

6th March 2009

Dear Parents

Parents' Evenings

Many thanks to all the parents who were able to attend the two evenings. It was lovely to see so many people in school. The staff really appreciate the efforts made to attend. We received very positive feedback to the changes made, following parental requests this year.

Key Stage 2 Theatre Trip

KS2 spent a wonderful morning yesterday seeing a production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" performed by the Young Vic Theatre Company in Chepstow. We hope it inspires them to great heights in the summer, as we will be revisiting the character of Titania, Oberon, Puck and of course, Bottom for our summer production.

Shakespeare Day

This morning we welcomed Sarah Laws, Arts Education Officer for Herefordshire, into school to see the inspiring work that the children have done as part of our Shakespeare project. She has been astonished by the quality of the work. Class 1's Shadow Puppets and Class 2's Night's Dream Forest brought tears to her eyes. The acting ability and depth of understanding in KS2 has convinced her that Much Marcle has many great Shakespearian acting talents. Sarah has already booked in her diary a visit to see our summer production.

KS1 Cathedral Visit

As part of the RE studies in KS1, Classes 1 and 2 visited Hereford Cathedral on Tuesday 3rd March. The children had a lovely time drawing the stained glass windows, the font and the pulpit



The children joined hands to see how many could stand around one of the huge pillars in the Cathedral

Stained Glass Window Week

Next week we will be joined by renowned artist Nicola Hopwood to work with all the children on creating a stained glass window for the school. Many thanks to the PTA for funding this exciting project.

Girls' Football Tournament

Last week we took two girls' football teams to a cluster tournament at John Masefield High School. The girls had a fabulous time and played to the best of their abilities. The B Team playing in some of their first ever matches finished fifth.

The A Team won the tournament winning six out of seven matches and drawing with our own B Team! Well done girls. A photo and report will follow as soon as the medals and cup arrive.

Football and Netball Results

Last night we travelled over to Cradley
Primary School for friendly football and
netball matches. The football team had

a closely fought battle controlling the possession but unfortunately lost 1-0. The netball team showing championship winning form dominated a Cradley side winning 23-0. Well done to the netball team who displayed great sportsmanship and teamwork in a very one sided game.

Class 3 Dance Festival

On Friday 27th March Class 3 were invited to John Masefield to take part in a celebration of primary dance. They enjoyed watching other schools in our cluster perform lots of different styles of dance. Class 3 performed a Bollywood themed dance and although they were nervous, their standard of dancing was excellent. A big thank you to the Arts Leaders and Teachers at John Masefield who looked after us and also taught us how to 'shake our tail feathers'!



Maths & Science Morning

As part of our commitment to providing extended opportunities, the Year 6 children will be taking part in "Galileo and Darwin - Pioneers of Discovery and Understanding" at Malvern St James on Wednesday 11th March. This science and maths investigative morning is entirely "hands on" and the children will get the opportunity to work in their science labs.

World Book Day

Wow! What a day. The children looked fabulous. We ranged from the Mr Men stories via classic novels to a St Trinian's girl - a very brave Year 6 boy! It was

incredibly difficult to choose two winners from each year group. The winners will receive a prize from the Book Fair next week. Many thanks to all the parents for helping their children create their visions.

Website

Many of the pictures and further information from all these stories will appear shortly on the school website www.muchmarcle.hereford.sch.uk

You may have noticed some building works at the front of the school. This is for our new cycle shed which will be in place shortly.

Important Dates

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9th Pyramid Prom - John Masefield High School

11th Y6 Maths & Science - Malvern St James

Class 3 Swimming
13th Red Nose Day
Scholastic Book Fair

16-18th Scholastic Book Fair Inclusion Tournament - John Masefield High School

17th Year 5/6 Shakespeare workshop -Hellens Living Willow

18th Class 3 Swimming

20th Football/Netball Tournament -Ledbury Primary School

25th Class 3 Swimming

26th Football/Netball v Bosbury Primary

April

2nd Easter Service 2.00pm

3rd Break up today 20th Back to school