

Extra-Curricular Charity Report

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The pupils and staff proved their generosity this academic year by donating £9755.00 to various charities.

The year started with a collection to support the Northern Ireland Chest, Heart and Stroke Association. Miss McCullough was part of a group rowing the Bann to help the charity Rowing for Robbie and the school was delighted to donate £500.00 for this worthwhile cause. The Southern Area Hospice and CLAPA also benefited from collections before the half-term break.

Poppies were sold in November to raise money for The Royal British Legion and £932.00 was collected for Concern during a school sponsored silence. Food was also collected by all Form Classes to help with an appeal by Banbridge Storehouse.

Before Christmas each Form Class filled two shoeboxes with gifts and toiletries to be sent around the world to help children less fortunate than themselves. This was coordinated through the charity

Samaritan's Purse. A non – uniform day was held at the end of term with the proceeds helping a touring school from Africa. The staff wore their Christmas jumpers to work collecting £261.00 for Save the Children. The Carol Service in December provided £1200.00 for local organisation J20 Project.

The A2 PE class donated money to BPositive and NI Kidney Research and with help from the weekly charity collections £350 and £150 respectively was donated to these two charities. Children in Crossfire, Down Right Brilliant and NIPANC all received contributions before Easter. The school worked closely this year with Banbridge Rotary Club to support their Easter Hamper Raffle in aid of the Guide Dogs.

The final term saw donations for Simon Community, PIPS and Marie Curie Cancer Care. A final non-uniform day enabled us to donate £1000.00 to local charity Charlene's Project. A special well done to class 10A (Miss McConkey's Form Class) who collected the most money in the weekly collections. As usual a massive thanks to all pupils and staff who

donated so generously throughout the year, recommended charities to support and enabled so many worthwhile organisations to be helped.





Charity Trip: 10A

Natalia Bonk

Last year 9A raised the highest amount for charity in school, securing the charity shield at Prize Day and winning a day out in recognition. In October 2022, they had a splendid day out to Edengrove Presbyterian Church where David McConkey, coordinator of their Youth Ministry, set up a selection of games, including nine-square, go-karting, laser tag and then ended the day with a delicious meal.

Winners of the go-karting, Harry Davidson (1st Place), Luke Doyle (2nd Place), Adam Boggs (3rd Place), went home with the chocolate bar prize, while Harry also won a one-of-a-kind "Duck Trophy", handmade by David.

