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RE Results of the First Bluespot Crystal Growing Competition May 2007

Dear Colleague

I am writing to thank you for entering the Bluespot Crystal growing competition. I also wanted to tell you the identity of the winners, and hope this will inspire you to enter again next year! There is a personal message for all young people and their teachers who entered the competition from the sponsor Mr Sampath and the Bluespot Knee Clinic:

Dear Teachers and Pupils

Thank you for entering the 2007 Bluespot Crystal Growing Competition. We had excellent entries and the final decision was very close.

All those who participated are to be congratulated on their efforts, and each student will shortly receive a small memento from The Bluespot Knee Clinic.

We are looking forward to the 2008 Bluespot Crystal Growing Competition, which we hope will produce some even better results. Details will be available shortly.

In the meantime, we wish you well with all your science projects.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Sampath

Further information including photos of the judging, winning schools growing their crystals, and prize-giving at class assemblies will be posted on the community section of the Bluespot website, see:

<http://www.thebluespotkneeclinic.co.uk/home.html>

Then following the link to the community sponsorship page

<http://www.thebluespotkneeclinic.co.uk/sponsorship.html>

Then following the SETPOINT logo and the Bluespot Crystal Competition

The judges examined the crystals on Tuesday 3rd April 2007 at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), Preston. We thank the Dean of Science, Prof Dave Phoenix for providing technical support staff and laboratory facilities. The Judges were Mr Shameem Sampath of the Bluespot Knee Clinic, Professor Mike Holmes, Head of Physics at UCLan, Dr Gary Bond, Lecturer in Forensic Science at UCLan, and Dr Barbara Tigar from SETPOINT Lancashire. The judges were very impressed by the high standard of entries at Key Stage two, and awarded a class prize to a school whose crystals were all of very high quality and had only narrowly missed winning the top individual prize. Their prize was a Digiscope 300 digital microscope kit.

All the staff at SETPOINT Lancashire thank Mr Sampath for inviting us to run the competition on behalf of the Bluespot Knee Clinic. Mr Sampath wanted the competition to be a focus for getting young people to practice their science skills, and be enthusiastic about scientific investigation. Bluespot funded the materials for growing the crystals, as well as generous prizes and trophies listed below. Note that winning schools can display the trophy for a year, and if in future years an individual school wins a trophy three times in succession they will be able to keep it.

SETPOINT Lancashire values your feedback and comments. We would appreciate your swift return of the enclosed faxback form, so that we can evaluate the competition and improve the way we run it in future years for Bluespot and Lancashire schools.

Winners are as follows:

Key Stage 2

Winning school: Brennand's Endowed Primary School, Slaidburn

Prize: iPod Shuffle engraved with the competition and student name plus a trophy engraved with the school name

Key Stage 3

Winning School: Corpus Christi Catholic Sports College

Winning student: Alex Hopkins

Prize: iPod nano engraved with the competition and student name, plus a trophy engraved with the school name

Key Stage 4

Winning School: St. Augustine's RC High School

Winning Students: Dominic Ginger, Liam Eddleston, Joseph Arnfield

Prizes: Engraved iPod Shuffles and engraved trophy

Highly Commended

Winning School: Rivington VA Primary School

Prize: Digiscope 300 Digital Microscope kit and plus a trophy engraved with the school name

I look forward to hearing from you soon, and receiving your entry for 2008!

Dr Barbara Tigar
Manager SETPOINT Lancashire