

# Marchwood Junior School Newsletter



29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## Dear Parents

It has been an incredibly busy term again with lots of opportunities for our children to enjoy! The children are ready for a good rest over Easter. This week has been busy with two lots of ACE times including online safety training for parents, an Egyptian day enjoyed by Y3 and a fantastic reading aloud competition! We wish you a lovely family time over Easter and look forward to seeing all the children safely back at school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Over the past week or so, some children have started wearing trainers as their shoes have got too small. Please could these be replaced over Easter so every child looks like they belong to the smart Marchwood family. If money is ever an issue, please get in touch with us and we will be happy to support you ☺

## Reading Aloud

Today we held our Reading Aloud Competition Grand Final. After very exciting preliminary rounds, four finalists were chosen. William Allinson, Jon Pepin, Daniel Wright and Chloe Bandgiza all performed their poems with confidence, clear voices and were all able to add a little something extra to their poem, such as props actions or different voices. The judges had a tricky decision, but after discussion, awarded the title of Reading Aloud Champion to Jon Pepin.

The staff had their own competition alongside the children and after a great reading of *The Three Little Pigs*, with a wig, a fluorescent jacket and a lightsaber, Mr Jacobs was selected as the Reading Aloud Champion for the adults.

It was a great competition. Well done to all the children as everyone read their poems in class and took part in the first round.



## MJS Troopers' Diversity Exhibition

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April we will be hosting our MJS Troopers Diversity Exhibition aimed to develop an understanding, and celebrate, the diversity of the lives of service children and their families. The event will see our whole school family come together and take the time to recognise the different 'stories' that make our service community so special. Each of our service children will be creating an A3 presentation to share their unique story. This could be part of their family history, about a place they have lived, a celebration of a parent's achievement or anything else, it is up to the children to decide.

The exhibition itself will be open to the rest of the school during the afternoon of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April, with each class being taken on a tour by children from MJS Troopers. This will be followed with a public viewing for parents between 3:40 and 4:30 p.m. It would be wonderful if you could spare some time to pop in and look around the exhibits.



If you have any questions about the event, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hoskins for clarification. Likewise, if you feel you can support the event in any way, your support would be very much appreciated.

### Y3 Ancient Egyptians Day

Having drawn inspiration from their topic homework to research Egyptian clothing, Year 3 came into school very much looking the part for their Egyptian Day. Following a lively and colourful fashion show, the children returned to class to reflect upon what they had learned about the Ancient Egyptians, evaluating how successful a civilisation they were. After play we were re-visited by some friends from both the Iron Age Britain and Ancient Egypt looking to resolve a dispute over which was the more successful culture. The body of evidence came down in favour of the Ancient Egyptians as, amongst other things, their way of life afforded them the rare commodity of spare time. After break we learned about mummification and had a lot of fun roleplaying the process in co-operative groups. Further research into the pyramids calmed proceedings down in the afternoon and proceedings were brought to a close with presentations of our findings to the parents for ACE time.



### Easter egg competition winners!

Well done to all those who entered the competition! After a very difficult decision, we have decided that our first place winner was Millie Berry from 4S and our 2 runner ups were Emily Partridge and Ava Shaw, both from 4J! Well done! The standard of art work and originality was extremely high this year. Thank you to everyone who took part.



### PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to the wonderful ladies of the PTA who, after the today's downpours, organised a impromptu Easter Egg Quiz. All the children had a great time answering Easter based question in the pursuit of a chocolate egg – it's incredible how the promise of chocolate can focus the concentration.

## New Forest Sportshall Athletics League

Well done to the Sportshall Athletics team who this week competed in the third and final New Forest League meeting at Testwood School. All the children were fantastic and it was great to watch them mingling with children from the other schools after a season of tough competition. The mutual respect they demonstrated to each other was superb and it was amazing to see them shaking hands with all the children from Abbotswood upon crossing the line after the final relay – which received a standing ovation from the parents and staff from other schools. The children should be extremely proud of not only finishing runners up but also the manner in which they conducted themselves.



## ACE time online training

On Monday and Tuesday, we ran online training sessions for parents as part of our ACE time. We had about 150 parents attend over the two sessions which we were delighted with. After the LS session, we asked parents to complete a short feedback form to help guide us with future provision. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive with comments including:

- *It was excellent thank you. I will be more proactive and more prepared.*
- *It was really clear and easy to understand.*
- *It was very useful. I was unaware of many of the apps that were available.*
- *I will talk to my child about what is appropriate to post online.*
- *I will be very vigilant and check devices and keep talking to my child.*
- *I will sign up for the CASPAR newsletter that was mentioned.*

Many parents asked for continued updates about new apps that are released which we are happy to provide and will plan the best way to share this information.

In school, our children are taught **Zip it, Block it, Flag it, Respect it**. You may wish to discuss with your child over Easter about what this actually means and have copied that part of the presentation below for your guidance:

Zip it:

- Keep your personal information private.
- Only communicate with people that your teacher or parents have given you permission to.
- Respect other people's privacy.
- Always log out of your accounts and never tell anyone else your password (except your parents).

Block it:

- Don't open any unknown links or attachments.
- Block messages from people who are not nice to you.
- Don't respond to any messages that are unkind.

Flag it:

- Report any behaviour that makes you feel uncomfortable to parents or teachers.
- If you see something you do not like, turn off the monitor and tell an adult.
- Be a good cyber citizen and report any breaking of online rules by other people to help keep them safe.

Respect it:

- Always communicate online politely and respect other users.
- I understand that the school can view my emails, messages and work.
- Do not cyber bully anyone.
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## MARCHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA A Request from the PTA

The PTA work hard each year on behalf of the school to raise valuable funds to provide additional resources, such as new outdoor play areas, school trips, Year 6 Leavers' Party and the extras that the school budget does not cover. In order to do this we really need your support at events we host throughout the year. We understand that not everyone wants to join a PTA but we really need volunteers who can help us run our events on the days that they are planned.

If you would be willing to help with any of our events, please contact the PTA via email or through the school office. [Pta@marchwoodjun.co.uk](mailto:Pta@marchwoodjun.co.uk)



Bags2School will be back on **1<sup>st</sup> May**, so if possible, please fill the bag with any unwanted clothing. All money raised will go back into the school. **Please note change of date.**

### Marchwood Minnows Sailing

The Minnows sailing group of Marchwood Yacht Club would like to invite any interested pupils to join them and learn to sail a dinghy this summer. They have a few places available. There is a nominal fee to join, which makes the child a member of the Minnows group and covers them for insurance. It is a low key group with the emphasis on learning a skill and also having some fun doing so.



Requirements: Age 9 years old and upwards  
Must be able to swim  
Parents consent required

Marchwood Yacht Club supply all the safety equipment. i.e. buoyancy aids etc. They also man several safety boats when they are on the water. Do to you need any special clothing? No just warm clothes and a pair of shoes that do not matter if they get wet (no wellington boots). Bring some warm clothes and a towel for when the children come in off the water as they are often feeling cold.

If anyone is interested please contact Bobby on: 02380 860846 or email [bobbypayne@talktalk.net](mailto:bobbypayne@talktalk.net)  
Otherwise come down to the club on the 24<sup>th</sup> April, from 5.30 onwards, they will be in the Dinghy Pound getting the boats ready.

The season starts from end of April until the end of the school summer term.

Best wishes

Mrs Anderson & Mr Hoskins  
Headteacher and Deputy Head