

NEWS FROM MARCHAM SCHOOL

Owl & Pussy Cat by Sue Morton (former teacher at Marcham School)

An hour of laughs, rhyme, action and dance was enjoyed by pupils and audience alike. There were catchy songs, a tango in 20s style costumes, solo singers, narrators of the story in rhyme who captured the humour. The animal characters and the fabulous fishes will be hard to forget.

The number of children involved was as impressive as the contribution of the artists, costume makers and technicians, all going to make up a memorable evening.

Many thanks especially to Mrs Johnson for using her gifts for the benefit of us all.

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School Leavers

Ben Upjohn

"In some ways I do want to move on because it is a way of life. But in some ways I am really upset because I am leaving all of my friends behind because they are all going to a different school to me. Also, I am sad to leave my teacher Mrs Rook and Mrs Newnham and all of my friends in year 5"

Harriet Scott

"Moving to a new school is always going to make anyone nervous, but it won't stop me from having a good time - even if I get lost!"

Jamie Saulter

"Larkmead is phenomenally exciting. On the other hand, it is extremely upsetting because I am never going to see my teacher Mrs Rook or Mrs Newnham again. I will also miss my favourite friends."

Meghan Rollinson

"I'm really excited of moving school because I can't wait to make lots of new friends and have more and new experiences. Also, I will miss Marcham and my friends that are not going to Larkmead School and all my other friends."



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

Marcham Pre-school is pleased to announce that from September 2007 we will be offering the following sessions:-



MONDAY - FRIDAY MORNING SESSIONS
MONDAY - THURSDAY LUNCH SESSIONS
TUESDAY - THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS
If you would like a prospectus or more information please contact Marion:- 07749 245313
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GARDEN CHECK LIST

This month sees a return to a check list of tasks, together with advice that may help many of us in our own gardens as we are busily working away in them at this busy time.



As soon as outdoor tomatoes are fully-grown and are showing the third or fourth truss of flowers, pinch out the growing point, two leaves above the truss. Do not pinch out the joint immediately above the top truss, but leave two leaves to draw up the sap from the roots and to manufacture food for the fruits.

Blackcurrant bushes, which have been picked clear of fruit, should be pruned. The fruit is borne on last years wood, and all the pruning necessary is to cut out some of the older branches which produced fruit. Cutting out the oldest in this way encourages the development of young branches from the bottom.

Lift globe beetroot that is ready and put into a temporary store. A covering of soil is enough to keep them fresh. If left in the ground they become coarse, woody and hard.

Peaches and nectarines, which are ripening, should not be fed, and watering should be omitted where possible, as the fruit is easily spoiled. Pick the fruit as they ripen.

If you have room and the wish, you may so hardy annuals outside. They will come through most ordinary winters and seem to flower better and longer than those sown in the spring. Clarkias, Godetias, eschscholtzias and candy tuft are all suitable. Antirrhinum sown outside and thinned latter will do well too.

Evergreen hedges, such as yew and holly should be clipped now too. Beech and hornbeam, while not evergreen, if trimmed now produce some young growths, the leaves of which remain brown and quite decorative all winter. Lavender hedges can be clipped and cuttings taken too.

Now is the time to start thinking about the types of new roses that you may want to have growing in your garden next summer. If you are planning to buy bare rooted plants to plant in the autumn send off your order as soon as is reasonably practicable. Because new introductions and popular varieties are frequently sold out well before planting time.

If you are looking for some interesting roses you could try a variety named Troika, it is a hybrid tea type of bush rose. It has copper, salmon and peach coloured petals and is amazingly fragrant. It vigorously grows to 2 ½ feet in height. It flowers early in the season and though it is rain resistant and the flowers do not fade as they get older, it is prone to disease if you are the type of gardener to neglect your roses. If you put the effort in it will reward you accordingly though. That little lot should keep you busy for a while.

*Happy Gardening
STUART MABBUTT*

Hands-On is a new science gallery at Science Oxford, packed with loads of exciting interactive experiments. Try distorting your face on television, float a train or operate a digger arm.



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