

## 'CHRISTOPHER'S SMILE' FIRST EVENT

At 8.30 am on what was a bright and frosty morning we arrived at Lightwater Village School to prepare for our first event. It appeared a daunting task ahead of us setting up all our equipment and transforming the school hall into a hairdresser's salon, a children's activity area, refreshments corner and browsing area with a raffle and craft tables. At 9.15 am our first supporters began to arrive but we were missing one of our vital hairdressers! After some concern and a few minutes later we had a complete team of five ladies and they were off on their marathon morning of haircutting! We had in excess of 65 appointments and the ladies worked so hard that we were able to accommodate an extra 10 or so "clients" who were prepared to come along and wait for an appointment. In total the haircutting raised almost £570.



their own Christmas baubles or decorate small cakes with all sorts of interesting colourful goodies.

The refreshments team was kept busy with a steady stream of people for the duration and had teas, coffees, hot chocolate or fruit squash on offer as well a huge array of cakes to buy. There was a competition to guess the weight of the large Dundee cake and this was won with a guess which

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was spot on! Alongside the refreshments stall, we had our expert pancake maker, Virginia, who was kept busy preparing the most delicious pancakes to be found on either side of the Channel! Both stands together made in excess of £160 for Christopher's Smile.

In addition there were stalls selling cushions, candles, cards, jewellery and assorted gifts which completed our collection of activities and tables to browse around. There was a cosy fun atmosphere throughout the morning and a constant stream of people from the start up until the end of the morning. After a busy time selling lots of tickets, Rob drew the raffle and people were able to check for their winning numbers. We're pleased to say that all 25 prizes have been accounted for and collected!

We were overwhelmed by the numbers of people who came along throughout the whole morning and we would like to thank everyone who showed their support to us and for what we are doing. We would also like to thank everyone who donated to our event – be it cakes, sandwiches for the hairdressers to keep them going, drinks, raffle prizes.... Lastly and most importantly we would like to thank everyone who has helped us to put this event together and for the team of people who were there for us on the day. Without them it wouldn't have been possible to run this event.



The purpose of the event was, of course to raise important funds for the paediatric drug development team at The Institute of Cancer Research and together with everyone's generosity we raised a staggering £1,840.00. Needless to say, we were thrilled and feel spurred on to do more events in the New Year so please keep an eye on the website for details of a wine tasting evening in the spring, a summer dinner dance, some outdoor challenges for the more sporty amongst you, and more in the pipeline!

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