



The Cedar School

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Dear Families

Fundraising for an Akka

Our wonderful Fundraising Committee (comprising of parent/carer and staff representatives) is the group which is behind all of our school social events/occasions ... such as the recent Bingo Night, extravaganzas and school fairs, etc. This group does amazing work on everyone's behalf and we are all extremely appreciative for the time, commitment and dedication of the committee members. The recent Bingo Night alone raised a fantastic £406.10! Huge thanks to everybody who organised or joined the team for that evening!

At the moment, the fundraising mission for the next two years is to replace our schools ancient 'Akka system'.

An Akka is a moveable platform, allowing children in manual wheelchairs to experience the effects of an electric wheelchair, giving greater mobility and independence. The platform initially follows a special navigation tape that is laid on the floor. As the user becomes more experienced with control, it allows them to progress in operating the platform using just a joystick, with no limitations.

The cost of this specialist equipment from Sweden is approximately £10,000!

One of our committee members is Vickey Kowal – mum to Oliver in Year 6 - and the Kowal family is being **extraordinarily generous** to raise money for the Akka.

Adrian Kowal (Oliver's dad) is going to run the Southampton Half Marathon on 2nd April, pushing our Oliver all of the way. The Southampton half marathon is a route all through Southampton so if anyone wants to go and cheer them on I know they would love that. It's 13.2 miles and they start at 9am! Here is a link to the route and marathon details:

<https://www.southamptonmarathon.co.uk/abp-southampton-half-marathon>

Then, on 29th and 30th April, Vickey and Oliver's godmother, Jo, are going to do the 'Walk the Wight' walk. It is a total of 106km (66 miles) over 2 days around the circumference of the Isle of Wight. This distance is the equivalent of 2.5 marathons in 2 days!

*The Cedar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and young people.
It expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to the school to share and embrace this commitment.*

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On behalf of everyone at Cedar ... **HUGE THANKS** to the amazing Kowal family and to Jo!

If you want to sponsor the family and, in so doing, help to raise money for the Akka, we have set up a JustGiving fundraising page at:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Cedar-school?utm_term=dkBz7QPYy

Any donations will be very gratefully received.

Once again ... thank you to everyone and especially to Oliver, Vickey, Adrian and Jo!

Warm best wishes,

Neil Revell

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Oliver and Vickey in action!