

NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL

Celebration has been a theme of this half term at Marcham.

We celebrated Pancake Day with a Grand Pancake Extravaganza. Each child brought in a pan complete with pancake freshly made (a challenge in itself for parents!) and took part in races and other activities. Alas, many pancakes ended up covered in grit and had to be thrown away after over-enthusiastic tossing out in the playground but the children clearly enjoyed themselves.

Our other celebration was in our regular parents' assembly when we celebrated all the building works done over the Summer, by officially 'opening' the area now shared by Anson, Morland and Denman classes and welcoming Pre-School on site. Pete Narramore, who had so carefully managed the whole project, ceremoniously declared the areas 'open' and cut a symbolic red ribbon. We look forward to creative and stimulating work taking place in the new Shared Area and are excited about all the opportunities for learning that can be shared with children in Pre-School.



And finally, children in Morland class (ages 7-9) have had the opportunity to experience learning how to play a string instrument this term. It's been great fun as these comments reveal:

Loving the Violin

I am having lots of fun playing the violin. Because it is very fun learning new tunes each week. The only bad thing is that it makes your arm hurt. When I grow up my dream is to be a famous violin player. I absolutely love it, it is so fab. I think that if I practice a lot I can be the best. **James**

I like playing the violin because it is good. First I thought it was boring but I have now got very good at it. **Megan**

In Morland class on a Wednesday morning we are very lucky to have a music teacher teaching us in Morland to play a musical instrument. 10 people play the cello and 1 double bass and the rest play the violin. I really enjoy playing the double bass because its an instrument that I think someone would enjoy playing. So far we have learnt how to play Hot Cross Buns and Chocolate treats.

Jasmine R

Violins Rule I am having a very good time playing the violin because I like making noise. The only bad thing is it makes your arm hurt. When I grow up I want to play the violin. **Flynn**

To play the violin is fun and exciting. I really enjoy it but sometimes it's hard to do some stuff. So far we have learnt Hot Cross Buns, next we are going to learn London Bridge. Our singing teacher is called Miss Bruce, she's very nice. It's such a fun thing to be playing the violin. I'm hoping that I will be able to play the viola after the violin. **Briony**

I enjoy playing the cello because it's exciting and it gets me ready for a good day. It was a bit weird at first but I soon got the hang of it. My best part so far was when I first got to use the bow. **Grace**

I like playing the violin because it is fun, exciting and good to learn. The violin is hard to play but soon it will be easy to do.

Jessica H
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ABINGDON LITTLE ANGELS

Our Open day went well. Thank you to all the local people who came to support us it was lovely to meet you. We have several new Little Angels who have settled in and doing well. Please note that our telephone no is 07516 474 287 and our email address is little-angels@ntlworld.com. Unfortunately due to our mistake the wrong tel no and email address went out. We apologise to all of you that tried to get in touch and were unable to. This month our Little Angels are preparing for Easter, with chicks and eggs and costumes for the last supper etc. A reminder that our opening times are Mon to Fri 8.00 to 5.30. We have an after school club too for the 5 – 8yr olds, with lots of activities. If you would like any more information please do contact us.

Opening times : Mon-Fri 8.00 – 5.30. Cost £29 per day £18.50 per half day (8.00 – 1.00 or 1.00 – 5.30). We run an after school club every weekday too.

MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

The fundraising efforts of the parents, committee and staff have been rewarded with the purchase of a fantastic new sand pit (see picture). We will be working very hard over the next few months with various fundraising events to enable us to develop the outdoor area making it more accessible during all weathers, and to create a garden and vegetable patch which the children will be able to tend.

If anyone would like to support us either financially or with any spare plant, seeds, pots, etc. then we would love to hear from you!

We run sessions Monday to Friday for children from the age of 2. To obtain a prospectus or more information please contact us on 07749 245313 or e:mail marcham-preschoo@hotmail.co.uk.



MARCHAM PLAYERS

Fri 18 April Another *With Great Pleasure* evening the Board Room at Manor Farm – this one entitled **Between the Sheets** – a local book group would like to share their favourite readings with you. 7.30pm start – refreshments provided.



If you would like information on our events or if you are interested in joining the Marcham Players as an actor, helping out backstage or with front house please get in touch with Joey Maclean (Secretary – 391242, joeymaclean234@hotmail.com) or Dave Hutchinson (Chairman – 391964).

www.marchamplayers.co.uk

TEECHERS

The Abingdon Touring Theatre's first production of 2008 – Teechers by John Godber embarks on a tour of 25 dates at venues in Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Hampshire and Cambridgeshire.

Tour details can be found on our Box Office webpage at www.attc.org.uk/boxoffice.htm. Our Box Offices can provide you with the start times and prices for each performance.

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