

Wychwood (C.E.) School News

We held two Harvest Festival services in St Mary's Church and everyone at the services commented on the wonderful array of produce donated by the children. The food was shared between Penhurst School at



Chipping Norton and *The Porch* in Oxford. Our Year 6 children visited the Day Centre and sang some of their Harvest songs. After singing, time was spent chatting to members of the Day Centre, who were most appreciative (see photograph).

Please Be Vigilant

You may have seen some of our artwork and photographs displayed in the Wychwood Library; we enjoy librarian Ruth Gillingham's visits to the school, reading stories to our younger children and promoting the summer reading scheme at the library. As part of our Governing Body restructuring we now have a committee that deals with the involvement of the school in the community. If you have any ideas how we can strengthen this link we would like to hear from you by email to office.3257@wychwood-pri.oxon.sch.uk or by letter to the school office.

You are also welcome to hire our facilities; currently we have a scrap-booking club on a Tuesday evening and a church club being run for the children after school. Please enquire at the school

office I would like to ask everyone to keep an eye on the school site out of school hours. Since June we have had five instances of lead being stolen off the roof; four large dormer windows have been stripped, as

has the lead along the flat roof down the centre of the school. We then have to spend money on repairs which would be much better spent on the children's education. If you do remember driving past at night and seeing anyone in the school grounds the police would welcome any information.

The School's Living History

Four classes visited Gloucester Folk Museum where they experienced a Victorian classroom, toured Gloucester Cathedral and dressed up as monks. Recently one of our classes asked me when Wychwood Primary School was opened and when the primary schools at Milton and Shipton were built. This gave me the chance to delve into my store cupboard and find the old registers of admission, the oldest dating back to 1927. This also got us thinking about how the present school has altered so much since it opened.

Do you have any photographs that show the school as it was? If you would lend them to us to copy we would like to build a picture of how it has changed.

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