

In school we are all aware how lucky we are to have all of the opportunities we are given and that we have lots of lovely resources to help us learn and play. Over the years, many of the children and families in our school community have been supported by charities and organisations. Because of this, we know how important it is to support those who are less fortunate or are experiencing difficulties and to live in a more sustainable way.

In the last year, we have taken part in lots of fundraising activities, supporting local, national and international charities. During the summer term we worked with Breadline Africa and took part in a sponsored walk to raise funds to help build a classroom in South Africa. Since we returned to school in September, we have taken part in Jeans for Genes Day and raised funds for Children in Need. We had fantastic fun wearing our spotty clothes and doing a costume parade in the hall. We brought in our pennies and worked together to fill as many Pudsey Bear faces as we could in the hall. We managed to fill 31 faces! In November we also had a No Pens afternoon in school, meaning we were not allowed to write or draw. This was to make us talk more and think about how we communicate, and think about how difficult it must be for people who struggle with communication and speech.

For the last few years, we have developed a tradition of Dress Down Friday at the end of each half term to support the Alwicks Foodbank. We can come in our own clothes and bring in an item for the foodbank.

In the Spring, we are going to start our Archbishop of York's Young Leaders award and look forward to becoming involved in a project which benefits the community.

