

*Everyone Exceptional, Every Day*



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# Newsletter

**Friday 22nd March 2024**



Newsletter

Marsden Junior School

Writing my last newsletter is very emotional. I have been overwhelmed by the kind messages, cards and gifts from parents, pupils and the community. I would like to thank you all for all your best wishes.

I would also like to say thank you to everyone for the past nine years. As a community you have always supported me, you very quickly took my into your hearts and because of that collaboration we have worked as a united group to make huge, positive changes to our school. I have been lucky to have an amazing staff who are committed to making a difference to the children of Marsden. I know this will continue. I want to thank them for all their hard work, dedication, support, fun and laughter over the last nine years. And finally a message to our pupils: you are all fantastic and I have been honored to be your Principal. I wish you all the best for the future; fulfill your dreams, achieve your greatest potential, be happy and continue to make me proud.

## Science Week

There was a very successful science week extravaganza last week, with everyone in school thoroughly enjoying a range of science learning. A huge thank you to Miss Hemingway for organising such fantastic events, and all the staff for their hard work. The children have learnt about the job that scientists do, the impact that their role has on our lives and across society. They have also taken part in lots of hands on, practical experiments. Our budding scientists throughout school learnt lots during the week.

## Memorial Garden

The memorial garden has been a labour of love for Mrs Mansell and many of our pupils over the last year or so. MJS wanted to have a space that could allow our staff and pupils to have a calm, relaxing area to remember those who have died or are unwell, and give us time to think. Thanks to the money given to us by Cuckoo Nest, our vision for a garden filled with tranquility and calm has finally come to fruition. The planting of the memorial tree took place last week and completes the garden. The space appeals to all the senses with wind chimes, soothing water features, scented flowers and benches to relax on. It really is a garden of serenity to give us time to remember. Thank you to Mrs Hill and Lynda Elmore for their hard work bringing the vision to life.



## French Penpals

Year 3 and 4 were so excited last week when they received replies from their French penpals. They've been so looking forward to hearing back from their French friends, that the time has gone very slowly! They were delighted to hear from the French school and have some of their questions answered. We are now busy planning our replies.



## PSHE workshop

The Year 5 and 6 children were visited by Lucy from Life Education in Bradford this week. Each year group did a workshop with Lucy regarding relevant issues to growing and changing. Year 5 discussed the issues round friendships and brainstormed ways to be a good friend and how to cope with difficulties. Year 6 enjoyed a workshop on decision making. All the children were really engaged and came away with positive strategies for life.



## Nurture Room Success

Another area that is very close to Mrs Mansell's heart has been developing the nurture room. It has been a labour of love, and thanks to the £500 grant from the Masonic fund, is finally complete. The room is a calm and peaceful space filled with a multisensory feel. There are infinity mirrors, soft furnishings, sensory table, giant bubble lamp and much more. It is a space that is used on a daily basis and is very much loved already.



## Goodbye and Good Luck to Mrs Clow

As you will be aware, Mrs Clow is leaving MJS to go and work at Colne Valley High School. We will all miss her greatly! She has been an integral member of our MJS team since she joined us in September 2013. There is nothing that Mrs Clow doesn't know about the workings of our school; we'll all be lost without her, and will definitely be on the phone to her at CVHS!! She is incredibly hard working, diligent, organised and dedicated. Colne Valley are extremely lucky to have her.

Thank you for all your work at MJS and we wish you the best of luck in the future.



A message from the staff at MJS for Mrs Mansell:

Mrs Mansell, you have been amazing! We have loved working with you. For some of us, we have been on the journey to Good with you for the last nine years, and it has been a truly rewarding experience. For others of us, we have joined in the last few years and enjoyed every minute. You are an incredibly committed, dedicated, imaginative, fun, loyal, caring, child-centered leader who has worked us hard but always with a sense of fun! Thank you and good luck in all you do in the future.





## DATES FOR DIARIES AND REMINDERS

Date for your diary	Event	Yr Group	Extra Information
Friday 22nd March	Last day of Spring 2 term	All	<i>Mrs Mansell's last day at MJS.</i>
Monday 8th April	First Day Back for Summer 1	All	
Wednesday 24th April	Year 5 Mini Olympics	Yr5	More details to follow
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday	All	No school
Monday 13th May— Thursday 16th May	SATs Week	Yr6	Breakfast
Monday 20th May	Year 3 / 4 Open Event	Yr 3/4	9am Parents and carers invited into school to see school to see children's work

### Dogs – No dogs on playground

Please can we ask that you do not bring your dog onto the playground. Although we love dogs, there are families who are allergic, wary or afraid so we must **insist that no dogs are brought onto school property** please. Thank you for your support.

### School Uniform

Polite reminder about the important of school uniform. It is vital that pupils are ready to learn when they arrive at school each day. Starting each day dressed in the correct uniform along with black shoes is a positive way for our children to get into the right mindset for learning. Thank you for your continued support with this.

### Easter Holidays

*Everyone at MJS would like to wish you a safe, happy, healthy (but also chocolatey!) Easter break. We hope you all enjoy a well earned rest.*

*The staff look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 8th April.*

#### Absences/Lateness

\*Unplanned absence - please remember to inform the office by 9.15am on the day. We will call home to check your child's whereabouts after this time.

\*Planned absence – please submit a letter/email to request the absence in advance.

\*Doors open at 8.40am. Morning registration is at 8.40am. Afternoon registration is 1.00pm. Pupils arriving after these times will be marked as late. Arrival after 9am will be classed as unauthorised absence.

#### Medicines and illness

\*Pupils must remain away from school for 48 hours after the last occurrence of sickness/diarrhoea and be eating again.

\*Inhalers **MUST** be named and kept in school at all times.

\*If your child is prescribed medicine by a Doctor, which is to be taken four times a day, please bring it to the office and provide details. We **MUST** be shown the label from the chemist advising dosage.

#### Healthy Eating

\*Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school each day.

\*If your child is on packed lunches, please ensure they bring a healthy lunch including fruit and vegetables each day. Lunches should not contain fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars.

\*Your child can join in with snack club at breaktime, for **Summer term £14** needs to be paid by **Friday 22nd March via the Arbor app**. This provides them with a

#### Road Safety

\*For the safety of our children, please drive and park considerately around school (**NOT** in the staff car park).

#### Communication

\*Are your contact details up to date on our system? Are you receiving texts/newsletter by email? Please inform us if not!

\*Please check book bags regularly for homework and letters – some letters may have deadlines/require a response.

#### Belongings/Lost Property

\*Please ensure all uniform items are labelled.

\*Please check the lost property box in the porch at the back of school for any missing items – lost property is disposed of at the end of each half term.

# EASTER CAMPS



**WEEK 1**  
**MONDAY - THURSDAY**  
**25TH - 28TH MARCH**  
**MULTI-SPORTS & NERF**  
**NEILEY PAVILION, HONLEY**  
**HD9 6QT**

**WEEK 2**  
**TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY**  
**2ND - 3RD APRIL**  
**MULTI-SPORTS & BUSHCRAFT**  
**ARMITAGE BRIDGE CC**  
**HD4 7PB**

**THURSDAY - FRIDAY**  
**4TH - 5TH APRIL**  
**MULTI-SPORTS & NERF**  
**HONLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**HD9 6DY**

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