

MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

On 25th September, pupils from Denman Class and the School Councillors went to Denman College to share in their Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Denman Class were going to Denman College to represent Marcham School, and to celebrate 60 years of the Women's Institute. We made up our own song to the tune of 'An English Country Garden'. We also decided to do Maypole Dancing, which didn't go well in rehearsals! The dances we did were Double Plait and Spiders Web. In rehearsal the Maypole Dancing was terrible. We were all quite annoyed about the Maypole Dancing because we had only done it a few months back, it was like we had completely forgotten. So we kept practising and practising. Finally we got it right, once! But then we realised our time was up, we had to go to Denman college after lunch.

At Denman College Maypole dancing was first. To our amazement it went absolutely perfect. The song went really well too. After the performance the women from all around the world clapped and clapped, it went really well. After we all had a drink and a look at the things the women had made. Then it was time to go because it was home time at school. It was an enjoyable afternoon and I think everyone enjoyed the performance, especially Mrs Hutchinson.

Lauryn Turnbull.

Denman class went to Denman College to perform Maypole dancing. We performed the Spiders Web and the Double Plait. We also sang a song to Denman College about their institute. We really had trouble practicing the Maypole dancing but it turned out excellent. School Council came to sing a song as well but they didn't have enough time. We rehearsed the Maypole Dancing loads of times but something always went wrong so Mrs Capel nearly cried her eyes out so did Mrs Hutchinson. But then Mrs Hutchinson did a big speech and we tried again and nothing went wrong and then we all enjoyed it.

Jasmine Ricketts

I went outside to draw a picture of Denman College. We went on the laptops for some ideas. Then we printed it. Then we drew the building and plants then added some details to the picture. Then Mrs Hutchinson glued our pictures on a card. After the Maypole Dancing, that Mrs Hutchinson loved, we gave them the card.

Dylan Hornsby

Denman Class made a song up and showed Denman College. We made the song by picking a tune and then made some words to go with it. We even had to do some Maypole Dancing. When we practised Mrs Capel wasn't impressed because we all got it wrong. All of the pressure was on our shoulders, but luckily we got it right, the song went well and the Maypole Dancing went well. Denman College thanked us so much.

George Sharrock

The rehearsal was bad and everybody got it wrong. After we came back from playtime we were good. At Denman College the dancing was brilliant and the song went well. They said the dancing and singing were excellent and gave us a huge clap. When we got back to the classroom our Headteacher, Mrs Hutchinson, gave us the biggest clap in the world. Year 4s did the double Plait and Year 5s did the Spiders Web.

Luke Swain

On the 25th September we went to Denman College for their 60th anniversary. First we danced the Double Plait then the Spiders Web, I think the people liked it although the practise was frustrating for Mrs Capel. After that we sang a song which we made up as a class which was in the same tune as An English Country Garden. At the end we ended the performance with a card made for Denman College by School Council. We walked back through the gates with a round of applause following us and happily reached Marcham School.

Lawrence Mizen.

Last month Denman Class and the School Councillors went to Denman College. Denman Class sang a song, which was An English Country Garden. We also did some Maypole Dancing, which the whole class enjoyed. Before we went to Denman College we were November 2008

rehearsing in the hall with Mrs Capel. Mrs Capel was nearly crying because we couldn't get it right, so we had to keep on trying and trying. If we didn't get it right at Denman College we would just humiliate ourselves, but we pulled it off. Mrs Hutchinson was so proud of us and Mrs Capel was too, so it all turned out all right in the end. The School Councillors were going to say a poem out loud but we didn't have time to. Everybody who went had an excellent time and we were proud of ourselves. Some of us loved it and wanted to stay longer. When we got back to the school all of us wanted to go to Denman College on Saturday or Sunday. We couldn't wait to tell our Parents about it, and share with them what we had done.

Hannah French.

In Marcham School on the 25th September, Denman Class (Years 5 and 6) went to Denman College. We went there because they were celebrating the Women's Institute. But a couple of weeks before we were starting to make up a song that everyone was happy and excited to sing. On the day we were leaving to go there, we practised two Maypole dances. We had no idea which ones until Mrs Capel told us and at 2pm we left to perform. Everybody loved it, also we made a card for Denman College. After giving the card we had lovely drinks, yum! The whole celebration was all about the Diamond Jubilee.

Rachel Plant.

MARCHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Having had such wonderful success with our home-grown pumpkin (remember last month?) the children at Pre-school have been using the story of Cinderella to develop their creativity and their play. They have made paper plate clocks, dressed dolls ready for the ball and made sugar mice (see photo). Good fun has been had by all and we look forward to finding out which story will be the next favourite....



If you would like to find out more about what we do at Pre-school, or have a 'skill' or hobby you would like to share with us please contact us on 07749 245313 or e:mail marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk.

LOCAL AUTHOR'S NEW BOOK

The Old Place, Twixt Thames and Chilterns, £14.95 + £3.55 p&p. This new 'factional' history of Oxfordshire is by Angela Spencer-Harper, author of the renowned Dipping into the Wells. Please phone 01491 641379.

ABINGDON LITTLE ANGELS

At Abingdon Little Angels we have been busy spending the summer months sorting out or garden, trips out and about to Millets farm, Abbey meadows and group outing to Beal Park. Our new term has seen us looking at Ramadan and now we are looking at people who help us, teachers, Doctors, police, and fire service. The Home Corner has been transformed in to a police station.

We now have lots of Marcham village little angels which is great. We continue to visit the cafe and toddler group in the village every week along with visits to the book shop in Abingdon.

However we would like to announce that the little angels are taking part in operation christmas child 2008, this involves the children filling shoeboxes to send out to children in need in poor area of the world. If anybody would like to fill a shoebox or just pop in with a few items for our little angels to fill their boxes with it would be great, we are also looking for any empty shoe boxes which you may have and don't need – any support would be greatly received from us and our little angels.

We need to complete this task by 10th Novemebr so please feel free to contact us on 07516474287 if you can help.