

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **MP TREATED TO FEAST OF SCHOOL PROJECTS**

Chinnor's MP, John Howell, went back to school last Friday (19 June) to find out from the staff and children of Mill Lane Community Primary School, Chinnor what a welcoming and exciting place school can be.

The children were eager to share some of their learning experiences and projects that they had been doing. During the visit the five year olds in the reception class were welcoming the new children to a taster afternoon in preparation for starting school next September.

The school field had been turned into a camp ground with weird and wonderful shelters designed and constructed by the Year 6 children and their families for a night under the stars.

He was escorted around the school conservation area, 'Gruffland', by children from the Eco group who were proud to show off their healthy organic garden, bird hide, refurbishment of the pond area and last but not least the newly acquired hens which provided eggs for the school's biscuit sale which raised £140 last week.

John Howell said:

"I was delighted to visit Mill Lane. There was a tremendous amount going on and it was a pleasure to see so many children thoroughly absorbed in what they were doing and clearly enjoying themselves.

"I congratulate the head and staff for creating a school which gave off such a positive learning atmosphere."

Mrs Pat Birch, the head teacher, commented:

"We are all very proud of our school and we wanted to share a little bit of what we are all about with our MP. We were delighted he come and join and get a flavour of the school."

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