

Much Marcle News

3rd April 2009

Dear Parents

SATS Results

The KS2 SATS results from last year have finally been published and we are very pleased to announce that Much Marcle School ranked 6th in the county.

English	Level 4+	Level 5
School	100%	54%
National	80%	34%

Maths	Level 4+	Level 5
School	92%	62%
National	77%	32%

Science	Level 4+	Level 5
School	92%	46%
National	88%	46%

Well done to all the children involved and thank you to the teachers and teaching assistants as this success reflects all the work that goes on in the school from Reception up to Year 6.

Easter Service

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the Easter Service yesterday. They were treated to excellent performances by the children who really rose to the challenge of performing in front of a large audience. We hope you were able to hear all that went on.

Easter Egg Competition

On Wednesday we were astonished at the quality of the decorated eggs that the children brought in. It was incredibly difficult to judge winners and staff had some heated debates in trying to decide.

The winners were:

Reception	Fletcher Vine
Year 1	George Taylor
Year 2	Morgan Skidmore
Year 3	George Walker
Year 4	Georgie Simpson
Year 5	Jack Badham
Year 6	Rory Bateson, William Park and Lucy Scull



Year 2 winner Morgan Skidmore with his scene on the Bartons



Year 4 winner Georgie Simpson with Mary's Garden

Marcle does the Double!

On Friday March 20th the school football and netball teams travelled to the Ledbury Cluster Schools Tournament at Ledbury Primary School. A fabulously sunny afternoon was made even brighter by the tremendous performances of both squads. For the first time ever Much Marcle completed the double winning both the netball and football tournaments with victories over Ledbury Primary School in the finals. A superb achievement. Well done to all the pupils involved. A special thank you to Mrs Park for running the netball team over the last couple of years.



Joe Cotton, Will Park, Rory Bateson, Josh Evans, Ed Taylor, Ben Stevens, Dan Clark, Emily Arlott, Joe Bullock



Mollie Heath, Kevin Florence, Lucy Admans, Imogen Delafield, Lucinda Peck, Lucy Scull, Mille Park, Joel Massey

Activemark 2008



The school is pleased to announce that we have been awarded Activemark 2008 for our excellence in PE provision. Schools receive the mark if at least 90% of pupils across the school were doing at least 2 hours of high quality PE and school sport a week.

Clubs

Netball and Football clubs are now finished, with the exception of the Years 1,2,3,4 football club which Bill McCormack will continue to run for a few weeks after Easter. Bill has offered to continue the club as he has been so impressed with the enthusiasm and ability of the pupils. We were very happy to take him up on his offer.

There will be one more week of tag rugby on Monday 20th April as a prelude to the tournament.

We are delighted that we are part of the Chance to Shine cricket initiative again this year. This will mean that all KS2 children will receive cricket coaching during PE and we will also be offering an After School Cricket Club for Years 4, 5 and 6 (in the first instance) on Fridays commencing 1st May. Letter to follow.

Take 5 Project

Much Marcle has been selected to take part in the Take 5: Poetic Licence Project this year. This fantastic opportunity for the year 3 and 4 children involves working with professional film makers to create a film based on poetry which will then be screened at Hereford Odeon Cinema in September. We are one of only 7 schools in the county to be lucky enough to take part. Miss Guest is very excited about this project and I look forward to seeing budding Steven Spielbergs and Gwyneth Paltrows in the summer term.

Forest School

Mrs Smith has attended training over the last two weeks to begin our participation in the Forest Schools project. This project is designed so that schools are able to make more use of outdoor spaces. This is an exciting new direction for all the staff and pupils and we look forward to developing our ideas over the coming months.

Tesco & Sainsbury's Vouchers

Just a reminder that we are collecting Tesco's Computer and Sainsbury's AK09 vouchers. These vouchers are a valuable way for us to supplement our resources for the children.

Thank you

On a personal note, I just wanted to say a very big thank you to all the parents, staff and pupils for their support and encouragement over the term. I have really enjoyed the opportunity to lead this fabulous school during Mrs Harrison's secondment. It has been a real pleasure.

Important Dates

April

20th Back to school

23rd Bags to School collection (please do not bring bags in before this date)

27th Year 5/6 Tennis Tournament JMHS

28th ACTS II

28th Year 3/4 Tennis Tournament JMHS

28th Year 5/6 Swimming Competition

May

1st Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament

1st After School Cricket Club starts

4th BANK HOLIDAY

6th Hereford Fire & Rescue Service visit
To Class 2 and Class 4

12th ACTS II

15th Class 2 Visit to Awnells Farm

19th Year 5/6 Girls Kwick Cricket
Tournament

21st Rounders Tournament at Bosbury

Half Term 25th - 29th May