

SCHOOL NEWS

After the very hectic lead up to the national Key Stage 2 tests, Denman Class are now enjoying our summer topics including mini beast hunting and finding out more about the village.

Recently, the class worked in small groups to create a lively and evocative collage of the river scene in the Wind in the Willows; linking to our music topic based on this old but favourite story.



Everyone is very pleased with their efforts and hope that Mums and Dads will "visit" Denman Class to see the finished piece of art.

Farewell To Tina Kingsbury

We were all very sorry to say goodbye to Tina Kingsbury at the end of May. Tina has worked at school for seven years and has influenced the lives of everyone through her energy, enthusiasm and kindness. She provided caring and consistent support every lunchtime, forming special relationships with the children through play. She has also worked throughout the school as a Teaching Assistant, showing huge dedication and determination, especially in motivating and supporting less confident children. As she is amazing with any craft, she has always helped ensure that our school productions benefit from the most professional costumes outside Hollywood!

Staff will miss her for hundreds of reasons, such as the thoughtful cup of tea miraculously appearing at break-time, or the ways displays are given a creative 'Tina Touch' to bring them to life. Tina, infamous for her taste and shopping skills, even managing to add a feminine feel to the staff toilets!



Everyone contributed to Tina's goodbye card- personal comments and illustrations from all the children, cemented with a wonderful book of photographic memories. (Both card and book were beautifully made by two other 'crafty' members of staff - Toni Newnam and Sam Turney). We then gave Tina her special 'steamer' chair - a subtle reminder that we hope she will now get some time to put her feet up!

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CUB CAMP

Day 1

On Friday the 20th of May to the 22nd of May, the Marcham cubs held a family cub camp at Youlbury. The camp started miserably with it raining while putting the tents up but that didn't take the enthusiasm out of camp!!! It kept raining until eventually it stopped at about 7:30pm. We collected wood for the fire and ate hotdogs until the sun went down. (The sun we had for an hour!!!) When it was pitch black Mick and Claire laid a trail of glow hoops leading us on a night trek to Jarn Mound, from where we could see most of Oxford. When we got back we sat round a small fire made by the cubs. (And Ian Gresham!)



Day 2

We all got up pretty much bright and early with the exception of the adults! Our first task of the morning was to start making our rocket launchers. We then had another downpour but Chris still made us go out to look for some paper stars, which Mick had hid really early in the morning. We were split into groups. The cubs won that game by finding 9 out of 10 stars. We were drenched by the time we got back except for Chris and Jasmine who had kept dry and warm and some of the ladies and girls who cheated and had rushed home to have a bath or a shower!!! (Cheats!) After lunch we went back in to the forest to do orienteering. That evening we lined up to get some great spaghetti bolognese and gathered round the big campfire, We had to act "camp fire stunts" which were not being daredevils with fire but just acting a play which we had been given earlier to learn with out the words but some families didn't quite manage without the words. Then finally we had a great sing-song and roasted MARSHMALLOWS!!!

Day 3

Again we were all up pretty much bright and early but the adults let us down again. We first went to the chapel with Eddie and Nicky who had just arrived Then came two challenges. One was for each family to make a den. Then we played games. Then we all enjoyed Clair's and Chris's Roast dinner for lunch. The rocket launchers were then put to the test. They turned out to be a great success, with many different ideas used. Finally we went to the assault course, but unfortunately it was too wet to race over and some of the obstacles were too slippery or dangerous. The really funny bit was watching the ladies go over them screaming! Then it was time to go home. Despite the rain and hail it was a great camp and big thanks to the cub leaders Chris, Mick and Claire.

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Thanks to our intrepid reporter for providing a full account of the cub camp - more pictures on the cover.