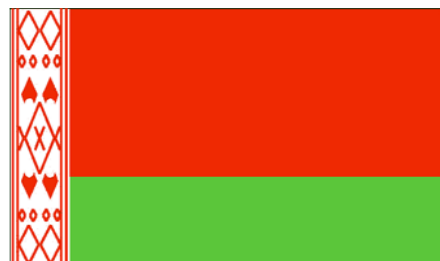
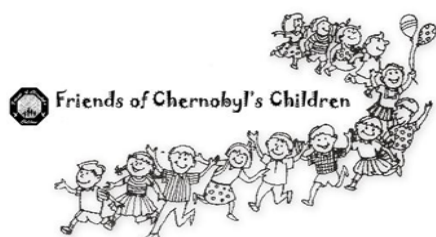


FOCC Edinburgh West – West Lothian



Daily Blog for the group visit ~ 2nd June to 30th June 2012

DAY 7 Friday 8th June – M&D's Themepark

An absolute joy to be with the children on what has been one of the best days out ever! We set off for M&D's just after 9.40am and got into the park around 10.30am. First up was a round of crazy golf. Probably safe to say we don't have any budding Greg Norman's but after lots of laughs (and a fair bit of cheating) our rounds were completed. I'm sure that the big wheel on the skyline and the excitement of what was to come probably had an impact on scores, not that anyone was counting.



Next was into the park for the rides and we split the children into tall and short groups so that we didn't disappoint any children on rides that they couldn't go on. The rides were a huge hit with Dodgems, the Water Log and the Runaway Train being the collective favourites.



We stopped for packed lunches at 12.00am, and were soon back for more rides in the afternoon. At 2.00pm it was off to Amazonia where Kevin showed us all of the animals in the main



compound and then ran the handling session. A lizard, a snake and a tarantula certainly impressed the children, but I noted that neither Olya or Katia (our not so brave Interpreters) handled any of them. Kevin then took us to a super interactive session where the children learned all about the Amazon jungle and had lots of fun catching butterflies, making storms and growing trees.



Just time to let the children have a final ride on their favourites before heading back to the Church Hall for pick ups. All in all a brilliant day out with a huge thank you to all at M&D's for supporting our visit. IS



Fun stuff – Dima being so excited between the rides that he couldn't stop himself from jumping and dancing about in his eagerness to try the next one. All the children claiming a hole-in-one at the crazy golf when a prize was on offer!

Stars of the day – Dasha Harper for her excellent manners, wonderful hugs and almost kissing the snake at Amazonia! Vadim Calderwood & Veronica Kirkland for being so good on a couple of rides that they didn't quite make the height restriction.