



Don McMath Foundation

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The Don McMath Foundation Newsletter – 9th September 2007

Hello All

It's been a busy time for us all since the last newsletter with a lot of fund raising activities going on.

A Charity Disco was organized by sponsors Danny & Tina Saunders and was held at Elphinstone Sports & Social club. As well as the disco, they held a raffle and the sports club gave the proceeds of the barbeque to the school. It was a very enjoyable evening and raised a fantastic £1,237 for the charity. Many thanks to Danny & Tina.



The Verwood Garden Party on 15th July was once again a great success, about 80 sponsors and supporters turned up and withstood the early rain to enjoy a really good afternoon. We had Victor entertaining us once again and he put on a great performance. After taking off the cost of the food we ended up making in excess of £1,000 for the school. Judy would like to thank Di Pomeroy, Graham Cook and Chris Harris for their contributions to the success of the afternoon.



On Sunday 2nd September over 90 people attended the Bexhill Garden Party and the weather was kind for once. We raised over £1,000. Anne would like to thank all those who helped with the party & all those who contributed raffle prizes. Everyone seems to

have enjoyed themselves, even though it was a bit overcrowded. Next years party will probably be held in a new location as Annes garden is getting too small to house the ever increasing numbers.



Once again Judy and Mick ran a bric-a-brac stall at the Verwood Rustic Fayre on Bank Holiday Monday 27th August. Although only £120 was raised it was a chance to tell more people about the school. Thanks to Di Pomeroy for her help on the day. We are now looking for ideas for something different for next year's Rustic Fayre rather than bric-a-brac, the work involved in collecting and storing everything is getting too time consuming.



Mick and Judy raised £112 from having a B-B-Q on Verwood Carnival day in May at which once again everyone enjoyed themselves in spite of the weather!

The first Don McMath Foundation Charity Clay shoot held at Manor Farm in Verwood on Sunday 29th July was a great success. Over 80 people completed the challenging 50-bird layout over 7 stands. Overall £687 was raised which was divided equally between the Don McMath Foundation and the Rotary Club of Verwood's charities. A spokesperson for Verwood Rotary said "The help and support of the Manor Gun Club, Verwood Rotary



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and other friends was invaluable". We intend to make the shoot an annual event.

Lots of people have raised and donated large amounts of money for us over the summer, we would specifically like to thank St Michael's Youth Club who ran a beetle drive which raising £60, St Michael's Playgroup who raised £87 from a trike ride, Hillington Primary School for a donation of £200, C. Brewer and son for £250, Andy Goree for his donation, Di Pomeroy and Mark and Lorna from The Naked Grape for £210 raised at her "birthday bash", Rosa De Ridder and her *Stichting Kinderopvang Vlaardingen* in the Netherlands who raised an amazing £944. The children got the money together by running, dancing and by skipping for 15 minutes.



The Rotary Club of Verwood is running a prize draw for a handmade Children's Quilt, the proceeds are going to The Don McMath Foundation and Moving Mountains Trust who provide long term assistance to children, families and community structures in Kenya, Nepal and Niger. Tickets are £1 each and come in books of 5. If anyone feels that they can sell any tickets for us then please get in touch with Mick. The draw will take place on Tuesday 18th December.

Overall more than £7,000 has been raised for the school this summer.

The official opening of the new classroom block will take place on Wednesday 14th November starting at about 4.00pm. We are hoping to have Mr. Phil Sinkinson the British High Commissioner in Gambia to perform the opening ceremony. At the moment we are expecting more than 25 UK supporters for the opening ceremony, if anyone else is interested then please get in touch with either Anne or Mick.



We are hoping that those going to the opening will help us bring out some of the items needed for the school. When Liz was there earlier in the year she compiled a wish list of things that the school needs (See below) if you can help out obtaining any of these items for us then please let us know.

By the time you read this we will have had the September intake of new children into the school, this will give us a total of 210 children over seven classes, three nursery and four primary. So far we have sponsors for 3 out of 30 of the new children and are looking for sponsors for the rest, please pass this newsletter on to anyone you think might be interested in supporting us, it's through these contacts that we continue to grow.

If anyone who currently receives this newsletter through the post is now on email could you please email us at the above email address so we can email you future newsletters as this will cut down considerably on our costs.

Anne, Judy and Mick McMath

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LIZ'S LIST

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Essential to have:

Clear sticky back book coverings pg 18

Desk pencil sharpeners – 6 pg 83

90 per yr Exercise books –half lines/half plain pages (top half plain) – good quality

60 per yr Drawing books – good quality pg 7

Paintbrushes – lots pg 856

Paint trays – lots pg 859

Pre mixed paint – 500ml or 1-litre containers of bright colours pgs 785, 863, 864

Coloured paper and card – A3 and A4 sizes

Art aprons – sponsors to make for ages 5-7 years – about 30

Laminating pockets – 100 pg 126

Paper cutter - 2

Would be nice to have:

Plastic bats (mini tennis racquets) – about 30 pg 779

Soccer balls + pump – 10

Volleyballs – 6

Net bags to keep balls in

Skipping ropes – 40

Class scissor sets – 5 more sets of 30

Story cassettes with books

Children's videocassettes and CD's

Educational preschool play toys



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Jigsaw puzzles with 4 – 30 pieces

Bubbles – 30

Metal compasses – 60

Protractors - 60

Craft materials –heaps needed

Large pom-poms

Eyes

Split pins

Sticky shapes

Coloured paper

Instruments

Glockenspiels or Xylophones – 7

Bells – 8

Tambourines – 20

Shakers – 30

Triangles – 8

And of course heaps of:

Pencils

Metal pencil sharpeners

White rubbers

Plastic bendy rulers