

Inspired students raise £16k for cancer charity

Kind-hearted Sacred Heart students, along with pupils from our partner schools, have raised more than £16,000 for the cancer charity Macmillan.

Students have held a number of events, including a fun day and 5k fun run to raise money for the charity, after Music teacher, Isabel Morison, was diagnosed with brain cancer.

Staff, students and the wider community have also rallied to help and wanted to say thank you to Macmillan for the support Isabel has received from the charity following her diagnosis.

Last year, students helped organise a 5k run around Crosby, which was kicked off by former LFC player and TV pundit, Jamie Carragher, and broadcaster and compare on the day, Debi Jones.

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Macmillan's Crosby fundraising committee also supported the event alongside local businesses, who were invited to run stalls on the day in exchange for a donation.

Whilst the College managed to raise almost £15,000 from that event, the ripple effect their fundraising has inspired the local community.

Their efforts prompted local opera society, Una Voce, to hold an event at the school in October, from which they donated the proceeds from their raffle.

Meanwhile, the pupils at Valewood Primary School held a sponsored 'water gun fun run' and 'smile week', which raised a further £792, as they too were inspired to show their support.

Nicole McIlveen, fundraising manager for Macmillan, said: "I loved working with Sacred Heart last year to support them in raising as much as they could for Macmillan.

"They were determined to show their



love for Isabel and did so in the most generous of ways. They did not anticipate the ripple effect they would have on their local community, who have been inspired by their amazing efforts – as have we.

"They should be proud, not only of the money they have raised, but also the impact they have had on their community."

Isabel is trying to raise money for potentially lifesaving treatment in the US. Anyone who would like to donate can do so though <http://www.gofundme.com/isabel-treatment-fund>

If you are interested in raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, contact Nicole McIlveen, Fundraising Manager for Liverpool, on 07738 455194 or email nmcilveen@macmillan.org.uk

Or if you have questions about cancer, visit www.macmillan.org.uk or

call Macmillan free on 0808 808 00 00 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm).

You can also find out about Macmillan services near you at: www.macmillan.org.uk/inyourarea

Pictured are: Front row, from left: Harrison Long, Sebastian McIlveen, James Williams (from Valewood Primary School, Crosby)

Back row, from left: Lillian Lee, Charlie Rannard (Head Boy), Nicole McIlveen (Fundraising Manager) Niamh Foy (Head Girl), Mr Walker

News in brief

There are dry ski slope practice sessions taking place in Runcorn tonight ahead of next month's annual skiing trip to Austria. There are Year 11 Mock exams taking place today.

Basketball team's title triumph was a slam dunk

Congratulations to the Year 8 basketball team who have won the Sefton Basketball Tournament at Edge Hill University, writes PE's Mr Duggan.

The boys played a range of schools throughout the competition, including Birkdale, Range, Maricourt and Holy Family.

They started off with a tightly contested draw against Birkdale High, before beating Holy Family by a huge margin.

This win encouraged the boys and their hunger and confidence grew in each game. After another win, the team met Maricourt in the final in what proved to be an extremely close game.

After some strong individual performances from Tshinciao Spath, Abilash Kugathas and Year 7 student, Arviol Dervishaj, the boys went in to the break leading by two points at half time.

The boys showed then their class in the second half and, after an inspirational team per-



formance, went on to win the game 14-10. This was a fantastic feeling. The players did themselves proud, going undefeated to win the tournament and also displayed great

sportsmanship and respect throughout. Well done lads. A special mention must also go to Mr Fitzpatrick who coached and managed the boys brilliantly on the day.

Girls march on in the cup

There is a real buzz around the girls' football teams in the College at the moment, and this is massively down to the Year 8 football team, writes PE's Mr Duggan.

This year, the girls have been entered the National Cup and have shown just how strong they are by reaching Round 4 and winning three games on the bounce. The first victory came against Range High School, where the girls showed exactly why they deserve to be



in the competition, winning 4-1 on the day. Special mention to Martha Rogers, who scored a brilliant 25 yard free kick to inspire her team-mates.

The girls then progressed to play Halewood Academy, where they dominated throughout, winning 4-0.

The 3rd Round game saw the girls travel to Upton-By-Chester High School.

In what proved to be a very close game, the girls started strongly – hitting the

post twice and having numerous shots on goal. However, we went in at half-time at 0-0.

After a change in formation, and an increase in intensity, the girls really lifted their game and went on to win 2-0, with two classy finishes from striker Evie Law. Great credit must go to this team, as they have trained twice a week at times, including early morning sessions at 8am. Well done girls.