

# Much Marcle News

20<sup>th</sup> July 2011

## Sports Day

Our sports day took place on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> which was our second date for this enjoyable annual event. Every child takes part in this very competitive occasion.

This year for the first time in six years the winning house was Apple. They were delighted to run the victory lap of the Barton's playing field.

The winners from each year group went to JMHS on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June to compete against their pyramid peers in various sporting events. Much Marcle came second, beating some of our larger pyramid schools. In our assembly I discussed with the children their feelings and thoughts on Sports Day and how it compares to life. The children had some very thoughtful contributions about winning and losing and about taking part. They said

'Sports Day is like life because you can't always have what you want'.

'You feel supported by your family and your team'

'In life you have to try your best and even when you fall over you have to get up and carry on'.

In some schools children do not compete at sports day, they participate in sporting activities. The thinking behind this is to avoid the disappointment all children experience when they do not win.

The children at Much Marcle are no different from children everywhere, but they deal with the disappointment because, 'sports day is like life', you have to develop the skills to 'get on with it'.

## PTA Ploughman's and Promises Auction

The Auction was a very successful social evening. Everyone who attended agreed it was a very good event. The auctioneer Mr Andrew Eliot was both skilled and entertaining.

It was also a fund raising success. The final amount raised was £2500.00

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the event by donating promises and organising the evening. A special thank to the staff of Hellens who were as always very supportive of the school.

## The Wind in the Willows

The whole school production of Wind in the Willows was an outstanding success. Both evenings were well attended and many agreed this was our best performance to date.

Thank you to the PTA for the refreshments of strawberries and Pimms.

Our collection to raise money for a sound system began with very generous contributions from family and friends who attended each night. Toad, Ratty, Mole and Badger collected £373, thank you to everyone for your support.

Our thanks also to Mr. and Mrs. Schofield for the lighting, to MADS for the backdrop and to the Stevens and the Farnells for putting it up (and taking it down) Special thanks to Ms Guest for the music and to Mrs. Allard who works tirelessly behind the scenes.

## Head for the Day

Mr and Mrs Pugh gave the winning bid for their son Harry (year 1) to be the Head Teacher for the day.

On Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> Mr Harry Pugh arrived at school promptly at 8.45am dressed in a navy blazer striped shirt tie and light trousers.

Mrs Harrison welcomed him to school and introduced him to the staff.

Mr Pugh greeted the whole school in assembly and then enjoyed listening to class 3 pupils play their flutes. This was followed by the whole class playing Hound Dog and Ukulele Lady on the Ukulele.

Rose Walters (year 6) an accomplished musician also played. She performed two pieces, Mamma Mia and her own composition Tutankhamen.

You can read about Harry's day as Head Teacher on our website.

### Painting at Awnells Farm

Year 6 pupils were invited to for a day of painting with a local artist Lynne Poole at Awnells Farm. The children walked to the farm and enjoyed a brief tour and talk before they got down to the business of painting. This was a generous opportunity offered to Much Marcle pupils because of the excellent working relationship we have with the trust.

### School trip to The Forest of Dean

The whole school set off for The Forest of Dean on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. This was an ideal opportunity to put our newly acquired Forest School skills into action.

It was also an opportunity to have some fun playing in the woods!

Sam came with us and he worked with each class in turn.

Class four made waterproof shelters, then tested if they were watertight.

They particularly enjoyed soaking Ms. Guest and Mrs. Allard.

Class three made dens using small logs, branches and sticks.

Class two made dens for mini beasts then they made dens for themselves.

Class one made magic potions which had the ability to turn Miss Evans into a frog.

Every child had the opportunity to play in the woods with their friends. Lunch was eaten

outside with ice creams afterwards. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all the staff who work so hard to make it look effortless.

### Much Marcle has Talent

Children from each class the youngest as young as 5 entertained the school staff and Chair of Governors in our annual talent competition.

The judges were entertained with stilt walking, dancing, singing and an original comedy sketch.

The winners were, in joint third Sarah and Chloe playing flute and Jessica, Maisie and Roma dancing.

In second place was Max Williams who sang Friends Together. In first place with a majority vote was the year six pupils with a dance medley.

There certainly is a great deal of talent and confidence in Much Marcle.

### Thank You

Here we are at the end of another busy and successful year at school.

On behalf of all the staff pupils and governors may I thank you for the support you give to the school and to your children who really are a credit to their families.

It is your children who make everything we do worthwhile, enjoy your summer with them.

We will be back at School on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Lorna Harrison