

SCHOOL NEWS

The children have now settled back into school life following the summer holidays. The reception children in Duffield Class have said the following:

- Ellie *Miss Lamb is my best teacher because she has shiny hair*
- Sam R *I like having my friends to play with*
- Joseph M *School is great you can play all the time*
- Lucy *I like the school because its fun and the classroom is fun*
- Kalina *Because Duffield Class has two computers and I wish I could live at school*

As you will already know from the September issue of MADNews we have a new teacher, Mrs Gillooly, who is teaching in Morland Class - see cover picture. Louise Gillooly said: *"I am very pleased to be working at Marcham School. I have been welcomed by the children, parents and staff since the start of the new term. I am enjoying teaching my class and getting to know the rest of the children in the school. I'm sure by Christmas I'll know everybody's name!"*

Comments from children in Morland Class:

- Thomas *Mrs Gillooly is fun to teach with. I liked how she set out Morland Class. Her smile is nice. Her maths are the best.*
- Lawrence *Mrs Gillooly is kind and fun to us. I like doing maths with her best. I like learning new stuff with her very much.*
- Katie *I like Mrs Gillooly because she teaches us French.*
- Jasmine. R. *Our new term has been great and fun with Mrs Gillooly. I like it in P.E. because we are learning how to play tennis. We have learnt how to do the shapes you use in tennis. There is a square, a star and that's just two of the shapes we have learnt. I also like maths because I've learnt a new thing, it's called partitioning.*

RUTH ATKINS, Parent Governor

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

We have had a very busy start to the new school year, welcoming back the 'old' faces and opening our doors to a number of new children. Our theme this term of 'colours' got off with a bang by all hands helping with



our lifesize wall display of 'Grandpa's Handkerchief!!' The children have enjoyed the opportunity to re-discover favourite activities especially lots of messy play! We will be holding a 'Teddy Toddle' Sponsored walk on Sunday 15th October starting at 12 O'clock at Mill Road. Everyone is welcome to join us for the walk plus Hot Dogs and Burgers

afterwards. Sponsor forms and more information are available from the Pre-School.

If you would like any further information on what we do at Marcham Pre-School or would like to arrange a visit please telephone 07749 245313.

SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1 Cattle 4 Carrot 8 Arbo Care 9 Me 12 Now 13 Cub scouts 15 Archaeology 17 Manicures 18 Lie 20 Lo 22 Puncture 24 Winkle 25 Witney

DOWN: 2 Airs 3 Too 5 Rim 6 Thawed 7 Cricket club 10 Ensigns 11 Butler 13 Caramel 14 Behind 16 Pillow 19 True 21 Oak 23 Tit

DAVID FRASER RE-TRACES HIS STEPS OF 50+ YEARS AGO

What a holiday! ... Five different beds to sleep in, sixteen friends and relatives to call on, and about fourteen hundred miles on the roads. But for me personally the best bit involved nine miles on foot (and two thousand feet of climbing) in the Cairngorm mountains of Scotland.



The reason goes back over fifty years, to my student days, 1952; the university Rover Scout Group undertook a two-week five-station weather survey (because mountain weather can change fast and without warning, which is dangerous for walkers). This produced some useful data, so a three month survey took place the next year. At the reunion dinner fifty one years later, I experienced a hankering to revisit the Cairngorms, and it happened on June 26th 2006!

Because of my age (seventy four) we started from the upper car park, which gave us a thousand foot advantage on the bottom of the valley. Two hours later we reached my 1952 "Camp five", Coire an't Snaechda, a good excuse for a lunch-break. After all these years, it was still possible to identify the exact area were we had pitched our tent – the only level place in the corry without rocks! Refreshed, we then moved on to tackle the very steep path up the face of the corry, and eventually reached the top, where we took another short lunch-break near what used to be "Camp four", at nearly four thousand feet. From here we could see Morven, a mountain about eighty miles to the north, and much of the coastline east of Inverness.

My original plan, allowing for my age and lack of mountain fitness, was to head back from Camp four to the car park. But I felt able to do more, so we headed westward for a sight of the Lairig Ghru; this is a huge V-shaped natural pass which cuts through the Cairngorms from Glenmore in the north to Braemar to the southeast, used in earlier times to move cattle. In appearance it is like the Stokenchurch cutting on the M40, but much MUCH longer and deeper!



That seen (and photographed), we headed back to the car park, and after six wonderful and nostalgic hours in the Cairngorms we took off our boots and drove back to the hamlet near Inverness where we had started from that morning, tired but very satisfied.

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