



Dear Friend,

Welcome to the first edition of the Hearts of Oak Newsletter.

Since our inception three years ago, the Hearts of Oak Foundation has raised almost £150,000 for projects intended to further enrich the educational opportunities offered to the young people of Oak Lodge School.

This newsletter is intended to inform and update our stakeholders about our efforts to raise funds for the school and the progress of the projects we have funded. Our stakeholders include all of you who have generously donated to the charity, both financially or through volunteering, and those who have been beneficiaries: primarily the parents and pupils of Oak Lodge school.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and for your continued interest in our charity.

Sincerely,

Stephen Ferguson
on behalf of the **Hearts of Oak Foundation**

WHO ARE WE?

Just in case you've forgotten: **Hearts of Oak** is a registered charity formed by parents, governors and teachers of **Oak Lodge School**, East Finchley, London; a school that caters for pupils aged 11-19 years who have learning disabilities.

Our aim is to advance the education of pupils attending **Oak Lodge School** through the provision of facilities not provided by statutory authorities. Projects we have funded include everything from day-trips, to new equipment, to building projects at the school.

Hearts of Oak is run by a unpaid team of volunteers, we aim to keep operating expenses to a minimum and ensure that **almost all donated money goes directly to helping pupils of the school.**

For more information please check out our website: www.hearts-of-oak.org
or follow us at twitter.com/hearts_of_oak

LATEST NEWS

Hearts of Oak Raises over £150,000

Just as we were getting ready to announce that Hearts of Oak has cracked the £100,000 ceiling, news reaches me our total lifetime donations now exceed £150,000. Many thanks to all of you that have kindly donated time or money towards helping us to raise this incredible amount.

Quiz Night!

On the Thursday October 15 we will be holding our annual quiz night which provides parents and friends of the school with an opportunity to prove just how clever they are in comparison with the staff.

The quiz is open to everyone from parents and carers, to local residents and pub quiz regulars. Win or lose, the quiz provides a perfect opportunity to meet the school community while having a giggle.

Tickets are available at £10 per person from the school office. All proceeds go to Hearts of Oak. Please invite your friends and neighbours. Bring a bottle of two to help lubricate the workings of your mind.



T-Shirts for the Choir!

Hearts of Oak paid for funky purple and gold T-Shirts to be printed for the school choir.

Luckily the singing was every bit as spectacular as the t-shirts.

As you can see from the photograph, there were plenty of "Jazz Hands" on display too!

Tour De Oak Lodge

Who needs the Tour de France? Oak Lodge School will soon have its own peleton as Hearts of Oak agrees to buy 3 Tricycles, 2 bicycles, 2 scooters and 4 helmets for the school.

Our long term plan is to fund the construction of a cycle path inside schools, that will allow pupils to learn how to ride on a safe but challenging route.



and more...

We are currently raising money to equip the new "Six Form Chalet" which will provide cooking facilities and a shop, in which older pupils can gain work experience in the safety of the school environment. More information in the next newsletter.