

## Wychwood (C.E.) School News

We were all saddened to hear about the earthquake in Haiti and children asked if the school could do something to raise some money. Mr Spence spoke about the situation and we asked if every child could bring £1.00 in the following day to donate to this cause.



*on. We learnt that our money could buy tents, toilets, water buckets and first-aid kits. It was a great experience. We hope people keep donating to the Haiti fund.*  
**Max and Jake Peniket.**

### Generous Fundraising for Haiti

We are pleased to say we raised a total of £602.11. One of our parents, Emma has travelled out to Haiti as part of her work with Oxfam. Communication has been difficult as the infrastructure is not there to support regular contact, but her children, Lara and Luke, let us know when they have spoken to their Mum and that she is well. Through this connection with Oxfam we were asked if some children would like to visit their depot in Bicester to see how supplies were stored, sorted and then sent out to Haiti. This was for a CBBC Newsround report and Lara and Luke, Max and Jake Peniket and Sophie, Alice and Miles Taylor went along. Here is a report from Max and Jake:

*We were meeting CBBC Newsround there and we were going to be filmed for TV! Newsround wanted to find out the different ways schools had raised money and then show children how the money is being used. Being filmed for TV was nerve-wracking but also exciting. Some of us sent messages and asked questions of the children in Haiti and some of us talked about how we raised the money and what we thought it should be spent*

### Long -Service Awards

Two members of our staff have recently been presented with their Long-Service Awards from Oxfordshire County Council. Mrs Rita Puschnik celebrated 25 years at the school as a Lunchtime Supervisor and went to collect her cut-glass vase at a ceremony in Oxford. We would like to thank her for so many years dedicated work at the school. Our Headteacher, Mr Duncan Spence, received his award for 33 years working for Oxfordshire County Council. Mr Spence has been at Wychwood School since September 2002, but before this he worked in schools in Cowley, Bicester and North Hinksey.

### Please We Need Your Help!

We thank him for his continued dedication to the school in moving it forward at a time when the government and local authority are bombarding us with so many new initiatives imposing tight deadlines and cutting budgets. We rely more and more on donations to the school to boost our income. We would like to thank all who have donated. If you can help us financially, we really would appreciate it and can guarantee the money will be well spent on the children.

**Julie Hemming**