

After many weeks of planning and preparation the first day of infant classes got underway at Mill Lane School. The doors opened at 10.00 a.m. and after dashing around to see what was on offer every child settled down to find an occupation. Painting, junk modelling, making pasta pictures or pandas and teddies from felt shapes were just a few of the activities available. Thanks to Mums, who responded to pleas for help, there was plenty of supervision and assistance with the difficult bits. During the week some children took time out to join in the swimming trip to Bicester, visit a Dairy or go to Richmond Ice Rink, returning later to finish off their masterpieces. The Magic Show held at Mill Lane School on Monday afternoon proved to be very popular. On Thursday afternoon there was a free film show.

At the end of the first week, after the last child had gone home clutching paintings, windmills and various other creations, began the cleaning and packing up ready to transport equipment to the Village Hall for the second week.

Classes began again on Tuesday morning in the back room at the Village Hall. Working space was somewhat limited but after juggling the tables around, almost literally, and re-arranging some activities we were able to get going, hoping that all the children were catered for. Some outdoor games were organised to allow more space to those who wished to make Indian head bands, telephones or peg dolls. Extra trips had been arranged to cut down on the number of children attending classes in the Village Hall. In fact there were infant classes on three mornings, with a free film show on Monday and a mystery trip on Friday. The playbus visited Playscheme at the Playing fields on Thursday, the rain holding off just long enough for everyone to enjoy a wonderful afternoon. Most of the children took part in the imaginative games. Top favourite was the enormous inflatable, with children queuing eaagerly to await their turn.

Our thanks to David Beecham for his help during our first week at Mill Lane.

Junior classes were equally successful in the Village Hall. As with the infants many mothers again turned out to help, which enabled the children to do more intricate things which needed individual attention. The children also seemed to get more involved and stuck in this year. Hair crimping and styling was a big success with Juniors going backwards and forwards to the Youth Hut to have their hair sprayed with different colours. It would have been interesting to see their mothers faces when they arrived home in the afternoon.

The inter-playscheme five-a-side Tournament was held at Icknield School. Our teams played with great enthusiasm, but were beaten by the older and more skillful opposition.

Originally we had arranged with the Cement Works to have one visit there for a fossil hunt, this proved so popular we had four trips and we are sure many more would have gone given the chance. Mr. Billson gave us that chance, thank you, but I'm afraid we *will* be back next year.

In previous years Youthscheme has not been a great success, with just a few turning up each day at the Youth Hut in Station Road. It certainly changed this year thanks to Claremont Automatics. Claremont loaned to Youthscheme a Jukebox and two Space Invader Machines, all on free play, which ensured we were full up every day. Our grateful thanks go to Claremont for making it such a success.

We would also like to thank King Harry Foods for allowing us the use of their shop, the pizzas went down a treat.

We had 15 of our youth doing a canoeing and sailing course at Bisham Abbey and from reports back to us they enjoyed every minute of it, although very tired after three days.

In all we consider our tenth year of Playscheme/Youthscheme was successful, we hope you feel the same way.