

Marchwood Junior School Newsletter

8th June 2018



Dear Parents

The final half term of the year has finally arrived! Our lovely Y3 children have nearly finished their first full year at big school and we will shortly be saying goodbye to our Y6 children as they start the next chapter of their life at secondary school. Summer 2 is always packed full of exciting events and this newsletter captures this week's events brilliantly. As always, we are grateful to staff for all their additional time and efforts to make our children's junior school years fun and memorable! Please keep encouraging your child to make the most of every opportunity at MJS – their four years with us really will pass all too quickly!

Pride of Marchwood 2018

Wow..! What a fantastic evening celebrating a variety of achievements at Marchwood. It was lovely to see a diverse range of awards being won by children, staff and the local community. The final winners can now be announced:

Sporting Hero Year 3 and 4 – Shenqiu Xavier

Sporting Hero Year 5 and 6 – Joshua Friend

Sports Team Award – Table Tennis

Marchwood Troopers – Fern Southwick

Staff Recognition – Mrs Jones

Community Recognition Award – Rob Marshall

Parent Recognition Award – Mrs Grier

Reading wizard year 3 and 4 – Davin Borreomeo

Reading wizard year 5 and 6 – Konstantin Milankovic

Mathematical wizard year 3 and 4 – Ava Shaw

Mathematical wizard year 5 and 6 – Holly Webb

Our MJS child hero – Samuel Burford

Our MJS adult hero – Marchwood Junior School LSA team

It was a wonderful evening and a very big congratulations to all those who won awards. Thank you to everyone who put forward nominations as well. We look forward to continuing Pride of Marchwood next year.



New Forest Athletics Finals

This Wednesday saw 35 of our young athletes go to Southampton Sports Centre to take part in the New Forest Athletics Finals. Competing in a field of 21 teams, our children put together an amazing strike of individual performances. In total MJS won 10 of 16 individual gold medals with two children breaking New Forest records: Josh throwing 16.03m in the Shot Putt and Jon running 1.45m in the 600m. It was a truly remarkable afternoon that demonstrates what our children can achieve when they train hard and are determined to achieve.



Year group topic words

Below are words that each year group will be using in their topic this half term. Helping them to learn to read and spell these words as well as being able to define them concisely will help them with their learning in school. Many thanks 😊

Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
animal balanced diet muscles skeleton energy growth organs function nutrition	boil(ing) freeze/freezing melt(ing) liquid solid gas evaporation condensation emotions feelings	tourism population climate centigrade continent country city / cities Europe London Paris Thames Seine	good-looking handsome chivalrous mesmerising bewitching merciless vanquished enchanted nimble cantankerous

Y3 Hook Afternoon

There was a real sense of excitement in Year 3 on Tuesday morning when the year group dressed as animals to introduce this term's topic 'Walk on the Wild Side'. In the morning children enjoyed solving a mystery in 'Monkey Maths' using their computational skills. In the afternoon we met Whisper, Kevin and Paddy, three dogs from the 'Helpful Hounds' charity. The children found out all about the work the charity does and saw some of the things the dogs had learned to do for their owners. This included opening the washing machine to fetch a towel, giving it to their owner and closing the machine. We learned that assistance dogs are able to help a range of people and the children really began to empathise with other people's needs using this term's learning value of emotional intelligence. Following the demonstrations, Miss Jones invited the children to have their own stall at the Music Festival in July on which they could raise money for a democratically chosen animal charity. It looks like year 3 have a great term in prospect.

New Forest Hockey Finals

I have spent a while trying to think of the best superlative to describe these 30 children and their achievements. This is the largest group of children the school has ever taken to a hockey competition and every team was aiming to win games - a testament to the standard that they have worked hard to achieve.

The D team won a few games during the day and did themselves really proud. The C team had a slow start but got into a rhythm, only just missing out on the third tier gold medal match through countback to the start of the competition. The B team again started slowly but hit a fantastic rhythm and showed some of the strongest hockey in the competition. This led to them winning every game in the second tier pool and ultimately earned them a place in the second tier final. They won comfortably earning themselves a gold medal (this team consisted of 5 year 5 children out of a team of 8).

The A team started the day with 2 wins and a draw but due to equal points and goals they had a play-off to get into the Gold medal groups. They were very impressive and won the game putting them in the group their standard deserved. In the gold medal pool they drew one and won 2; sadly

this was not enough for them to make the gold medal match due to goal difference. Disappointed not to make the gold medal match, the team tried to pull together to go for bronze. Sadly they lost 2-0 (the first goals they had conceded all tournament - incredible). This team is the strongest team I have ever coached and they deserved to medal. They played incredible hockey and this was commented on by people watching. For 5 of them, they'll be back next year. The future of hockey at Marchwood is really strong. For those Year 6s, I hope this opportunity has given them the drive to continue playing at secondary school and beyond.



Mr Jacobs

New Forest Tennis Finals

On Tuesday, Marchwood Junior School competed in the New Forest Tennis finals at Totton tennis club. We took two teams who played some incredible tennis and showcased how amazing their tennis skills are. With the standard being so high, we did incredibly well to manage to come 4th overall. It was an amazing achievement by all individuals. We are lucky to have so many children who are keen to play tennis. For this reason, it makes the standard of tennis at Marchwood so high. Thank you to all the children and parents who were involved in all the events this year. You have done yourself and the school proud.

War Horse @ The Mayflower

On Thursday afternoon 40 eager Year 6s headed to the Mayflower Theatre to watch Michael Morpurgo's War Horse. Having read the book (a must-read in Year 6) everyone was interested to see how this great book would move onto the stage. We were not disappointed. The story was great (as expected) but the effects were absolutely sensational: the puppetry for the animals was awe-inspiring and you soon forgot that the animals weren't real. A fantastic afternoon and I'm sure some features of the play could appear as the children write their production over the coming weeks.



Oxfam Dressed By The Kids Day

On Friday 15th June 2018 we will be taking part in [Oxfam's Dressed By The Kids Day](#) - joining thousands of others schools across the UK in doing something silly for a serious cause.



On the day, we'll be asking the children to get creative and use their imagination to style their teacher's outfit from a dressing up box. They'll have lots of fun but they'll also be learning about the similarities and differences between themselves and other children living around the world.

During assembly we will be hosting our very own fashion show and photo shoot for the amusement of the children but most importantly the children will be looking at Oxfam's ethos on how everyone has the right to learn, eat, drink and earn.

Please help your child get ready for Oxfam's Dressed By The Kids Day by:

1. If you have an item of fancy dress clothing at home that you are happy for your child to bring

into school then they can bring it into school the week commencing Monday 11th June. Each classroom will have a box clearly labelled for them to place their item in. Please make sure the item they bring in has their name on.

2. Allowing your child to dress up in a 'wacky theme' for the day. This could be: a wig, a bright coloured t-shirt, a onesie, a funny outfit...something that will make us laugh!
3. Bring in a donation of £1 per family to raise money for the Oxfam charity. Hand this in to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks,
Miss Jones

School Photographs

Can any photograph proofs, with payment, be sent back into the school office by the end of next week so that we can complete any orders.

Dinner Money

Can any payments for any outstanding dinner money be paid off please. Also can we remind you that payment needs to be paid on the day or in advance of dinners.

Minstead's 50th Birthday Celebration! Please save the date!

Minstead Study Centre would like to invite you to our Big Birthday Celebration on **Saturday July 14th 2018 12.30 to 4.30pm**. The centre has been running for 50 golden years inspiring all its thousands of visitors to 'tread more lightly on the Earth'.

There will be lots of fun activities to enjoy: Hand to Mouth Puppet Show, music and dancing, wonderful food and much, much more.

We are aiming to put together a collage of memories and photos of all the past school visits to display at the event. We would like you to send us your fond memories/photos or bring them along and add them to the memory wall.

Best wishes

Mrs Anderson & Mr Hoskins
Headteacher and Deputy Head

Diary Dates

Friday 15th June – Dressed by the Kids Day for Oxfam

Monday 18th June – Year 3 Marwell trip

Wednesday 27th June – Years 3.4 & 5 ace Time at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 27th June – Year 2 Induction Evening for parents at 6.00 p.m.

Friday 29th June – Inset Day

Monday 2nd July – Year 6 Bikeability Week

Wednesday 4th July – Year 3 Sleepover – Details to follow

Saturday 7th July – Marchwood Village Fete

Wednesday 11th July – Year 6 Leavers Disco

Thursday 12th July – US Sports Morning

Friday 13th July – Marchwood Music Festival – details to follow

Monday 23rd July – Inset day

End of Summer Term