

# MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th April 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to what is an exciting and action-packed summer term. We hope all our families had a good rest over the holiday.

Great staff news came our way during the break, with news that Miss Seymour safely delivered young Seb into the world - our congratulations to the family. In her absence this term, Miss Rice is taking on the role of Year 4 Leader.

Our summer term clubs will begin next week. As you will know from emails this week, this is huge logistical challenge for the school with nearly 600 children, most of whom sign up for a club. We try to be as fair as possible and most clubs are voluntarily run by staff, so we would appreciate understanding in situations where children have not got their preferred club.

A big well done to our school hockey team who became county champions this week. This is a huge achievement - a great start to the term for our sporting teams.

School leaders will continue to be present on the playground before and after school so please come to see us if you have any concerns, or even just to say hi!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Simon Pike

Headteacher

All teacher run clubs commence this week.

## Monday 22nd April 2024

Yr3 Comic Guy Visit

## Tuesday 23rd April 2024

## Wednesday 24th April 2024

4OC & Launchpad Swimming

## Thursday 25th April 2024

Girls Football Festival @ ICC

## Friday 26th April 2024

PE kits to be worn - see page 2

**Together  
Everyone  
Achieves  
More  
at MJS**

## MAIDENBOWER MILE

The Maidenbower Mile is a whole school event which goes back many years. It is one of the few whole school events where children can take part and represent their house team. It is usually held termly, however due to weather and a charity run in the autumn, we have not held one yet.

Every child takes part and children have the choice to run competitively to see how they perform against their peers, to run leisurely with friends, or to walk round with friends. It is a relaxing event where Year 6 pupils help support the younger children and it is good fun.

Although it is called the Maidenbower Mile, it is only children in Year 5 and 6 who complete a mile (4 laps of the school field). Year 3 complete two laps (1/2 mile) with Year 4 completing 3 laps (3/4 mile).

Maidenbower Mile will be taking place next Friday, 26th April, so all children will need to **wear their PE kits in school on this day.**



## LONDON MARATHON

We wish Mrs Trett good luck as she takes on the London Marathon this Sunday. It is a monumental challenge to run 26.2 miles and she has devoted an incredible amount of time to her training, which is all to raise money for St Catherine's Hospice. If anyone wants to track her progress during the race, her bib number is 29937.



## OPEN EVENING

A reminder that school finishes at 1:15pm on Thursday 23rd May, as it is Open Evening.

For new parents this year, Open Evening is a big celebration of learning at school. When children go home, staff lay out children's work, create interactive activities, set up a café and other refreshments, all ready for the children to return. School will reopen at 4:30pm until 7pm,

It is always great to have the children involved in celebrating their learning. The expectation and hope is that children, and families, will visit at some stage during this time to celebrate the learning and embrace the fantastic atmosphere around school.

Some children will be taking part and helping with various roles in school and we will send out a programme of events soon.





## COUNTY CHAMPIONS!!

Our hockey team had an amazing start to the term when they became county champions after winning the Sussex finals at East Grinstead Hockey Club on Monday.

During a busy afternoon, the team won 8 games and lost 2, scoring plenty of goals in the process.

The most impressive part of the afternoon was being told at the end of the event that they finished in third place. Sensing that this was not accurate, the children were extremely respectfully and calm, allowing staff to enquire to check the accuracy of results. The following day, we were told that there had been a mistake and MJS had indeed won.

Being the best hockey team in the whole of Sussex is an incredible achievement - well done to the children involved.



## TENNIS CHAMPIONS

On the last day before the Easter holidays, a team of Year 4 tennis players took part in a competition at Crawley Tennis Club - and won! Taking part in various drills and activities, each player acquired points which built up to form the team's total. This result means the children have qualified for the county finals, which are held in Eastbourne later in the term. Well done to the team.

## INDOOR ATHLETICS

Having won the Crawley event last term, a team of athletes took part in the county finals in Burgess Hill yesterday. The team competed very well against a very high standard of opposition and finished in 6th place overall.

Well done to the team for representing the school, and Crawley, so well.

