

SCHOOL NEWS

Morland Class have been creating their own poetry, having researched the techniques and styles of numerous favourite poets. They all had great fun playing with words, with some fabulous results:

Football

We're red, black and white
 And our name is Marcham.
 There are seven in the squad
 We play a fair game.
 And on our way there we'll get over-excited
 And on the way back we'll have a little chat.
 And that's how we play games
 And that's that!

By Matthew Allison

Marcham School

Marcham School
 Is really cool.
 It has good classes
 And Valentine's dances.

I work hard all day
 After lunch time I play
 I like my school
 It's really cool.

By Ashley Anne Gardner

ALEX IN MELBOURNE

See cover for picture

Alex Simmons competed in the British Deaf Tennis Team in the Deaflympics in Melbourne in January winning a bronze in the mixed doubles
 She writes:

It was definitely a big experience and I did enjoy it very much especially mixed doubles and singles. In mixed doubles my favourite match was playing against the Chinese team. This is because it was a tough match in the heat of the day, 38 degrees, for 3 hours and I was very pleased to feel fit and that I was not nervous at all so I could encourage my partner really well. In the singles the last match against the number 3 seed who won the bronze was very balanced and the score was close. The standard of play was higher than I expected.

I had hoped for a medal in the mixed doubles but I was really proud to get a bronze medal. I will certainly treasure it.

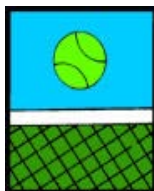
The highlight of my trip was the mixed doubles against the Chinese pair and the low point was losing the ladies doubles in the play-off for the bronze medal.

ALEX

Congratulations, both you and Beth are an inspiration to all of us tennis players - Ed

MARCHAM TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The courts are available all the year round if the weather permits. **Please remember** to put the nets down during term time so that the school can use their playground. During holidays you can leave them up but on the last day before term, please put them away: **Spring Break: 2 April – 17 April.**



Strangers

You don't talk to strangers,
 There may be hidden dangers.

You don't walk with strangers,
 There could be scary dangers.

You don't get in cars with strangers,
 Because there might be dangers.

So children be wary of the stranger,
 And keep away from danger.

By Robert Gresham

We have also been having fun as a school, raising money for Comic Relief. The older children co-ordinated a mass purchase of Red Noses. Everyone dressed up and created amazing hair-styles, donating money for the privilege. Denman Class baked Red-Nose cakes and then organised a fantastic sale. We were able to send £115 to Comic Relief, and to learn of how our donations can help change the lives of other children for good.

Please save your Tesco Computers for School Vouchers for us, you will find boxes in the Post Office and the Crown Pub and of course in the school entrance area. During the past few years we have been able to swap the vouchers for two computers, as well as a video recorder, floppy discs and various software programmes. Thank you for your continued support.

LESLEY CLARK

Registrations for 2005-2006 will be in May, please see next month's issue for the dates.

Marcham Tennis Association has been invited by **Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Tennis Club** to join them for a club morning on 17 April from 10.30-1pm. Please let me know if you would like to go along, or contact the secretary directly. It would be a great opportunity to see what other clubs do and to meet other players with a view to friendly matches or even entering tournaments! Come along and have some fun.

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PACT - Parents and Children Together

is your local adoption, fostering, housing, community and education charity. Its



activities include Family Centres, drop-ins, hostels and Saturday sessions.

The charity is holding its major fund-raiser on 17 June in the form of a Midsummer Ball at Blenheim Palace. We would love to talk to you if

- you have a business which would like to help defray costs by co-sponsoring the event in return for a generous sponsors' package of treats and publicity or simply
- you would like to buy ticket(s) at £80 to attend a glittering night of a gala dinner, music, dancing and entertainment in a gorgeous setting with not a few surprises!

Please call Liz Roberts on 01235 83 42 95 for more information in the first instance.