

MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Blossoming

2008 is our 40th year and in that time Marcham Pre-school Playgroup has supported generations of local children and has grown within the community and continues to do so.



40 years in Marcham

Over recent years, the Pre-school has seen many changes and when Marcham School lowered their intake age this had an impact on Pre-school child numbers which meant we could open for just 3 mornings a week. Now we offer 5 mornings plus lunch club and 3 afternoons, some of which are running at capacity! Our children can now enjoy the provisions offered by Marcham Pre-school and Marcham School from the ages of 2 through to 11. Benefiting from familiar surroundings, staff and children and ensuring a smooth transition through their Early Years.

We are coming to the end of our first year based at Marcham School and feel proud of the Partnership we have formed, with the staff and the parents and, of course, the children. Together, we are working at the heart of the village, supporting families, providing care and education for the children and having fun every step of the way. We are thrilled to be part of this journey.

If you would like to join us, please telephone 07749 245313 for a prospectus.



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NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL

On 26th April, a team of ten from Marcham School (Ashleigh, Ashley, Maisy, Jasmine, Briony, Lauryn, Hannah, Ciera, Rachel and Rachael) went to Oxford Brookes Leisure Centre to take part in a hula hoop tournament against other schools in the area. Fourteen schools had entered the tournament, although not all of them turned up on the day. The girls had just a week to form a team, and then make up their five minute routine and chant. On arriving at the tournament, they had an hour to practise and finalise their routine. They then performed before a panel of judges, and had the difficult job of being the first team to go on. They did really well, coming fourth, and were awarded a certificate. It was a great day, and the team have now got some more ideas of moves that they could include in their routine, and they are looking forward to taking part in the tournament again next year.

VIV HUTCHINSON

MARCHAM GUIDES



During our weekend training camp at Buildings Farm in early May, we welcomed lots of visitors, including Christine Whild. We were very pleased to be able to show her the tent which we were able to purchase due to her generosity. Having been awarded Marcham Citizen of the Year in 2007, Mrs Whild nominated Marcham Guides to receive her £100 grant. We needed a tent for our older Guides and Young Leaders; subsequently we have called it the "Whild tent"!

Here are some comments from the Guides about camp

- I really loved the weekend camp because it was my first camp with Guides and I got to make lots of new friends and had lots of new experiences.* Aleisha Fraser
- 15 Guides had a wonderful time at camp, yummy food, green tents and funny games!* Zoe's patrol
- Camp porridge, campfire, making dens, cooking and eating and of course bed time!* Becca's patrol
- It was really fun and the nice weather made it even better!* Jenny Fathers

JILL ROWE



MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

If you have young children and would like to register an interest in your child attending Marcham School in the future please fill in and return this form to school by **27th June 2008**. This form is not an application to school and does not guarantee a place but will allow us to plan the future of the school and help with our discussions with the Admissions Team at Oxfordshire County Council.

NB: Please do not assume that we know about your younger children, even if they have siblings at school.

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:		
ADDRESS:		
NAME OF CHILD	DATE OF BIRTH	MALE/FEMALE