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MedEquip4KIDS

SUMMER 2024

## ***New Acheeva beds help students excel at Ashgate Specialist Support School***



Children at Ashgate Specialist Support Primary School have been benefitting from the 2 new Acheeva beds thanks to MedEquip4Kids. It has made it so that children with complex needs like Jordan Joseph can continue to attend school comfortably for as long as possible. One of the members of staff at the school said, "The children can lie down when they need to and be positioned comfortably throughout the day. The best thing about the Acheeva bed is it is not like a hospital bed but is child-friendly and accessible and therefore enables the students to be in class alongside their friends. You have made such a difference." MedEquip4Kids have provided a number of Acheeva beds to other schools across the North West and, seeing the difference that they have made, hope to provide many more schools with them.

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# We did it!

## Safespace cot for special needs children

A brand new Safespace Cot has been delivered to Zoe's Place Baby Hospice in Liverpool. This cot has allowed 18 children with both life-limiting and life-threatening conditions such as epilepsy, cerebral palsy and spinal muscular atrophy to stay overnight at the hospice. Michelle Wright at Zoe's Place said "If we didn't have this Safespace cot, we would have to refuse respite to some children, which would impact on family's wellbeing and the children's health and life experience. We would like to thank MedEquip4Kids and their donors for providing us with such a valuable piece of equipment, all of us at the hospice are sincerely appreciative."



## 3D Distraction Equipment at Stepping Hill



Brand new 3D distraction equipment is in place at Stepping Hill providing distraction and relief from pain for children undergoing painful procedures. They can now interact with a new range of 3D games and videos to help keep their minds relaxed and occupied when undergoing procedures such as blood sampling and cannulation.

## Refurbished waiting area for Greenbank clinic

Greenbank clinic now has a variety of new and different equipment to cater to sensory needs and make the space more welcoming for the children coming into the clinic. This has benefitted 750 people already including children and their families and will continue to do so for years to come. One of the clinic nurses said "We now have a child friendly environment that we can welcome our children and families to. This makes appointments a lot less daunting, and a lot more fun! Children are able to engage in sensory activities during appointments with parents which helps them stay more regulated. We now enjoy inviting families into our clinic rooms and are so grateful for the support".



# We need your help!

## Help 'magic medic' Louby Lou return to Royal Bolton

For many years we have funded "magic medic" Louby-Lou to entertain kids in hospital by performing magic tricks and singing songs. We are once again fundraising for another 12 visits to the children's unit at Royal Bolton Hospital. The senior play specialist at Bolton says: "We consider her a huge benefit to the children during a potentially difficult and stressful admission. Louby-Lou allows for normality, socialising and in turn brings joy and respite from hospital treatments and procedures."

## CAMHS

For the past nine years we've been providing packages of resources for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) across the UK to help the services enhance their care for the one in six children and young people in the UK with a diagnosable mental health condition such as anxiety, depression or an eating disorder. Your donation means that teams will be able to use new equipment to be creative in delivering their therapy and supporting young people.



## New sensory tool for Acorns Primary School

Acorns Primary School caters for pupils from 2-11 years old with a variety of learning difficulties and other complex needs. We are funding a Musical Waterbed with built in sound system which will offer the children new and exciting learning opportunities. This will make a huge difference to children's learning and abilities and therefore help them reach their educational potential.



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# Fundraising News

## Annual Duck Race Raises £5374.96 for North West hospitals



The grand total raised from this years annual Duck race was £5374.96. We couldn't have done this without the support of all those who attended. A special thank you to our corporate sponsors Medispace B.V., Skilled Personnel Consulting, The Doctors Laboratory, Hall Brown Family Law, Five Wealth Ltd, Kids Planet Day Nurseries, Soapworks, Quartzelec Limited, and NHS Blood & Transplant for their continued support. This years best dress duck was by The Doctors Laboratory with 'Sully duck' from Monsters Inc and the winner of the race was were Five Wealth Ltd with their 'Minion duck' entry. Thank you to everyone who attended who made the day as fantastic as it was despite the weather.

**Thank you!** We'd like to say a special thank you to Slattery Patisserie & Chocolatier who raised £1557 with an Easter Raffle. A big thank you to John Slattery for all his support.



## David Nesbitt completes the Tour de Manc

Our corporate partners Core Talent have shown their support with David Nesbitt conquering the Tour de Manc for MedEquip4Kids. David completed the ride in 5h 46m, pedalling over 122km and raising over £300.



## Diary Dates:

2024 Corporate Golf Day - 13th September

2024 Shimmer Ball - 2nd November

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