

SCHOOL NEWS

On Friday 12th May children from Anson Class and the Year 2 children from Morland Class went on a trip to Harcourt Arboretum. The purpose of the visit was to look for signs of spring. We looked at buds and how the leaves were beginning to grow. We were amazed by the beautiful bluebells. We also looked at some evergreens in particular the giant redwood.

During the visit we did some natural art using things we found on the ground to make a variety of pictures - butterflies, nests, flowers and one group even made a packet of crisps.

All the children, teachers and parent helpers enjoyed the trip and the fantastic weather made the visit even more enjoyable.

Comments from some of the children and helpers included:
It was really good because it had loads of peacocks and we got to make things and decorate things. We got to see the peacock tree where they live. George – Year 2

It was fun – we saw peacocks, it was lovely when they spread their wings. Jessica – Year 1

The trip was fun because we got to make things. I helped to make a butterfly from sticks and we coloured the wings in with pine cones and petals. Alicia – Year 2

It was really good because Kate showed us all around and told us what the trees were. Jonathan – Year 2

It was very educational for me and the children. It was also great fun. The children behaved very well and were a credit to the school. Tricia – parent helper

It was a lovely sunny day, with well-structured activities. Rebecca – parent helper

See cover for photo.

KATHERINE JOHNSON, Anson Class Teacher

**Marcham School PTA Summer Fete
 Saturday 10th June
 2 – 4.30pm**

Come and watch the England vs. Paraguay match on the screen in our beer tent! (2pm kick off - come a bit early to get your seat and beer!)

Fun for all the family:

- Live Band
- Bouncy castle
- Cake stall
- Tombola
- BBQ
- Lucky dip
- Penalty shoot
- Milk Bar
- Face painting
- Marcham Singers



And much more ...

1st Marcham Rainbows

Girlguiding UK **Rainbows**

Rainbow Guides are girls between the ages of 5 and 7.
We meet every Saturday morning from 10.30am til 12 noon in All Saints Church, Marcham.
 For further details, please contact
 Julia Davies 391912, Clare Eveson-Roberts 391731
 or Claire Wright (01865) 391803
 Or, pop in and see us during meeting times.

**Abingdon & District Sea Cadets
 T.S. Marlborough**
 Junior Cadets 10 to 12 years old
 Cadets 12 to 18 years old
 Boys and Girls

Overseas Visits	Royal Navy Visits
Uniform	Shooting
Cadet Band	Power Boating
Sailing	Adventure Training
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme	B-TEC Scheme

Parade Times
 Tuesday 1800 to 2030 Friday 1800 to 2030
COME AND GIVE US A TRY
 The De La Billiere Cadet Centre, Crabtree Place, Abingdon
 Tel: 01235 523600 Email: info@tsmarlborough.co.uk

OXON IV & ADVOCATES

Does Drayton Manor sound fun? One sunny (we hope!) Sunday in June children, young people, volunteers and staff from **OXON IV & ADVOCATES** will be going to Drayton Manor for the day. This has been made possible through money donated by the RAF in Oxfordshire.

OXON IV & ADVOCATES is a project managed by **Spurgeon's Child Care** and delivered in partnership with Oxfordshire County Council. Its purpose is to provide children/young people who are looked after by Social Services with two very important 'services', (1) a long-term mentoring service and (2) an advocacy service. Independent Visitors (IVs) are volunteers who are matched with a child/young person and they regularly meet to do fun things. The IV is a friend and support outside of Social Services and the relationship is intended to be long-term — too many staff come and go, young people need someone who cares to give their time and energy voluntarily for a sustained period of time. Advocates are volunteers who help children/young people to have their say, often on a one-to-one basis for a short period of time. An Advocate is an important source of support for children/young people who find it difficult to say what they think and feel, or whose voice is lost amongst the professionals and other adults involved.

This trip to Drayton Manor is an important opportunity for children and young people and volunteers to have fun and celebrate the work together. Thanks to the RAF they will not have to pay anything for it.

If you think you could be a volunteer with us as an IV or an Advocate then please do get in touch — we need people from all over Oxfordshire to support the children/young people all over the county.
 Phone 01869 602570 or Email oxoniv@courtyd.com

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