

Walk for Wildlife fundraising is rewarded

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PARTICIPANTS in the seventh Walk for Wildlife were recognised for their fundraising efforts when they went to Government House.

A presentation was held yesterday at which certificates, pictures and pens were given to the schoolchildren and adults who raised the most money.

The walk raised £5,750 for the Born Free Foundation, which will help lions Bella and Simba, who are now in a reserve in Malawi.

Lynda Walker, wife of Lt-Governor Air Marshal Peter Walker, made the presentations and praised those who took part.

'You have all done very well – such a small group of people who raised so much money. It always thrills me that such young people will do so much for something they have never seen,' she said.

Melrose raised more than £1,982, Beechwood raised £412, Blanchelande College raised more than £331 and Hautes Capelles Primary came up with more than £147.

Certificates were also given to Forest Primary School pupils and special mention was made to Vivienne Vivyan-Lewis, who raised £2,501, and Lynn Bewey and her daughter Jenny Ozanne, who raised £133.

Melrose student Darcey Ellis, 11, said it was the third time she had taken part in the walk.

She thought it was nice to take part and to see how their money would be helping.

It was extra-special for Forest Primary pupil Thomas Gavey, who was also celebrating his eight birthday yesterday.

Amy-Jane Mealing, 10, from Blanchelande College and Alex Vidamour, 9, from Beechwood, said they both enjoyed the walk and had done it with friends.

This year's walk will take place on Sunday 20 September in aid of Elsa the lioness.



Walk for Wildlife participating schools Ladies' College, Beechwood, Blanchelande and Forest School pupils and teachers were presented with awards for their fundraising efforts in aid of the Born Free Foundation at Government House yesterday. (Picture by Tom Tardif, 7104361)