

NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL

All Change!

Although it was the holidays, there was still much activity in school during the summer. Builders were in to make changes and as a result, the environment for the children has been greatly improved. The Pre-School has now joined us on site and we look forward to further developing a close and creative partnership with them.

Our thanks go to many parents, governors and children who helped to move furniture, paint walls, move pegs, make tea and cakes and thereby ensure that the school could open on time. In particular a big thank you to Pete Narramore who oversaw the whole building project.

There have also been staff changes with Charlotte Griffin teaching Morland class, Karen Capel assisting with teaching in Anson and Morland classes and Jane Kidd and Kate Bucket working alongside Kat Lamb in Duffield class. We also give a warm welcome to Viv Hutchinson, the new Headteacher who picks up the baton from Lesley Clark. Although not new to Oxfordshire, Viv will bring to the school a fresh perspective and her own style of creativity and enthusiasm. We look forward to working with her in the months and years ahead.

RUTH ATKINS

**PRE-SCHOOL News
EXTENDED HOURS!!**

We are very pleased to announce that Marcham Pre-school are now happily settled in their very own classroom within the Marcham School building. All the staff and children have settled in well and are enjoying the challenges of the new school year.



We are currently offering the following sessions:-

- Monday - Friday Mornings
- Monday - Thursday Lunch (until 1pm)
- Tuesday - Thursday Afternoon (until 3pm)

Spaces are limited and some sessions are currently full although we are operating a waiting list so if you are interested in your child joining Marcham Pre-school now or in the future (we accept children from their 2nd birthday) please contact us as soon as possible. Prospectus and application forms are available NOW contact Marion during school hours on 07749 245313 or e:mail marcham-preschool@hotmail.co.uk for further details.

MARCHAM CUB CAMP

This year Marcham's 5th Abingdon cubs went on a 4-day trip to 'Cricket Campsite'. We did 3 very exciting activities: Rifle shooting, Canoeing and Archery. I think most of us liked rifle shooting the best because it involved using guns!!!

Of course we all insisted on cooking marshmallows on the fire although most of them did not get eaten but got melted in the fire, lots of the sticks caught alight and had to be blown out. The food was excellently cooked by our 3 chefs (Chris, Claire and Mick). I easily think that Mick was the best chef because he is a big food lover and obviously would be guaranteed to cook well!!!

We also went to Brownsea Island to find out more about 'Sir' Baden Powell. There was a lot to see and do there I think that the favourite bit was seeing all the chickens and peacocks and cockerels run around after us!!! Then after all of that we stopped to have a rest at *October 2007*

a shady patch under some pine cone trees. While we were there we went to a couple of beaches. Most of us went in to the sea but some decided to stay out because it was apparently cold!! We had loads of fun in there and even had a seaweed fight!!

Of course I forgot to mention about the putting up and down to the tents. Some groups tried to put the tents down on their own but it only ended up collapsing on them, so they gave up and decided to go and get the leaders. They weren't so happy about this but 'hey' if they wanted the tents down they had to help! Eventually we got all of the tents down, climbed aboard the minibus and went home.

We all enjoyed it and were happy to see our parents again. Don't forget to say a big thanks to Chris, Mick and Claire.

P.S this was Mick's last camp so from all the Cubs say bye and wish him good luck!!

TODD GILES, Roving Reporter

**Abingdon & District Sea Cadets
T.S. Marlborough**

Junior Cadets 10 to 12 years old
Cadets 12 to 18 years old
Boys and Girls

Overseas Visits	Royal Navy Visits
Uniform	Shooting
Cadet Band	Power Boating
Sailing	Adventure Training
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme	B-TEC Scheme

Parade Times

Tuesday 1800 to 2030 Friday 1800 to 2030

COME AND GIVE US A TRY

The De La Billiere Cadet Centre, Crabtree Place, Abingdon
Tel: 01235 523600 Email: info@tsmarlborough.co.uk

MARCHAM PLAYERS

Once I was asked to make two wet fish for a Christmas Party, These are the steps I took to achieve this:

Two Cod

- 1 Found reference from book in Children's Library
- 2 Stretched piece of old sheet on board
- 3 Drew on 4 fish shapes, and painted them with white emulsion
- 4 When dry, painted on life-like detail
- 5 Cut out all 4 outlines, allowing 1/2" extra to tuck in
- 6 Cut fins and tail from brown leathercloth (or suitable scraps)
- 7 Stitched around folded in seam, slotting in fins and tail during process, but leaving an opening in belly for "stuffing"
- 8 Filled both with rice, but not too full and rigid
- 9 Added eyes
- 10 Finally painted all over with PVA glue to make them look wet.



I wonder where the fish went? I suspect the Director - the one who used the papier-mâché head from a "Body" to scare birds from her vegetable patch.

If you would like to join the players to make fish or even take part in a play, contact either Joey on 01865 391242 or Dave on 01865 391964.

DEIDRE MATON