

RAINBOWS VISIT THE FIRE STATION

On Saturday 11th March, Blue Watch at Abingdon Fire Station had the pleasure of a visit from 1st Marcham Rainbows. The Rainbows were visiting the Fire Station with their Leaders and some parent helpers as part of their Spring Programme of activities.

The visit began by the Fire Fighters giving a talk about fire safety and the three important fire safety rules in the event of a fire which is

Get out, Get the Fire Brigade out and Stay Out.

The Rainbows were then given a tour of the Fire Station (during which time a real fire call came in, which most of Blue Watch had to attend), an explanation of a Fire Fighter's uniform, equipment and Fire Engine (Abingdon has two).

Then came the bit that everyone was waiting for..... the Rainbows were allowed to use the hoses (with the help of a Fire Fighter) to knock over cones in the court yard (during which time the leading Fire Fighter of Blue Watch got an unfortunate soaking!). Even the leaders got in on the act as Ivy had a go with the hose.

The Rainbows thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Fire Station and came away with a greater understanding of fire safety as well as a *Frances the Firefly* book about fire safety.

The parents were given smoke alarms to fit at home.

MAXINE GROUT (Poppy)

1st Marcham Rainbows

Rainbows are the youngest members of Girlguiding UK, for girls aged from 5 – 7 years. If you think your daughter would like to come and join in with the fun at 1st Marcham Rainbows please contact Julia Davies on (01865) 391912.



SCHOOL NEWS

This term has been a busy one at school. We celebrated World Book Day with the children dressing up as book characters – they ranged from Harry Potter to Alice in Wonderland to Scott Tracy of the Thunderbirds. Superpowers and magic abounded with Spiderman, fairies and witches and Duffield class was full of beautiful princesses. The day was spent doing various activities – puppets were made to tell the *Gigantic Turnip* story, along with coconut mice to eat and enjoy. Gingerbread men were made and eaten before they could run away. A story teller visited the school and told the story of the 'Three Little Pigs' and the 'Big bad wolf'. Lots of reading and story telling went on with the opportunity to buy books at the Book Fair at the end of the day. We'd like to thank the parents and aunties who came into school to help during the day, so that every class made a 'story sack' to ensure we continue to enjoy their magic.

Mia, age 5 enjoyed being Miss Lamb's pet cat (Miss Lamb was a witch).

Beth, age 5: "I loved the Gingerbread Man hunt – we made gingerbread men, but when we went to the oven they had vanished. Luckily we got them back."

Later in the same week members of Denman class (the oldest children in the school) had their 2 night residential trip to Kingswood, near Telford. For some children this was their first time going away without their families. However, there was little time to think about home with great fun being had with fencing, archery and laser quest. Particularly popular

was the 'Night Line' which meant negotiating an assault course blindfolded and finishing up covered in mud! Waking up to 6 inches of snow added to the excitement – what can be better than a snowball fight at 6am! Our thanks go to Ian Gresham and Gwyn Upjohn, two dads who accompanied Mrs Rook on the trip.

Aleisha, age 9½: *It was fun and exciting. I loved the fencing.*

Sarah, age 9: *It was fantastic, exciting, amazing, the best in the whole wide world. The activities were great.*

Elliot, age 10: *I liked the fencing the most because it was really fun and things that I wouldn't do at home. I thought it was great.*

LESLEY CLARK

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

This term the Pre-School has been practically over-run with animals of all shapes and sizes. We've had poorly rabbits, boisterous puppies, lions, tigers and parrots!! Some have been real while some have been visitors to our Vet's Surgery and Jungle.



Treating a rabbit in the surgery

Pancake Day - yummy!!



We are all looking forward to the Easter break and afterwards when we will be busy with our topic of 'Buildings'. We are also planning to offer lunch and afternoon sessions each Tuesday and Thursday (subject to OFSTED approval).

We are collecting the Tesco Computers for School vouchers and this year the scheme will also accept old mobile phones and inkjet cartridges. So if you, (or your workplace, friends or family) have any cartridges or phones which could be recycled, please pop them along to Pre-School one morning (on the Cricket Field) or call Nicky on 07963 391136.

If you would like any further information on what we do at Marcham Pre-School or would like to arrange a visit please telephone 07749 245313.

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