

Madness at Marchant Holliday School

Just add water!

A huge thank you to all those who sponsored us with our 24 hour swim during the summer holidays of last summer. As promised, we swam in all weathers; we started the day with sunshine whilst setting up our twenty-four hour camp. The sun was soon followed by rain, rain, rain, a few rain free spells and finally finishing with brilliant sunshine the next morning. We swam in pairs at half hour intervals. Whilst one pair were swimming, the next pair were getting in the water ready to take over when time was up. Everything was timed to precision; even during the early hours when the unlucky ones had to get into very cold water. Fortunately, hot towels were on hand when we got out along with hot drinks and snacks. Lots of visitors, including colleagues, friends, family and a few parents showed support throughout the day and night. They popped along bearing gifts of cakes and hot soup. These helped to keep spirits high, especially through the night when the temperature decreased and the rain increased. The rain finally gave up and left us a storm- free period in the early hours. Most kept awake with games, music and singing while swimming. At times there were even a few synchronised swimmers, as staff invented games in the water to keep themselves awake. Mr Trivett and Mrs Parker were on a marathon swim around the Caribbean islands and polar bear spotting in the Antarctic!! Mrs Whittaker did a spot of snorkelling but found no hidden treasure at the bottom of the pool. Some clever person calculated that we had swum the channel collectively a number of times. Great fun was had by all as I'm sure you can see from the photographs.



Together we raised a massive £2000 towards lots of swim equipment for the boys, which include:

- 4 sea scooters
- An inflatable slide and pump
- A basketball game
- New floats
- Swim-through diving hoops

- Sinking and floating toys
- Squirty fish
- Volley balls
- Masks and goggles

With the weather getting warmer and the pool about to open, daily swimming lessons will begin again and the boys are looking forward to using all their new equipment. I know they will be enjoyed all through the summer. We could not have done it without your support and sponsorship. So the Boys and all the staff at The Marchant Holliday School would like to say a big

Thank you

