

Welcome to the first Safari School Newsletter.

Denise (Head of Ed.) and Helen (Ed. Officer) are the education staff for Knowsley Safari Park (K.S.P.)

We hope to send the newsletter out every three months or thereabouts to schools across the northwest region to help keep teachers up to date with environmental issues, events and projects etc which are happening throughout the year, both at the Safari Park and on a national level. We also hope to provide schools with information on any funding or free events which may be available to help schools with environment projects etc.

Should you require any further information about the news letter of any of the topics covered please contact us on 0151 430 9009 ext. 205 or at education@knowsley.com



National Events in February 2008

National Nest Box 14th – 21st

www.bto.org/nbw/index.htm

The site provides plenty of information available on buying or building nest boxes including information on how to take part in the 'The nest Box Challenge' and how to obtain sponsored nest boxes for your school. A free information pack is available from the

site (e-mail or phone).

The Safari Park has a number of newly sited nest boxes which we hope to monitor over the coming years. We hope to make this information accessible to schools for projects as it becomes available.

LEAP DAY! 29th



www.amphibianark.org

The Knowsley Safari Park is holding 'THE BIG LEAP' event in support of the international year of the frog campaign. All pupils and teachers are welcome to take part in our sponsored event 'THE BIG LEAP'.

Are YOU brave enough?

The Safari School is also running a competition in support of 2008 'Year of the Frog' -

'Which is the most Frog Friendly School' ?

Create a poster to tell us how you have helped frogs and friends in your school. Finished posters to be sent to Helen Rowlands, Knowsley Safari Park, Prescot, Merseyside, L34 4AN. Deadline Fri. 13th June 2008.

In addition to winning a great prize for your school, the posters will be displayed in the Safari School Summer exhibition.

Please see the attached flyers for further information about THE BIG LEAP and contact either Helen or Denise about the school competition.

MARCH

Feb25th-9th March - Fair Trade Fortnight -

www.fairtrade.org.uk

Site does have some downloadable's, but is geared towards an older age group.



However an opportunity for students to think about where their food comes from and to consider how this might affect the people and animals who live in those countries and the effect on local food producers in this country. Using images of Safari Park animals (Teacher pack resources CD, free if collected from Safari Education Dept. or £2.00 P&P). Pupils could discover where these animals come from and how agriculture is effecting their habitats.

7th-16th - National Science and Engineering week

www.the-ba.net/the-ba/Events/NSEW/index.html

This web site provides information on the small grant scheme for schools. Too late for this year but information provided on how to apply for next year. Plenty of information available for schools, from arranging an event to finding speakers available for school presentations. No direct 'Schools' info button, click 'resources for organisers' then 'schools section'



21st - World Poetry Day



<http://www.teacherplanet.com/resource/worldpoetry.php>

One idea could be to download the animal masks from the Safari School Teacher resources web page www.Knowsley.com. The children can chose an animal and make up the masks they can then write a poem about their animal.

Wearing the mask they have made the children can recite their poems for the rest of the class/school. A great way to build up confidence

Ok, so that's it for this first issue! Hope we have given you some ideas for use in your school.



We would welcome any feed back you might have to help us improve our next edition, and any information as to how you utilised any of the information/projects/suggestions we provided.

Knowsley Safari Park Ed. Dept.