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## WELCOME TO THE JUNE NEWSLETTER

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Issues of Attachment in the classroom – theory and practical management’.

8<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

I attended the above course at the RCSLT in London. The guest speaker was Tom Pyne who was an assistant head teacher at Woodstock School in Bristol. Woodstock is a primary specialist provision for children with emotional, behavioural and social difficulties. Tom is also director of Catchpoint consultancy, which was set up to develop an integrated service for adoptive and foster families affected by trauma and attachment difficulties.

The first part of the course reiterated the information that Stuart Lane gave us on an inset training day a couple of years ago and explained some of the causes of Attachment disorder and some of the behaviours that a child may present when they have this diagnosis. I found it really useful to revisit this area especially as it was delivered from the perspective of being in the classroom environment.

The part of the course I found most interesting was about Secondary Trauma and how vital it is to recognise this and support staff when they are working with children who present challenging behaviour. Tom was very keen to get his message across and that was that in order to meet the needs of the children, staff must be at their optimum level and in order for this to happen, staff must have access to a support network that is not only effective but also achievable in the busy working environment of the school day.

A way of achieving this, I believe is to follow one particular strategy called ‘The reflective teamwork model’ and I am in the process of adapting and developing this so that it is suitable to work in MHS and will forward this idea onto S.M.T.

Overall, I enjoyed the course and found it very worthwhile attending, I also hope others will benefit from some of the ideas.

Sam Thomas

# WESTERN THEMED SUMMER FETE

## SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011

The weather stayed fine even though it was predicted to be stormy and wet! This did not detract from the fantastic time every one had. The bucking bronco was a huge hit and everyone dressed for the occasion in cowboy hats and boots!

It was great success and we were joined by lots of ex-students who come along each year to support the school and meet up with their old school friends.

Here are some ex-students, Lizzie & Lucy Payne who presented the school with a fantastic hand carved Totem Pole that Lucy carved. Both girls attend Rochester University of Creative Arts. It was perfect for the Western themed fete this year, and will take pride of place on the school grounds.



## SPORTS DAY

A big thank you to all the parents who came to support their child during Sports Day on 24<sup>th</sup> June. We had a good turn out and received much positive feedback regarding the organisation and events of the day. The students clearly enjoyed the experience and there was great camaraderie between the houses. Good sportsmanship and staff dedication was key to the smooth running of the day and congratulations to Obama House for taking the house cup and those students who received awards for the efforts, determination and, in some cases, sporting prowess. We do hope you will be able to make next year's Sports Day which will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May, so please place this in your diaries, as it would be lovely to see you all. Should the heavens open, there is a reserve date of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

## Come Dine with Me

The Come Dine with Me Final was held before the Year 11s left. Just as in the show, the students judged and scored each other. What a relief that they did, as all the food was at such a high standard. The winner was Matthew Hurst who was a joint Year 9 winner, and right up to the day of the final wasn't sure if he was going to take part. We are so glad that he did, as he won very convincingly. Matthew won a £30 voucher for Pizza Express and a cookery book. Well done to everyone for taking part. Next year's Come Dine With Me will be themed around planning and making a meal for an Olympic athlete. I very much look forward to working with the students on this. Many thanks as always to the staff that make this all possible; notably, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Carter, Danny, Mr. Hart and Leanne.

## EASY FUNDRAISING

At Moor House School we signed ourselves up to an organisation website called Easy Fundraising. Using this website you can help us make money for the school without paying a penny more than you normally would and you can do it all whilst doing your shopping. You can register by going onto the website and becoming a member, registration is completely free and the company do not sell any details or send any spam messages to its members. Once you are registered you can shop at over 2000 retailers who will give a donation to Moor House School. The donation is usually a percentage of the amount that you spend with the company or a set amount, such as £30 from Aviva for signing up. There is also a page called 'free funds' on this page there are several retailers who agreed they will donate money to Moor House School just for trailing their services, for example, if you order an Argos catalogue 'easy fundraising' will donate 20p to Moor House Schools account.

[www.moorhouse.easysearch.org.uk](http://www.moorhouse.easysearch.org.uk) is a search engine exactly the same as Google but whenever you search through it the company make a donation towards Moor House School. If you have a computer and set this to your homepage it means whenever you search using this tool you can support moor house school in raising money.

So far this year we have raised over £50 and we hope to encourage more people to use this website so we can raise as much money as possible.

To start raising money for Moor House School please visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/moorhouse](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/moorhouse). Thank you for your support.

If you have any problems please email [mcguinnessl@moorhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:mcguinnessl@moorhouseschool.co.uk) who will be happy to answer any questions or queries you might have.