

MARCHAM SCHOOL

The **Easter Egg Competition** was first held at Easter 2000 and since then it has always been very popular with more than half the children in the school choosing to join in each year. This year the children had to make a model using an egg of a character from a traditional tale and there was plenty of variety in the finished display!. As usual the standard was very high and our judge Nikki had a hard job choosing the winners. A 1st, 2nd and 3rd winner was chosen from each of the classes and the overall winner was George Sharrock for a very original model of Jack and the Beanstalk. Art equipment was given as prizes.

The winners of each class were:

Duffield Class 1st Kalina Vishnina Atanasova, 2nd Emily Hawkins, 3rd Lucy Sharrock.

Anson Class: 1st Flynn Jackson, 2nd Beth Mawdesley, 3rd Mia Hardy.

Morland Class: 1st George Sharrock, 2nd Jasmine Skellington , 3rd Jess Upjohn.

Denman Class: 1st Louis Jackson, 2nd Natalie Wiseman, 3rd Laurn Turnbull.

The Litter Muncher

On 14 March Duffield and Anson Classes joined with children from four local schools to practice and perform a musical called The Litter Muncher. The Litter Muncher is a machine that follows the untidy villagers of Lazy Daisy Village around and picks up the litter they drop on the ground. After The Litter Muncher falls asleep, the Mayor arrives and orders the people to sweep up their own rubbish and put it in the brightly coloured bins. The villagers then realise that it is so much better to live in a beautiful, clean village that from that day forward everyone cleans up after themselves!

After lots of rehearsals our finale was performing our own version of The Litter Muncher, in wonderful costumes, for parents and the rest of the school. Harry O'Higgins and Ashleigh Preston (from Anson Class) did great jobs as our 'clanking' Litter Muncher and 'bossy' Mayor, accompanied by a brilliant chorus and team of narrators! This performance and our end of term service at church on the Friday morning (where the school was also joined by many parents and siblings) made a wonderful finish to our Spring term.

'I enjoyed the part when the villagers put the rubbish in the bins because it made the village clean and tidy again.'

Hannah McGrath

'I enjoyed the part when the Litter Muncher picked up the rubbish because it made him very tired.'

Tristan Robinson

'It was great being a dustbin and getting rubbish in me.'

Charlie Davies

'I liked it when he had a dream.'

Robyn Cotterell

Marcham Pre-School Playgroup



PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

We welcomed Katherine Broadhurst as our new assistant this term and are all enjoying the sunny weather spending time outside using our new sports equipment which has arrived courtesy of Tesco Sports for

Schools Vouchers! We are currently collecting the Tesco Computer Vouchers for School so if anyone has any they would like to donate please contact us.

We are open Monday to Friday mornings (plus 3 lunchtime sessions) and take children from their 2nd Birthday. If you would like to arrange a visit so you can see for yourself what we do and how much the children enjoy it (or to request a prospectus), please phone Marion on 07749 245313.

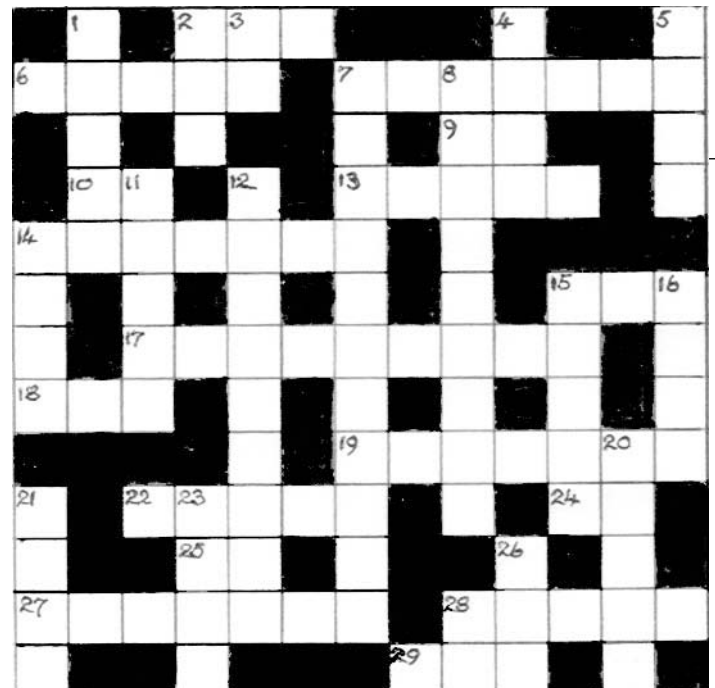
If you run or are a member of a group, why not write a short report about it?

MAY CROSSWORD BY ALISA

ACROSS

- 2 Obtained (3)
- 6 Mountain ash (5)
- 7 Block letter (7)
- 9 All right (2)
- 10 King of Bashan (2)
- 13 Passage (5)
- 14 Shelter (7)
- 15 Sailor (3)
- 17 Kingdom (9)
- 13 Dish with pastry (3)
- 19 Blackberry (7)
- 20 Composer (5)
- 24 Archaic you (2)
- 25 Engaged in (2)
- 27 Plimsoll (3.4)

- 28 Bait (5)
- 29 Tutor (3)
- DOWN**
- 1 Drink (5)
- 2 Fuel (3)
- 3 Upon (2)
- 4 Fish (4)
- 5 Shoe (4)
- 7 & 16 Event on the 13th (7.4.4)
- 8 Animal (5.4)
- 11 Place near Wantage (5)
- 12 Place near Kingston Bagpuize
- 14 Instrument (4)
- 15 Welsh resort (5)
- 16 See 7
- 20 Fruit (5)
- 21 Herb (4)
- 23 Orient (4)
- 26 Writer (3)
- 23 Carry out (2)



MARCHAM CRICKET CLUB

As previously mentioned, the OCA matches begin this month. The Marcham CC fixtures are as below. Please contact Terry Whittaker (391317) or Graham Hill (391415) for information relating to the Club.



	1st XI	2nd XI
5 May	Witney Swifts away	Marsh Gibbon 2nd XI home
12 May	Faringdon home	Shrivenham 2nd XI away
19 May	Garsington home	Chipping Norton away
26 May	Brill away	Twyford 2nd XI home

The historical item this month comes from a newspaper report of 29th May 1925 which relates to a match played between Marcham at Tubney and Fyfield. It was recorded that:

“After the match the two teams were entertained to an excellent tea in the Church Institute by the kindness of Mr and Mrs JF Downing of Frilford.”

No details of the match itself were given. One possible conclusion which may be drawn from this is that the author of the report was more interested in food than cricket!

CLIVE BENNETT