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# Overgate Hospice's School Newsletter

We can hardly believe it's nearly the end of the school year and what a year it's been! We know it's been hard but as the summer months approach we all look forward to brighter days ahead. We wanted you to know your staff and pupils' dedication to your local Hospice has kept our doors open and our doctors and nurses caring for our patients and their families and we can't thank you enough!

**In this newsletter we will let you know what's been happening, the amazing fundraising that our local children have taken on and how you've all helped your local hospice. We'll also share with you some ways your school can get involved during the next academic year.**





We are so proud of our young fundraisers. Despite lots of young people having their routine thrown into chaos and many children having to isolate at home several times, the fundraising hasn't stopped! Here's a look at what some of the amazing young people in our community have been up to, even when they were going through a strange time, they chose to think of their local hospice. Can you spot any familiar faces?



# Thank you



**Niamh, Eva, Harlee, Alex & James**

Niamh, Eva, Harlee, Alex and James popped up to the gardens recently to donate the money they had raised from making their own stress balls and selling them to family and friends. What a wonderful idea!

Freyja Casey, a pupil at St Mary's decided to set up a stall and sell all her teddy bears to support Overgate! She raised £25 and it was great to see her when she popped into the Hospice to proudly drop off her donation.

Layla-Rose took on an amazing challenge to climb to the top of Pen-Y-Ghent. She completed the route in an impressive 4 hours 10 mins and raised an incredible £1,320.00 She took on the challenge with her Mum, Beth, Dad, Elliott and brother Liam in memory of Grandad Jim (James Balmforth), who passed away in 2017.

Children from schools all over Calderdale who are part of Warley Rangers JFC under 11s have been busy selling pre-loved football boots. They have raised a fantastic £123.50! Thank you to all the parents and children - what a fabulous idea!

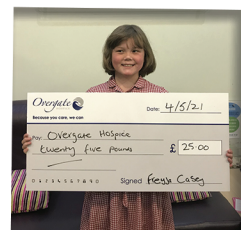
Edward Steele, a pupil at The Gleddings, held an Easter stall in his garden and raised £70. Thank you so much Edward for thinking of us.

Thanks so much to Archie Lumb, a pupil at St Chads, who raised an incredible £231 by getting rid of his lockdown locks and raising money for the Hospice. Amazing!

The children and staff at Akroydon primary school dressed in colours of the rainbow and donated £1 each to support the care our team provide. Thank you.

Staff and students at Trinity Academy are clocking up the miles for their 10,000 mile challenge. Thank you to them all for taking it on this amazing distance!

Thank you to all the children who took part in our Captain Tom Moore's 100 Challenge to honour what would've been his 100th birthday. The Captain Tom Foundation set the task to do 100 of something you love in honour of Sir Captain Tom. Among some of the great achievements we had children that did 100 keepy-ups, 100 swings at their local park and 100 jumps on a trampoline – thank you to everyone who got involved.



**Freyja**



**Edward**



**Akroydon Primary**



**Layla-Rose**



**Archie**



**Trinity Academy**



**Harold**

## Say Hi to Overgate

Did you know we can come to your school and talk to your children about Overgate and the work we do and how they can get involved and become part of our community of young fundraisers. For those younger pupils we can even bring along our mascot, Harold the Hospice Hare. We'd love to see you all and Harold loves to make new friends.



## £10 Challenge:

Do you want your pupils to use their business brains? Our You're Hired campaign lets your students plan a business project in small groups. We give them a starting kitty of £10 and ask them to use it to raise even more money to support the Hospice. It's a great venture for those business minds and allows pupils to use their creativity to come up with marketing plans while working together as a team – who will raise the most from their £10?

**YOU'RE HIRED!**



## Let's Explore:

As the days get warmer we are asking your little ones to go outside and explore nature by taking part in our Funflower Walk. It's a sponsored walk where the children aim to tick off all the wildlife on their personal activity cards provided. We'll supply your school with a pack which contains everything you need to take on this outdoor challenge.

**WOOF & WELLIES**



## Woofs & Wellies:

Do you fancy a walk with all the family including your four legged friend? Take on our Woofs and Wellies walk to Stoodley Pike. It's a 4 or 8 mile route and there are some beautiful views to take in over Calderdale. Visit our website to sign up!

## Midnight Walk:

Our Midnight Walk is back on September 18th. You can take on the 7 or 13 mile route. Visit our website to find out more.



## Save the date!

We know it seems like a long time until the festive season, but we want to make sure you don't miss out on some of our most exciting events of the year. Our incredible Reindeer Run will return in December and with over 35 schools getting involved in 2020 and raising over £70,000 we want you to be part of Calderdale's biggest primary school event. Please get in touch to talk to us about how your school can get involved and make this Christmas a truly special one for our patients.



## Christmas Jumper Day:

Our Christmas Jumper Day will return on December 10th. Dust off your best wooly jumper and donate £1 to Overgate. It's simple and fun and we'd love you to get involved!



Don't forget, you can also come up with your own ways to support the Hospice and if you have any of your own fundraising plans, please do get in touch and we can support you along the way with everything that you need.

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