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GETTING READY TO LEARN: Patrick Wyatt, aged two, explores a wendy house at the open day; headteacher Harriet Hathaway with her husband Ricky; Emma Arbuckle with her children Elsie, 13 months, and Millie, four; and Sarah Mosely helps son Sam, aged two, with the weights and scales

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Montessori is on the move

YOUNGSTERS now have more space to learn and play after Harriet House School moved to a new location just three miles from its previous home in Ashampstead.

The pre-prep Montessori school for two-and-a-half to five-year-olds relocated from Church Lane to the Yattendon Estate with a launch party this month.

Lord Illiffe, chairman of the Yattendon Estate, officially opened the new school, which is situated within a five-acre walled garden, previously part of the grounds of Frilsham House School.

The West Berkshire estate also includes a number of businesses, farmland and woodland which the school hopes will help benefit pupils' education of the environment.

The launch day provided an opportunity for current and prospective pupils and their parents to explore the buildings and grounds ahead of its first reception class starting in September 2013.

Headteacher Harriet Hathaway, who established the school in 2003, said: "We believe that learning is an adventure and children should learn in the way most suited to them.

"Children should be allowed to discover their environment in their own individual way, and wherever their interests lie, be it in the classroom, sports, arts or music, we can offer it all in our new location.

"Childhood can be very short these days and we intend to make it last as long as possible."



WINNER: Becca McLean 22, from Tilehurst, winner of the Alltech Young Scientist Award

Vet student wins award

A VETERINARY student from Tilehurst has scooped a prestigious prize in a global young scientist competition.

Becca McLean, 22, who studies bioveterinary science at Harper Adams University in Newport, Shropshire, came top out of all UK undergraduates to win the Alltech Young Scientist Award.

The competition brings together scientific thinkers from colleges and universities across the globe and asks them to submit a paper on a topic such as veterinary science, animal nutrition, feeding technology, agricultural developments or agricultural management.

Becca wrote about a bacterium called streptococcus equi, known as strangles. The contagious respiratory infection in horses is also the subject of her final year research project.

The Alltech Young Scientist Award competition is open to undergraduate, PhD and Masters students from any animal or agricultural science field enrolled at an accredited college or university.

Becca received a trophy, certificate and a commemorative memory stick in recognition of her achievement.

The global competition takes place at the Alltech headquarters in Kentucky during the annual International Animal Health and Nutrition Symposium. The overall winners receive a scholarship of either \$5,000 or \$10,000 and also receive a trophy.

Becca is also a Harper Adams Student Ambassador and a school mentor, which sees her visit GCSE triple science students each week to help them with topics related to biology and chemistry.

She said: "I entered the competition after Alltech came to speak to students at the start of the academic year. I was also encouraged by my lecturer Dr Sandy Mackenzie.

"I feel really chuffed about winning against all the other competitors in the UK at undergraduate level. I never thought it would happen because it was open to all universities.

"I hope it will really benefit me in the future as I want to pursue a career in research, therefore I hope this award will be recognised when I apply for PhDs at various institutes."

WEEK THREE – CORE PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRING / SUMMER MENU 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish 1	Cottage Pie with Mash & Gravy	Salmon & Sweetcorn Pasta	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes or Mash & Gravy	Mild Chicken Curry (Makhani Chicken) with Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips or New Potatoes & Tomato Sauce
Main Dish 2	Ratatouille & Mixed Bean Wrap (v)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with oven Baked Jacket Wedges (v)	Lentil Roast with Roast Potatoes or Mash & Gravy (v)	Quorn Stir Fry with Rice (v)	Frittata with Chips or New Potatoes & Tomato Sauce (v)
Main Dish 3	Jacket Potato with Ratatouille or Tuna	Jacket Potato with BBQ Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Chicken Curry or Baked Beans	Jacket potato with BBQ Beans or Cheese
Vegetables & Salad	Carrots Mixed Vegetables Sweetcorn & Pepper Salad	Roasted Vegetables Peas Green Salad	Cabbage Carrots Tomato & Spring Onion Salad	Sweetcorn Broccoli Grated Carrot	Baked Beans Peas Mixed Salad
Desserts	Frozen Yoghurt with Fruit Slices	Marble Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Jelly with Ice Cream	Berry Chill	Fruit Shortbread

Week Commencing: 29th Apr, 20th May, 17th June, 8th July, 2nd Sept, 23rd Sept, 14th Oct

Fresh Homemade Bread, 5-A-Day Fruit Salad and Chilled Water are all available daily. (v) Vegetarian Option

