GRANDPARENTS’ DAY

*We enjoyed welcoming Grandparents to school on Monday to celebrate Grandparents’ Day. We would like to thank those of you who came along and for your lovely comments about our school.*

***Grandparents comments…***

*This Monday morning, I had the pleasure of attending Grandparents Day with several other grandparents.*

*We were welcomed into the school assembly where the children were talking about 'Green' issues and were learning how we can all help the environment, which of course is very topical at the moment.  There was a lot of interest shown by the pupils on this subject and they all joined in with their suggestions and opinions.*

*We then attended classes with our grandchildren. I was in Mrs Russell's class where there were three separate year groups; no easy task you would imagine, but all the children were extremely well behaved and listened attentively to what was asked of them.  We all enjoyed the first subject of WW1 where the children were asked to do some research on their laptops and, after morning break, they were seated in their relevant year groups for mathematics.*

*I would like to thank the school for welcoming us to a most impressive and enjoyable morning.*

*Judy Jervis*

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*On Monday 7th October, I attended Grandparents’ Day at Beenham Primary School. Four grandparents of children in Mosi class attended. We started off in assembly, the topic of which was sustainability and how schools could make a difference. The four Colour Teams were sent to different corners of the school hall to discuss what were their favourite things that the school could do to help, eg, recycling, reducing carbon emissions by walking and cycling to school.*

*Next we all moved to our respective classes. Mosi class started with a discussion on World War 1 and each table was given a list of topics they could research on computers. When each pair had decided on a topic and made notes, all the notes were handed into Mrs Russell ready for her to list the information which will be handed back to the children so they can each write a story based on the information they (as a class) had researched.*

*After break it was a Maths lesson. It became obvious to me that resources and methods of teaching in modern schools are a lot different to those when I attended school. Methods and terminology are totally different. I do not know how one teacher can keep control and teach children of different ages and abilities but Mrs Russell certainly succeeded. I came to the conclusion that I would certainly learn a lot if I attended Mosi class regularly.*

*I would also like to thank the staff and teachers for the way they looked after us all.*

*Mrs Dixon-Gough*

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*"I love being Grandma to my grandchildren and was thrilled to be invited by Mollie to come in on Monday 7th October to see her school.*

*I brought my mother with me too.*

*We were made to feel most welcome and we sat with a group in Mai class during their literacy lesson. We were very impressed with the painted self-portraits entitled “This Is Me” and also their pictures of their summer holiday adventures.*

*The pupils seemed excited to have us as visitors too.*

*The bell rang and the children took us out to the playground where I was amazed at the wonderful playground facilities including the fort, the climbing and activity frame, the seating areas and vegetable garden.*

*The atmosphere in the school was calm and friendly.  It was a heartwarming experience and so lovely to see how happy these little first term pupils were with Mrs Godfrey and her assistant, Mrs Bridger.*

*Thank you for having us."*

*Mrs Cooper*