

**RED NOSE DAY 2007 AT MARCHAM SCHOOL
THE BIG ONE!**

The School Council organised everything that went on in school on Red Nose Day. They put a lot of thought and effort into the activities. Comments about Red Nose Day were made by the following children in Morland Class: *Grace Hardy, Megan Page, Jonathan Allison, Jasmine Skellington, Joe Ryan, Hannah French, Jasmine Ricketts, Rachel Plant, Jade Parkin, Harry Eveson, Jess Upjohn and Dylan Hornsby.*

'After birthday's assembly and Wake up Shake Up, it was time to make funny glasses. Mrs Gillooly told us what to do and then we started cutting out the parts for the glasses. We then coloured in the parts and Mrs Gillooly gave out bits and bobs for us to decorate our glasses. We used ribbon, sequins, feathers, pom poms, red cellophane and pipe cleaners. We made a lot of mess but had a lot of fun!

'After playtime, we finished off our glasses and we began to make our pages for the school joke book. First we wrote out a joke in our neatest handwriting. Then we had to decorate it and cut it out into a shape.'

'In the afternoon, we had a special Red Nose Day assembly. Marcham singers helped us all to sing the Comic Relief Song. Parents were invited to the assembly and all the children were able to show off the glasses they had made and wear their Red Noses.'

'After school we had a Big Red Food Sale and it was a success. There were things like cherries, cakes with red icing, strawberries, red chillies, red apples and tomato soup!'

We had a fantastic day and raised nearly £200 for Comic Relief.



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

At 11am on Friday 2nd March 26 women gathered in the Baptist Chapel to follow a service which had been written by Paraguayan women. The theme was "Under God's Tent" and we remembered that thousands of other women would have been worshipping with us using the same pattern in cathedrals, churches and chapels – a wonderful feeling of unity. After the service, we shared a simple lunch in the Baptist Hall – what Christian gathering is complete without food and fellowship?

It is good to know that the collection at the service will be used by the WWDP to help women with particular needs – sewing machines were bought after the tsunami, for instance. It is also good to have learnt a little about Paraguay and to be reminded that women everywhere share concerns for children and families and long for them to be under God's protection.



Nanduti lace – a traditional Paraguayan craft

ON THE BUSES

To celebrate the first 125 years of the Oxford Bus Company we publish two more photographs taken in summer 1951 at Gloucester Green by Bus-Spotter on his way home from holiday. OFC 374 was classic 'Oxford', a smart AEC with Park Royal body, new in 1950. It was all set to go on the afternoon country bus journey to Ardley, a village near today's M40 / A43 junction and services. JWL 418 is typical of the 'utility' buses supplied all over Britain to meet wartime passenger demands. However, this vehicle was unique, being the only Bristol built for the Oxford fleet during those war years.



To check this year's bus services call Thames Travel 01491 837988 or Stagecoach 01865 772250

BUS SPOTTER

OUTDOOR BOWLS

Kingston Bagpuize Bowls Club Notice Correction.

The first "open" evening for interested new bowlers to "have-a-go" will be held on Friday 4th May from 6.30pm onwards - NOT (Sat) 14th April as I reported in last month's MADNews. (The Club's opening match of the Summer season will be played on this day. Visitors will be welcome to come along and watch, though!)

Further details from myself, Tony Blackler (391519): Brian Grantham (391722) or our club secretary Peter Mortel (820817).

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Marcham School PTA Events
Bingo Friday 20th April
 Arrive 6.30 eyes down approx. 7p.m.
Family Quiz Night Thursday 24th May
 6p.m. max. 6 per team (2 adults + 4 children)
Summer Fete Saturday 16th June
 2-4p.m. watch this space for further details



PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

We were all very sad to say goodbye to Kimberley this term as she leaves to take on new challenges. She will be greatly missed by everyone. The staff, committee, parents and children send her all our love and best wishes for the future.

We've had a very 'crafty' term so far making farm and tractor pictures, surprises for Mother's Day.

We are open Monday to Friday mornings (plus 2 lunchtime sessions) and take children from their 2nd Birthday. If you would like to join us or to request a prospectus, please phone Marion on 07749 245313.



Gifts & Treats Fairs 2007
 If you need to buy a special gift or simply treat yourself, these events are not to be missed. Gifts & Treats Fairs will be held at the Langdale Hall, Witney on the following dates:
 Saturday 28th April 2007
 Saturday 23rd June 2007
 Saturday 29th September 2007
 Saturday 22nd December 2007
 Entrance is free, refreshments are available and many businesses will be present selling books, toiletries, jewellery, clothing, cakes, arts and crafts and cards all at fantastic prices! For further details on visiting or exhibiting, please contact:
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If you run or are a member of a group, why not write a short report about it?