity days for a £1 donation. The theme will be The New Forest. Pop along for the experience.

**Holiday Club**

Mr Smart is running his holiday club 9 – 3pm Monday to Thursday next week. If you would like to book your child on for just £15 each day, please contact reception or contact Mr Smart on [fsmart@marchwoodjun.co.uk](mailto:fsmart@marchwoodjun.co.uk)

Best wishes

Mrs Anderson & Mr Hoskins  
Headteacher and Deputy Head

**Diary Dates**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 SATS information meeting at 2.00pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Safeguarding training 9.00 – 9.30 a.m.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Safeguarding training 10.45 – 11.15

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 0 Years 3,4 & 5 Assessment Week

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Year 5 'Orchestra Unwrapped' visit to Basingstoke

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Travelling Book Fair in school for the week