

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Share in our achievements**

It hardly seems nearly a year ago since we were all busy getting ready for our Ofsted inspection. It was therefore quite a surprise when our school received a letter from David Bell, (Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools).

This time the letter wasn't announcing a further visit under the new style inspection (which is much shorter and has very little notice given), but stated that Marcham had been included on a list of 'particularly successful schools and colleges', published by Ofsted on 7th December 2005.

We are very proud to be one of only five Oxfordshire schools to be acknowledged in this way. It's a lovely way to have our team effort recognised. We believe that our strength lies in knowing, responding to and valuing our children as individuals. We couldn't do this without being hugely supported by our parents, members of our local community, our governors and our links as a church school. However, we are clear that we all want to continue to improve our teaching and the children's successful enjoyment of learning, so another busy year ahead is guaranteed!



**Thanks for a fantastic feast Denman College**



**Hand made Christmas Crafts on sale at the Christmas Bazaar**

Thanks to all those who supported us through buying raffle tickets or came along to this great event, it was a huge success and the PTA raised £1400.

**Everyone at Marcham Primary wishes every MADNews reader a Happy and Peaceful start to 2006.**

**LESLEY CLARK**

**PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

We have had a really good time leading up to Christmas. The children were so excited and have enjoyed all those extra activities especially the visit from Father Christmas (our thanks go to him for taking time out when he is so busy!!).

We held a Christmas Concert earlier in the month which was well attended and helped raise funds for the Pre-School and after much rehearsing the Children performed the songs beautifully. We are all looking forward to another busy term after a much needed break. If you would like to arrange a visit or to obtain a prospectus please contact us on 01865 391731 or 07749 245313 (between 9 -12).

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Hands-On is a new science gallery at Science Oxford, packed with loads of exciting interactive experiments. Try distorting your face on television, float a train or operate a digger arm. In addition, Hands-On has a changing menu of themed activities and also offers Science Birthday Parties on Sundays and after-school. Recommended age 5-12 years



Adults £5.00 Children £3.50 Family Ticket £15.00  
 Three timed sessions 10.00-12.00; 12.00-2.00; 2.00-4.00  
 Science Oxford, 1-5 London Place, Oxford, OX4 1RD  
 Telephone: 01865 728953  
 Email: events@oxtrust.org.uk  
 Website: www.oxtrust.org.uk



Abingdon and District National Trust Association are joining forces with Mallams Auctioneers and Valuers to offer

**Antiques Valuations**

Friday 13 January 2006  
 6pm - 9pm  
 The Guildhall, Abingdon



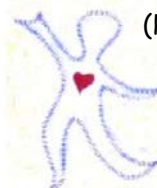
£5 for the first two items and £1 each thereafter

Refreshments available at our Curio Café  
 For further information phone 01235 524119  
*Items brought at owner's risk*

**Patient and Public Involvement Group**



Thursday 12 January 2006  
 Segsbury Room, Wantage Civic Hall  
 10am - 12 noon  
 Guest Speaker - Ann Creedon  
 (Heart Failure Nurse Specialist)



Helping Patients with Heart Problems

All Welcome - Refreshments available  
 For more information please contact Cathy Dyer at the Primary Care Trust on FreePhone 0800 052 3225

**Looking for childcare or activities for children?**

Contact Oxfordshire Children's Information Service for free information about:

- nurseries
- holiday playschemes
- playgroups
- after-school clubs
- childminders
- activity groups
- sports and leisure
- toddler groups

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