



# Marchwood Junior School

Our Learning Family that Inspires you to Dream

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## Dear Parents

Apologies for such a long newsletter but we have lots to share with you this week. Our Junior Leadership Team (JLT) are part way through running their first competition. Y3 enjoyed a visit to our local church and we enjoyed a visit from a Team GB Triathlete. In this newsletter we also share with you some ideas you suggested in the parent questionnaire and in addition we have found some online safety information that we hope will be supportive in helping you to keep your child safe. Finally, we have found extra ideas that we hope may inspire your family to enjoy some more local activities together ☺

Thank you for all your support at our fireworks event last week. The actual fireworks were incredible! Our PTA ran this brilliant event and I am grateful to them for their enthusiasm and positivity in organizing such a great event for the community whilst also raising much needed additional funds for our children's learning.

## Name that Country Competition – update from JLT

Thank you for all your hard work learning European countries as part of our Name that Country inter-house competition. The first round results were collated by the JLT with every country named (out of ten) being awarded with one point:

Burley: 395

Ashley: 385

Denny: 311

Rhinefield: 306

Congratulations to the 32 semi-finalists who all managed to name at least nine out of the ten countries correctly and took part in our semi-final today. The final will take place in assembly on the 19<sup>th</sup> November with the winning house being awarded our inter-house trophy.

## Church Visit

Year 3 Meet with Reverend Simon Hones on Monday to take a careful look at the stained glass windows in the church. Their new learning value this term is 'spirituality', so this was a perfect opportunity for a 'wow' moment! As our science focus this term is 'light', we were lucky enough to see beautiful colours projected on the church wall as the Autumn sun shone through the windows. This was also a fantastic inspiration for our own stained glass window designs, soon to be created in DT. A selected few will be displayed in the church over the Christmas period.



## **New Forest Dodgeball**

Wednesday was an incredible experience for our children at Marchwood Junior School. We took 4 teams (24 children) to Testwood for the annual handball festival. All individuals involved showcased their amazing handball skills alongside the MJS trademark sporting attitude and sportsmanship. To finish with 4 teams in the top 6, out of 14 teams, was a fantastic way to finish off an unforgettable morning. Thank you to all children for showing everyone how amazing Marchwood Junior School is. We qualified for the Hampshire games in Aldershot as a result. Another team representing the New Forest!



## **Children in Need - Friday 16th November 2018**

As you may already know, BBC Children in Need Appeal Week is fast approaching. We will be celebrating this in our school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. We have decided to split the money this year between 2 causes. Cause 1 will be the 'Children in Need' charity and cause 2 will go towards equipment to support our children with their learning.

At Marchwood we will be taking part in spotty-themed fundraising activities. We will be having a Children In Need focused day on Friday 16th November and we are encouraging the children to dress up as their favourite super hero or dress in non-school uniform and bring in a £1 donation. They will have the opportunity to purchase cakes at break time, take part in spotacular challenges and other exciting activities.

### **This is where we need your help!**

You can help us make this a memorable event that raises as much money as possible, by supporting the fundraising activities in our school. Why not bake some nice cakes for us to sell at break time? Cakes can be brought in the day before (Thursday 15th November or on the morning of Friday 16th November).

Let's make a big difference to the lives of children in the UK.

## **Medical**

Please can we request that if your child has been sick that they do not return to school for 48 hours after the last episode. Many thanks for your help with this matter.

## Inspirational Young Triathlete

Yesterday we were joined by a young triathlete, Harry O'Donoghue (aged 16), to speak to some of our children. Harry is currently ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the British Youth and Junior Super Series. He also represented GB in early October for the first time. Harry inspired our own young athletes with how he got in to the sport, what he was doing at their age, the kit used by triathletes and how transition works. This was followed by a very excited question and answer.



## Parent Questionnaire

During the parent evenings before half term, parents kindly completed a questionnaire. We were delighted with the positive response from parents and it was great to hear how brilliantly you thought of Marchwood Junior School. You shared some lovely strengths and also suggested some really good ideas for how we can continue to improve. We wanted to respond to some of those ideas so you know what we are working on as a result of your suggestions:

### 1. Add non-fiction as must reads please.

*Our response: We thought this was a great idea and we will adapt the must reads for Sep 2019 as a result of this.*

### 2. Possibly a bike rack to allow pupils to cycle to school?

*Our response: We would love to allow children to ride to school but currently the path outside school is no cycling. Therefore by installing a bike rack we would be seen as actively encouraging children to break the law. Our governors are investigating again whether we can get this changed so our children can ride to school. As soon as we have this confirmed we are happy to install bike racks and encourage cycling to school.*

### 3. a) Please can we have more homework during the week such as spelling words that he has to learn and gets tested on?

#### b) I feel the homework can be sometimes excessive

*Our response: You will see from the comments above that we have a mixture of parental views about homework. We feel, based on the present research available, that we have the balance right by focusing on reading, spelling and timetables tables each week and then a half termly topic homework completed over a number of weeks. If you would like more ideas to support your child at home we have added a section to our website which has website links Please see here: <https://www.marchwoodjuniorschool.org.uk/children/>*

### 4. Clubs could include: coding, science, woodwork, lego/ constructions, book club, homework club, art club

*Our response: All teaching staff (and some Isas) currently lead a club in an area that is their passion. Our current clubs on offer are: Various sports clubs, laptop club, cookery club, craft club, knitting club, choir, glades club, gardening club, French club, drama club. Staff do not get additional payments for running any clubs. If there are any parents or grandparents who have an interest in expanding our range of clubs on offer we would be really pleased to hear from you and be happy to work with you to establish an even broader range of clubs.*

### 5. Community engagement can always be worked on

*Our response: Good point. In the past twelve months we have developed an increased number of community links (Saints visit, dentist, local artist visit, Forestry Commission visit, gymnast visit, WWII*

veteran, local library) but are always on the look out for different opportunities to help bring our curriculum alive for our children

We invite parents in four times a year to share their child's learning. We use Twitter to celebrate our children's achievements as an instant way of engaging with our community. You can find us here: **@MJunSchool**.

We also have planned a Love of Communities Day in the summer term where we plan to invite different members of our local community in to help inspire our children.

## **E-Safety Update**

Parents asked in the online safety training earlier this year to receive regular updates about online safety. This week we are sharing information about the PEGI ratings which are a brilliant guide for parents to determine what games their children should play online or what videos or apps they should have access to. Have you ever wondered what the PEGI age labels mean?

**PEGI 3:** The content of games with a PEGI 3 rating is considered suitable for all age groups. The game should not contain any sounds or pictures that are likely to frighten young children. A very mild form of violence (in a comical context or a childlike setting) is acceptable. No bad language should be heard.

**PEGI 7:** Game content with scenes or sounds that can possibly frightening to younger children fall in this category. Very mild forms of violence (implied, non-detailed, or non-realistic violence) are acceptable for a game with a PEGI 7 rating.

**PEGI 12:** Video games that show violence of a slightly more graphic nature towards fantasy characters or non-realistic violence towards human-like characters would fall in this age category. Sexual innuendo or sexual posturing can be present, while any bad language in this category must be mild. Gambling as it is normally carried out in real life in casinos or gambling halls can also be present (e.g. card games that in real life would be played for money).

**PEGI 16:** This rating is applied once the depiction of violence (or sexual activity) reaches a stage that looks the same as would be expected in real life. The use of bad language in games with a PEGI 16 rating can be more extreme, while games of chance, and the use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs can also be present.

**PEGI 18:** The adult classification is applied when the level of violence reaches a stage where it becomes a depiction of gross violence, apparently motiveless killing, or violence towards defenceless characters. The glamorisation of the use of illegal drugs and explicit sexual activity should also fall into this age category.

More information can be found here: <https://pegi.info/page/pegi-age-ratings>

### **Family Inspiration...**

**Theatre Royal Winchester**

**Private Peaceful**

**13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Commemorating the 100th year anniversary of the end of World War One, Private Peaceful relives the life of Private Tommo Peaceful, a young soldier awaiting the firing squad at dawn.

During the night he looks back at his short but joyful past growing up in rural Devon: his exciting first days at school; the accident in the forest that killed his father; his adventures with Molly, the love of his life; and the battles and injustices of war that brought him to the front line.

Private Peaceful is by third Children's Laureate and author of Warhorse, **Michael Morpurgo**.



## Autumn 2 topic words

These are words related to the topic your child is studying for your child to discuss, read and learn to spell at home.

### Y3 words

Opaque, translucent, transparent, light, source, object, shadow, reflect, reflective, direction

### Y4 words

New Forest, National Park, environment, grid reference, habitat, living things, animal, minibeast, identification

### Y5 words

astronaut, mass, forces, solar system, matter, velocity, gravity, weight.

### Y6 words

Chinese, pagoda, parched, tragically, illuminated, optimistic, hard-working, sinister, determinedly, shone.

## Family Inspiration...



**Beaulieu High Street**  
**Saturday November 17th**  
**4.30 - 8pm**

Beaulieu Village will be stepping back to Victorian times to herald the start of the festive season. The Christmas trees and lights will be up, festive music playing, and period costume worn.

- Carol singing
- Swing boats and Merry-go-round
- Punch and Judy Show
- Ukelele Band
- Farmer Ian and his animals
- Mr Alexander's travelling show
- and a visit from you-know-who....

Entrance £1. Kids go free!

Park and Ride from the Beaulieu National Motor Museum.

All the village shops will be open late, with a variety of festive gifts, hot food, drinks and more!

Best wishes

Mrs Anderson & Mr Hoskins  
Headteacher and Deputy Head

## **Diary Dates**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – PTA Donations day – Details to follow  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Assessment weeks for Years 3,4,& 5  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Lower School Performance at 2.00 p.m.  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Lower school Performance at 2.00 p.m.  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Immunisations for Years 3,4 & 5 – Details to follow  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Upper School Performance at 2.00 p.m.  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Upper School Performance at 2.00 p.m.  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Love of Christmas Day & Christmas Jumper Day  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner day  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4 Ace Time 2.30 – 3.30 p.m.  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Last day of Term  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Back to school

## **Inset days**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

### **Dates from the PTA**

Donation Day for Xmas hampers:  
23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Disco: 31<sup>st</sup> Jan and 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Film Club: 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 29<sup>th</sup> March and  
10<sup>th</sup> May