

RAVENSCLIFFE

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SPRINGHALL

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## **b&m** BARGAIN AS SUPERSTORE GRANTS £20,000

The Ravenscliffe@SpringHall campaign received a timely boost in November 2016 when national variety retailer B&M granted an astonishing £20,000.

We were first contacted by Danielle Bottomley who works at the Elland store, before the summer holidays. Danielle indicated that colleagues wished to nominate us for an award, however we had no idea that it would amount to £20,000!

Danielle said "B&M are delighted to be contributing towards Ravenscliffe@SpringHall. The School touches the lives of many of our customers and indeed our colleagues within Calderdale and it is our pleasure to give something back to the local community. The decision to donate was an easy one. The passion, drive and determination to create something so wonderful that will shape our community simply has to be supported. It is with great pleasure that we can be just a small part of the development"

Want to support us now and into the future? Here's how...

Charities across the UK raise £000s each month as their supporters donate by Standing Order. Our charitable arm, The Friends of Ravenscliffe, are no different and this year for the first time are accepting donations made via standing order. Each and every penny you donate is used to improve the lives of young people with learning and physical disabilities. If this is something you may be interested in, payments can be made directly to the Friends Bank Account, the details of which are:

Sort Code: 40-23-05  
Account Number: 01621424

For more information, please contact Austin Crowther, Treasurer, at [lauriers87320@googlemail.com](mailto:lauriers87320@googlemail.com).

### Tender Update

Calderdale Council have indicated that the project will go to Tender before January 2nd; some great news to start 2017!

## MAYBE **SMARTIES** DO HAVE THE ANSWER!

Our fundraising campaign in the lead up to Christmas is the Smarties Challenge. All students have been given a tube of Smarties, with the aim first that they enjoy them! We're then encouraging them to fill the tubes with coins and spare change that they have at home. We're not fussy; £1 or 1p (and anything in between!). Every penny really does count.

When the tubes are full, we hope they will be brought back into School and deposited into our giant Smarties Challenge Tube! It's hopefully a way of demonstrating how lots of people can make small donations that when added up, total a significant amount of money! We've already raised £160; with 5 weeks left can our families and friends come together are raise £1000?

We are delighted that our partners at LBG and Covea are taking the Smarties Challenge too. If you would like to take part, we have some tubes of Smarties available in School or perhaps just pop to your local shop and get started! If you need anymore information, please contact Julie Smith by email to [julie.smith@ravenscliffe.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:julie.smith@ravenscliffe.calderdale.sch.uk).



# IT'S BEEN A BUSY FEW WEEKS

**Since our last update, £000s have been pledged towards our Project!**

## £17,500 towards our Library

We have been lucky enough to receive grants from two charities towards the cost of our Community Library and Resource Centre totalling a whopping £17,500. The first was a grant of £7500 from the Foyle Foundation, which was closely followed by a £10,000 donation from the ACT Foundation. We are truly grateful for the support of these charities, and indeed those who have already contributed in excess of £400,000.



LBG Colleague David Dodd leapt from the skies in August 2016

## Chantelle and David vs Gravity

In our last newsletter we mentioned that Chantelle Regan and David Dodd, who are both employees at Lloyds Banking Group, were getting ready to wing walk and skydive respectively to raise money for Spring Hall.

We are delighted to report that they have both successfully completed their death-defying challenges, are back on solid ground, and have lived to tell the tale.

Chantelle's wing walk raised over £2400, adding to the £000s she raised in her own skydive last year. David Dodd leapt from the skies on 29th August in his first ever skydive, raising over £1200 towards our new centre. David is just one of many colleagues at LBG who have shown their support for Ravenscliffe, and we quite literally wouldn't be where we are today without them. Collectively, Halifax and LBG staff have contributed in excess of £70,000 since we launched our campaign!

## £5,000 from the Halifax

On 21st October, we welcomed Paul Speight and Ray Milne into School. Ray is a Divisional Risk Director for LBG, and Paul is Head of Business Development and Strategy for the Halifax Community Bank. They brought with them a cheque for £5000, granted by the Halifax Community Sponsorship Committee towards the Halifax IT Suite at our new centre. The donation has the full support of Russell Galley, who is Managing Director of the Halifax.

This incredible donation only adds to the commitment that colleagues at LBG and the Halifax have shown since we started our campaign. We are truly humbled by theirs and their teams generosity, and look forward to further developing the relationship between the organisations as we move into an exciting future!



Paul, Ray and Chantelle present cheques to Madison and Darwin

## NFU Mutual Ball raises £1000

In September we were lucky enough to be one of the charities to benefit from the NFU Mutual Charity ball. Along with our friends at the Calder Valley Search and Rescue Team, we received £1000 raised on the night. Helen, Natasha and Emily from NFU came into assembly to present the donation, and they even showed us some photos from the night!

## Penny's Three Peaks Challenge

Penny Windsor-Hey, KS3 Teaching Assistant, raised an astonishing £2206 as she took on the Yorkshire Three Peaks. The challenge takes in Pen-y-Ghent, Whernside and Ingleborough; the three tallest mountains in the Yorkshire Dales. What's more, she climbed them all in a day and walked almost 30 miles in the process. Well done Penny!

## £500 from Brewin Dolphin

In September we were delighted to receive a cheque for £500 from the Brewin Dolphin Foundation. Special thanks to Paul Whitehead who championed our cause before their committee.

## Cheers! The Rastrick Beer Festival

In November, patrons of the 6th Annual Rastrick Beer Festival raised a whopping £800 towards our new centre. Particular thanks must go to the organising committee for choosing us as this year's nominated charity!

## Local quiz raises £500

Huge thanks again to our friends at the Standard of Freedom, Skircoat Green for raising another £500 through their Wednesday night pub quiz. Mick, Kath and their customers have raised £000s for local charities in recent years and we are thrilled to have benefitted from some of that generosity!



The organisers of the 6th Annual Rastrick Beer Festival helped to raise £800