

MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

On Tuesday 13th January, some scientists from the Culham Science Centre came to school. They brought a pressurised dome representing the sun with them, which was all about space, atoms and the sun.

After the movies we went outside of the sun dome and got into groups. We then tried to be atoms joining together and giving off energy. After the drama we watched another movie about the Culham Science centre, which was very interesting because they build their own robot arms. Also they were making a mini sun which they were using the robot arms for. We really enjoyed it and hope to go in it again.

RACHEL, MAISY AND JASMINE.

On Tuesday two scientists from Culham Science Centre visited Marcham School to teach Denman class all about the sun, atoms, energy and fusion. First they introduced themselves and told us a little about the sun and atoms. Then we entered the pressurised sun dome and laid on the floor to watch a movie inside the top of the dome. It was really interesting watching the movie about the sun and atoms. Then we went out and played a game where we had to be atoms. We went in groups to play the game. Then we went back into the dome and watched a second movie all about the Science Centre. After the film we asked the scientists questions, then we said thank you and goodbye.

RACHAEL B AND ASHLEIGH H

MARCHAM SCHOOL PTA

The Marcham School Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) started the School Year with a Ladies Night, a Christmas Disco and the traditional School Fayre. All events were well attended and have helped to raise much needed funds for the school. Over £1200 has been raised so far, and some of this money will go towards the project to build a pond and a wild area. This is a project close to the children's hearts as they have been involved in the designing. The PTA would like to extend its thanks to all that have been involved in these events and helped to make them a success.

2009 sees some exciting plans from the PTA to raise more money for the school, and to arrange events that can be enjoyed by all. Please watch this space for news of future events.

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MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas seems a long time ago now and we've heard lots about the children's favourite toys and other 'favourites'. The photos on the cover shows a few of our favourite songs - I wonder if you can guess which ones they are?



This term we will be making dragons and decorations to mark Chinese New Year celebrations, the children are learning to say hello and goodbye in Chinese!

We are taking applications for September 2009 so if you would like a prospectus or application form contact us on 07749 245313 or marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk

Until next time 'Zai jian' - goodbye!!

MARION, NICKY & KATHARINE

If you run or are a member of a group, why not write a short report about it?

SUNSHINE CLUB

Jan 09 I will start with the sad loss of Violet Gawler whose funeral took place on Tuesday 13th. It was a lovely service. She will be remembered by so many, she was a very nice person. Our thoughts go out to the family, they will have many memories to look back on in time.

This month we had our AGM, it was nice to see a full house, agenda on the year's finances was given to each member. Subs went up by £1 making them £3.50 for year 2009. We would like to thank everyone on prompt payment, our committee will have two more members these being Joyce Trinder and Silvia Steed, which will be a big help. Maureen Tilbury remaining our Chairlady and Wendy Grant the Secretary also staying.


At the moment will have 2 members who are going into hospital in Feb, one for hip and one for knee. We wish them both a speedy recovery. I made a mistake by saying Maureen had a knee op, when it should have been a hip replacement which was her second one - hope she will soon be on the mend. We had one lady with a birthday this month we hope she enjoyed her day, a card from the club was sent. We will be looking for an outing once the weather improves, a little while yet to go!

The club would like to thank all members for their help and support during 2008. Will be looking forward to a good year in 2009.

This is my last "newsletter" - I feel that it is time after doing it for a number of years to finish and handover to our Chairlady this next month. I've enjoyed the challenge and thanks to the team sorting mistakes and being rather near the deadline at times.

JOY CROOK

THE SAINTS
A GROUP OF KIDS SINGERS
Are you a budding singer and aged 7+?



All Saints Church, Marcham would like to start a group of kids singers initially starting to practise for a one-off family service but with a possible aim to sing more regularly. The group would sing a wide range of songs and would be fun, lively and funky.

If you like the sound of this, please come to informal auditions on Sunday 22nd February at the church at 4pm. Be prepared to sing a couple of lines of anything you like - be it Twinkle, twinkle - all things bright and beautiful or something from High School Musical! Whatever you like. For more information, please call Elizabeth (Gig) Thomas on 391691 or email Elizabeth.thomas@vila-maninga.org

AIR YOUR VIEWS

Public consultation on plans to improve air quality in Abingdon

The Vale Council has produced a draft Air Quality Action Plan for Abingdon and now wants comments from the public on its proposals to improve air quality after part of central Abingdon was found to have levels of nitrogen dioxide (mainly caused by traffic) exceeding nationally accepted standards.

The draft plan and details about how people can submit their comments on it can be found on our website www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk. A leaflet which summarises the plan and includes a feedback form is available: call 01235 540376 or email communications@whitehorsedc.gov.

All comments need to be submitted by 19 February. The action plan will then be amended as necessary before final approval in March 2009. This plan will then be reviewed annually.