



BEYOND THE HILL

An update on fundraising stories, charity initiatives and volunteering opportunities
#NHEHSparksCommunity

A MESSAGE FROM MISS O'CONNOR



Welcome to this first edition of *Beyond the Hill*, a half-termly roundup of some of the wonderful fundraising and volunteering initiatives our students get involved in.

Building a strong sense of community and developing the ambition to look beyond school life is paramount at NHEHS. This is why we encourage a fundraising commitment each half term to a charity of our students' choice.

A different year group, led by its nominated Charity Reps, put forward a selection of causes, which they then vote on. This involves research often looking at local projects or causes close to their heart. Once a majority vote is reached, the year group focuses on fundraising. Year 11 started this year's fundraising efforts by raising money for Women's Aid - this was followed by Year 10 who supported The Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust. At the beginning of last half term, Year 9 voted to support Beat and Year 8 will be supporting the Alzheimer's Society until the end of this term. I think it is important that students get actively involved in the process of selecting their charities and in this way learn a bit more about what the charities do and how their fundraising will make an impact.

Each form in the school has two Charity Reps - I meet with them each week to plan how they will fundraise. I have been so impressed with the work these students, in particular, have done. In a time when it would have been easy to give in to all the restrictions put on us for events, these students have persevered and raised great sums of money for causes important to them.

Thank you to all students, staff and parents who have taken part in these fundraising efforts so far this year - you have been amazing!

COMING UP THIS HALF TERM

After a close vote, Year 8 will be fundraising for the Alzheimer's Society this term. Here's how they voted:

The reps are busy preparing their main fundraisers. They will be selling an Easter-themed goodie bag, which can be ordered now ([click here](#)). And there's more to come: An Easter Egg Hunt as well as a teachers' masked singing competition. Keep an eye out for more info. And on Friday 26th March, they will be holding a Year 8 fair in the main hall.

Donations can be made via this JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nhehsyr8appeal>

SOUNDBITES

YEAR 8 votes to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society

Laptop Appeal raises £1857.63 for Harrow Club - enough to purchase 9 laptops

Year 9 raises a total of £915 for BEAT

FUNDRAISING TOTAL SO FAR: £7,041.99



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THE #MOVEFORBEAT CAMPAIGN

Instagram (@nehsgdst) was buzzing last term with stats and steps collected from all the walking, running and cycling everyone did as part of our #MOVEFORBEAT campaign aiming to raise awareness & funds for charity, BEAT. A total of 1415.55 miles was covered - well done to all the staff as well as parents and students (over 100 of you) involved in making this campaign such a success and spreading the important message that eating disorders are often complex and can't be ignored.



VOLUNTEERING

There are so many ways to get involved within our community and use your time in a meaningful way. Below are some current examples of initiatives that our Charity Reps are involved in:

PENPAL SCHEME

A great way to show people they are not alone. St Davids nursing home in Ealing and a scheme called Postpals are receiving letters from NHEHS.

LITTER PICKING

Community initiatives such as litter picking not only help the environment but is an active way to do something for the local community too. Check out @lagercanealing - another initiative our reps have found.

KNITTING

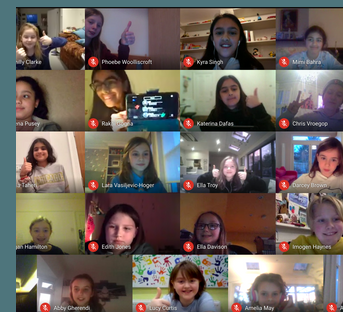
Knitforpeace.co.uk is a creative way to make warm clothes for those who need them while also exploring a hobby.

DONATIONS

Our Charity Reps have a list on interesting ways you can donate food and clothes under current guidelines.

AMONG US TOURNAMENT

The extremely popular computer game, *Among Us*, was the basis of an awesome online Tournament for Years 5, 6 and 7 organised by the Year 9 charity reps. For a donation to BEAT, participants were able to compete in the Tournament while enjoying time together.



PARENTS/TEACHER QUIZ

18 teams came together in a virtual quiz created by the Year 9 charity reps who each hosted their own round covering a full range of topics and featuring a clever spin the wheel contest in between rounds. Congrats to the teacher team Mrs Drummond and Ms Adams who won.



GET IN TOUCH:

For more information on how to get involved and to share your stories and initiatives, please contact Miss O'Connor at k.oconnorenhehs.gdst.net. I want to hear your news!