

Wychwood C E Primary School

School news....

As well as everything going on as usual we have given quite a bit of time and energy to music this term. The school choir went to Dorchester Abbey to join in with other schools in Oxfordshire for the "Festival of Voices". Judith White and Frances Bysouth coached the children through the songs in an after-school club and the result was a very successful rehearsal and concert for parents in a magnificent setting. We also held our local "Cluster Music Festival" with Minster Lovell School and Burford School. The children all practised with their teachers for a few weeks beforehand and then all the Infants came together for the morning to sing the story of the Gingerbread Man and all the Juniors came together for the afternoon to sing the story of the first landing on the moon – "Footsteps on the Moon". Liz Stock, who is the LEA's music adviser joined us for the day and conducted us, and again, everything went well and we had an enjoyable day's singing.

And last but not least we had our own day of Country Dancing and Music. This grew out of the links we are developing with our French and Spanish partners where Country Dancing was part of a combined topic. Sue Hall organised this day with Felicity Cormack, violin teacher and a colleague of hers and Keith Holloway who plays the accordion and is a country dance caller. Most of the school's fiddlers and recorder players practised together early in the morning and then each class in turn spent some time country dancing. At the end of the afternoon all the separate pieces were put together and the whole school danced a French dance known as "L'escargot", accompanied by the musicians and then the older children performed "Nottingham Swing". It was a lovely occasion and one we may try to repeat in the not too distant future!

Geoff Padmore



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