

## High School assembly – voting for the school charity 2023 - 2024



Singing Children of Africa



This week saw the assembly where our pupils and staff had the opportunity to vote for the charity they would like the school to support during our fundraising events.

I was delighted to have a range of pupils across the school who wanted to put forward a charity that was personal to them.

All of the pupils and staff spoke very passionately about their charities, and it was an extremely difficult decision to decide which one to vote for.

A summary of these charities is presented below.

Charlie Murray presented Motor Neuron Disease Association, a charity which is funding vital research to find cures and more treatment options. He presented the effects of MND as well as some personal reasons for choosing this charity.



Sophie Brearly put forward Prostate Cancer UK. Sophie spoke of her personal link with the charity and how she has been supporting this charity in the past to help them raise funds for the vital research needed to find good treatments and continued support for families and patients.



Maya Stephens spoke about Cancer Research UK and related this to the impact that cancer has on so many lives and that this disease will have touched so many people. She focussed on how the money raised will go on to support more research and potential cures for cancer.



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Alice Holder presented Action Cerebral Palsy. Alice's story was touching as she spoke of her personal link with this charity and was extremely grateful of the work this charity does to support both the patients and the families.



Mrs Holmes spoke passionately about a charity that she has been supporting for a while - The Clothing Bank. A small charity but so important to so many local families, particularly with the rise of living costs. She asked our pupils to imagine scenarios where clothing choices were not an option and going cold during the winter months was a way of life.



Finally, Adina Lee, Izzy Turnbull and Sadie Gray presented a charity linked to a group of children who visited us in September, The Singing Children of Africa. When they visited the school, they performed and sang for us with enormous happiness and a carefree approach that really set a happy vibe to a dreary grey Monday morning. The money they raise goes to fund building of orphanages and other such projects in Africa.



After the votes had been counted, we had two charities that shared the most votes so the charities we will be supporting for the next academic year are, The Singing Children of Africa and Cancer Research UK.

As all of the charities presented during assembly are extremely worthy causes and the passionate delivery was so impressive, we will be allocating a week within the school year where each of the pupils or staff will be able to hold an event to raise funds specifically for their charity.

Really well done to all of you.

Dr Sara Newton