

Truro School is keen to encourage and foster a culture of philanthropy amongst our school community. To that end the pupils support a number of charitable events arranged by the Charity Committee. In 2018-19 they had another fantastic year, raising over £13,000. Sarah Ellis was a fantastic Chair and everyone was impressed with her energy and enthusiasm. She stepped back in the Spring Term to concentrate on her A-Levels and was replaced by Lower Sixth students, Lily H (Charity Prefect), Zoe B and Alex M. They have been ably supported by Bimini L (Charity Prefect), Daisy B-H, Matthew S, Dan H, Orla E, Jess H, Katie M and Lara W. The team covered a wide variety of jobs during the year such as researching charities, presenting in chapel, offering technical support, designing posters, marketing and writing speeches for Truro School Charity Days.

The School's main charity events continue to be the five half termly Charity Days, where students opt to wear home clothes for the day and donate £2 to the chosen charity. The Committee spend time researching each of our proposed charities before voting during break time meetings; hopefully this ensures that the chosen organisations really resonate with the school community.

The 2018-19 supported national charities have included All We Can for our Harvest Festival, Ocean Cleanup and Lumos (a charity to prevent children entering orphanages and institutions) and some fantastic local causes such as Surfers Against Sewage, Shelterbox, Cornwall Helicopter Appeal (for Cornwall Air Ambulance) and Children's Hospice South West. Also added for the year were some events for the charity days including a sponsored cycle/run for Shelterbox and a beach clean at Perranporth to support SAS.

The annual Senior and Junior Charity Concerts were exceptional, the events are student-led so auditions, planning and marketing are dealt with by the students involved. However, they couldn't possibly deliver the events without the many additional helpers from School staff, who offer up so many hours of their time over weekends and after school to make the events happen. We are so lucky to have their help along with the massive support from the music department.

The concerts were in aid of Brain Tumour Charity (£1839 raised for the Junior Charity Concert) and Children's Hospice South West (£390 raised for the Senior Charity Concert) and particular credit should go to Ben R, Jenna K and Ben J for hosting these events in such a humorous and entertaining manner. Fin W should get a special mention for his sponsored head shave during the interval – a Charity Concert first!

Each week of the Autumn and Spring Term a different tutor group takes its turn to run a charity event of their choice and this year there were some fantastic cake sales, hot chocolate sales and sponsored events. Charities supported include The Flicka Foundation, Macmillan, WWF, Children in Need, Penhaligon's Friends, the RNLI, and Cancer Research UK. The most successful event so far was from 2H's sponsored silence, raising an impressive £285 for the Children's Hospice, while 2L and 3L's 'wear one pink item' day at School raised £266 for The Pink Ribbon Foundation.

As always, huge thanks must go to all the form tutors who take the time to organise these events. We are really appreciative of the time and effort that staff, parents and pupils have contributed to the fantastic total raised and look forward to supporting worthwhile causes in 201-20.

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