

Forward March!

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*With God's help
we will
live kindly,
love each other,
learn and
laugh together!*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have enjoyed a very busy and exciting half term with wonderful trips and visits in school. We are really appreciating the longer days, the croaking frogs in the school pond and beautiful summer flowers. The poor beleaguered field is doing its best to spring forth and the weather is pretending it's really summer for a few days at a time.

By the time you are reading this month's newsletter both KS2 and KS1 children will have shown us what they know in their end of Key Stage tests. Huge congratulations to the children for all their hard work this half term and enormous thanks to my extremely dedicated staff who give and organise so much to ensure the curriculum is as rich and exciting as possible and that their teaching and the children's learning is of the highest calibre both inside and outside the classroom.

Mrs Lee has even taught year 6 on Saturdays to help prepare them for their tests!

Children face harder content now at Key Stage 2. The Year 6 children this year have covered a 4 year curriculum in 2 years! It won't be until 2020 that our first pupils will have actually been taught the whole curriculum in their time at the March!

The best is different for every child and, as Head, I personally feel the basics in English and Mathematics are very important, but so is creativity, individuality and teaching children about how to use the schools values in their wider life outside school.

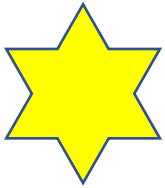
Education and schools are about developing the whole child as individuals with compassion, **world ready skills**, perseverance and resilience whatever their ability, enabling them to be proud of what they achieve and what they can add to society and the community around them.

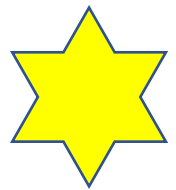
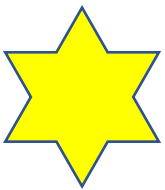
Secondary School Destinations

We are very proud of our Year 6 who are achieving so much in their final year at The March. The diversity of the schools they will be moving onto next September is testament to their individuality. The High schools will be visiting us over the next few weeks to meet the children whom we know are very excited.



House Point Badges - A huge well done to all our children







Rev Helen

It was with mixed emotions that the children and staff said goodbye to Rev Helen last week. She has been given her own parish in Woodingdean. The Children made her class cards and presented her with presents during a special assembly. We wish her all the best and thank her for her wonderful support, worships and Eucharist services that she did for us all.



Mrs Renouf and Mrs Boden are having babies!



We are pleased to be able to share with you some wonderful staff news. Mrs Boden and Mrs Renouf will both be having babies this September! We are currently interviewing for maternity cover staff and when we appoint and staffing has been arranged will let you know. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them the best at this happy time.

Visitors to school

We have had a busy few weeks at school and is good to see how we are sharing good practise from the March.

- We have been visited by different schools to observe the way we teach phonics and develop reading in KS1 including monitoring and tracking results.
- Hosted the Locality science team of teachers of which we are part.
- Led the locality maths project and had other school teachers visit.
- Presented our data system to schools from the County

Dioceses Art Competition – Art through the Bible

The March School has taken part in the Diocese Art competition and huge thanks go to Mrs Burns and Mrs Lee with their art clubs that produced the most amazing sculptures. We took the 3D sculptures and two Reception and two Year 6 pupils to the Diocesan House in Hove to present their work. As the children were carrying the big whale, Ark and

Fish past the window the Bishop saw and rushed out to see what was happening. Bishop Martin was amazed at the children's work and stopped to chat to them about their creations. We are now in the Faith in Sussex. See the link if you would like to read a copy and we featured in the Argos too! Well done everyone




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MARCH SCHOOL, CHICHESTER

The Year of the Bible created a buzz of excitement in the March CE school classes. Budding sculptors were influenced by the Old Testament stories of Noah's Ark and Jonah and the Whale. Whilst the sculptors worked on their artwork, artists painted the animals for the sails of the Ark, and the Art club children created ceramic animals.

Nicky Metcalfe, Headteacher The March CE Primary School, Chichester, explained how it was a whole school project and described how the children engaged with the it. She said: "It was about stories they were familiar with. We simply used the Bible and the children delighted in exploring the themes. For example they know a fish is a Christian symbol and they were able to be hands on and create their own interpretations."


Pupils Eleanor and Jack both said it enjoyed taking part. "It was fun," said Eleanor Rose, who enjoyed working on the colourful bible art created for the project.



Children's ceramics and paintings in 2D and 3D were a highlight of the school's display.

"We loved doing the paper mache part," said Jake Radford aged 5.


Two year six pupils describe the different materials that went into the art pieces, using all manner of things including milk cartons and old books. "I loved working with the chickens," says and mud rock said year six pupil Manka Vessel aged 10. Samuel Keil aged 11 said: "My favourite was working on all the animals for the ark. It was a class effort. Everyone enjoyed doing it."



GORING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher Mrs Clare Jee referenced Ephesians 3:17-19: "Gods immeasurable love, as the foundation to the school's theme for the art competition."

"It grew out of the Collective Worship in the school – a 'whole school art day'. It gave the children a focus and freedom to explore and an opportunity to spiritually explore the themes in the bible. The pupils have produced some excellent 2D and 3D art and they are very proud of what they have achieved."



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs Headteacher Clare Jee with a Group of Pupils in year 6.

http://www.chichester.anglican.org/media/documents/document/2017/05/FIS_Issue14_WE_B_v2.pdf

School Uniform.

As the summer term has started and hopefully the weather catches up with this news. I would like to remind you about the March summer uniform. I have noticed that a number of trainers, which are not school policy, black shoes please

- Blue shirt/ polo shirt
- Blue gingham/checked summer dress
- Grey Skirt
- School cardigan or jumper
- Grey shorts/trousers
- Grey or white socks

Black shoes – **not** open-toed or sling backs or trainers.

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit T shirt and Burgundy Shorts

Year 4 – Have a bomb!

On Tuesday, the 2nd of May, Mikey and Sophia from Lush came to our class for a delicious workshop. The school and especially our class smelled amazing! We learned lots about the products and chemistry behind Lush products and made our own Big Blue Bath Bomb. Mikey and Sophia mixed other bath products which produced a mesmerising mermaid potion.



Year R at Forest School

Last week at Forest School:15.5.17 The children helped to prepare their own individual pizzas., mostly with tomatoes and cheese on crumpets, but one or two adventurous children decided to spread raspberry jam on it first, then top it with tomatoes!!They told me it was delicious..... but I'm not convinced! Look out Masterchef!.

Annabelle and Isabel begun by creating a woodland instrument to make some fairy music. They persevered but then changed their focus and became engrossed in making a shelter for a fairy that would be waterproof. They very proudly explained that the large leaves acted like umbrellas to keep off the rain and also to help protect against hot sun. Well done girls, very imaginative and a great explanation!



Pastor Steve

We are very lucky to have visitors from different churches. Pastor Steve from Arundel Baptist Church leads worship each month which we all thoroughly enjoy as he teaches us new songs and involves the children in his bible stories.



Year 6 Visit to Pallant House

Year 6 explored the theme of Art Rebels when they visited Pallant House Gallery on Friday. First the group was divided into two. One group toured the gallery looking at paintings whilst the other went to a screen-printing workshop; then they swapped. Severini [Futurism], Sidney Nolan, Hillier[surrealism], Peter Blake [pop art], Victor Pasmore [Constructivism] and Lucien Freud [Realism] paintings were visited. Each painting had a story and the children answered with interesting and thoughtful responses that really impressed Louise the art historian guide. In the main gallery, the children sketched the art works of Paolozzi sculpture and paintings.

The silkscreen-printing workshop was a hit. Based on the ' Pop Art' theme of Peter Blake, designs were created and Helen, the artist, demonstrated the technique of using negative stencils on material. With the material and stencil underneath the screen, three colour primary inks, were pulled across using a squeegee to produce the silk screen print. Two and a half hours went by quickly. Then it was off to Priory Park for lunch and a run - around!

What a creative day!



Recipes and afternoon of healthy workshops

On the 28th June we will be hosting a Health and Well Being afternoon for parents and children 1-4pm in the school hall. We will have information about keeping fit, relaxation techniques, healthy alternatives to use as a family, days out information for families in the summer and many more stalls . Please do drop in this event is free for all to attend and children are welcome too. More information will follow soon.

We thought it would be a nice idea to include a recipe in each newsletter for families to try as part of our Healthy schools work. If you have a recipe that you would like to share please email the school office. Here is our first one !

Quick and easy Oatie Cookies.
(Makes 8-10 cookies)

These cookies are really quick and easy to throw together and make a perfect addition to any lunch box or as an afterschool snack. You can also vary the ingredients to suit your child's personal tastes by swapping out the raisins for other dried fruit and adding other spices such as cinnamon, ginger or mixed spice.

Ingredients:

80g oats
1 mashed banana
¼ cup raisins (or any dried fruit)
1tbsp honey/maple syrup/date syrup
1tsp baking powder
1tsp vanilla extract
1tbsp melted coconut oil/butter

Method

- Preheat oven to 180C and line a baking tray with greaseproof paper.
- Thoroughly mash the banana in a bowl then add the melted butter/coconut oil, vanilla and honey and mix well.
- Stir in the oats, baking powder and raisins and mix until well combined.
- Put about a tablespoon of mixture onto the baking tray and flatten with a fork into cookie shape.
- Repeat until all of the mixture has been used up. This cookie mixture will not spread during baking so you can put them quite close together.
- Bake for approximately 20 minutes until slightly browned. (cooking time depends on size of cookie and how soft/crisp you want them)
- Remove from oven and place on a wire rack to cool.
- Cookies will keep for up to three days in an airtight container.

Tip: If you are not a great fan of the banana taste then chose firmer less ripened bananas as once cooked the banana taste is much less compared to using yellow or overripe fruit.



Summer fair and Sports Day 7th July

Its is not long now until the Summer fair after sports day. This is an excellent opportunity to have some fun whilst raising some money for the school.

As you know over the past few years profit from these event has been spent on, library books, dictionaries, providing 30 new laptops for the school, raised beds for the Peace Garden and new markings for the playground to name but a few !

We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for all your help and support to make these events happen. We couldn't do it without you especially when funding in schools is at critical level.

This year we are raising money for new playground equipment in the front of the school and a climbing wall (double sided) for the field.

To enable us to have another wonderful summer fayre with many of our favourite stalls; jolly jars, tombola, cake stall, bat the rat, nail bar and many more , we would like to make a plea for helpers on the stalls. If you could arrange via your class rep to sign up to a rota so that you also have time to wander the fair with your family it would be much appreciated.

To make this year easier in terms of change from floats on the stall we will be taking tokens instead. Each token will be worth 50p and you can buy these either prior to the fair or on the day. This will hopefully solve the issue of stalls running out of change to break notes. Something new and forward thinking that the Friends of The March are going to try this year.

We look forward to seeing you there to try all the old favourite stalls and some new and exciting ones too!

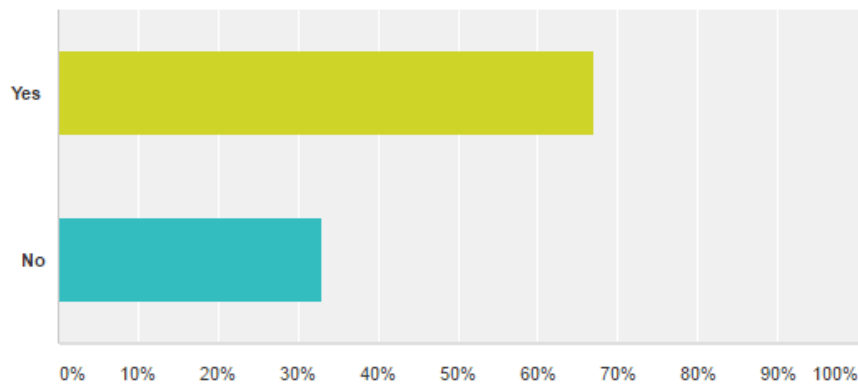
Birthday Sweets results

Below is the screen shot of the results from the survey. Thank you to everyone who took part. The vote was to continue. We as a school will tell the children that the sweets are not to be eaten on the school property and that parents need to be asked first, and it may be that they have to wait until the weekend for their treat.

Many thanks for all your support and time in this matter

At the Parent Forum meeting on Wednesday 10th May, we discussed the expectation on parents to bring in sweets for the class when it is your child's birthday. There is no expectation from the school to do so and we understand the financial and emotional pressure providing such gifts can cause alongside possible health issues. Currently when it is a child's birthday on a school day, the child has the option to dress in home clothes. Please indicate below if you would like continue bringing in sweets to celebrate a child's birthday.

Answered: 79 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	67.09% 53
No	32.91% 26
Total	79

If you would like to talk to me about anything, please do stop and chat or make an appointment if you would like more privacy or a longer length of time. I am here to help and support you all.

Thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you would like to discuss any items from the newsletter in more detail, please do not hesitate to come and see me, my door is always 'Open'

Mrs Nicky Metcalfe

Head Teacher