



NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION CHARITY FUND

I am writing to update you on recent developments from the Federation Charity Fund and to let you know of some things you can do to help raise funds without costing YOU any money or extra time!

What have we been doing?

We have spent the last few months exploring, identifying and approaching well over 200 charities, organisations and companies for funding. Each one has a different criteria and may require information being presented in a particular way so this has been a time consuming and somewhat complex process with individually prepared bids – not just a mailshot!

Some have responded very quickly with small donations whilst others have a complex (and sometimes slow) process. A few have said “no” (politely!) or have told us that they have allocated their funding already and have invited us to apply again at the appropriate time. The vast majority of our applications are still being actively considered so we are very positive at this time.

We have received donations so far from Parents, Blakemore Foundation, Marks & Spencer, Waitrose, Next, and the MCC (*see below*)

As you may be aware our first Federation project is to improve four play spaces at QEII School. We are fundraising space by space but it would be really good if we found one sponsor for all four!

We have also supported applications for new Minibuses at College Park and QEII Schools.

Look at a recent item about the Charity Fund at on line newspaper KCW Today

<http://www.kcwtoday.co.uk/2019/03/new-local-charity-supporting-children-young-people-complex-educational-needs-disabilities/>

What can YOU do to help (at no cost to you!!).

Amazon

We have registered the Charity Fund with Amazon and their SmileAmazon charity organisation. This gives the Charity Fund 0.5% of the net purchase price (i.e excluding VAT and any postage).

How to sign up

- 1) If you are a regular Amazon customer at present you will frequently see a “pop up” alerting you to the SmileAmazon option.
- 2) “Accept” this and it will ask you to choose a charity (you only need to do this once – it remembers) you will find **Federation of Westminster Special Schools Charity Fund** in the drop down listing and select this
- 3) If you do not get the “pop up” just google SmileAmazon.co.uk and it will take you into your account with the charity options above. It will remain and as long as you log in as SmileAmazon.co.uk. There will be a link on the charity Facebook page (see below).

Give As You Live

We have registered the Charity Fund with www.giveasyoulive.com. This organisation maintains a listing of over 4000 shops etc which give varying amounts of money (either fixed amounts or % of purchase cost) to the Charity Fund for goods bought **on line only** via their site.

If, for example, you have supermarket goods delivered, these would be eligible if the particular supermarket participates (Asda, Iceland, Morrisons, Tesco and Waitrose appear to). Can also be used for Pizza deliveries too!

Generally larger amounts are donated by some of the more specialist shops but it is worth browsing the website. Some of the offers are ongoing but some are only “one offs”. For the Charity Fund to benefit you need to go on to the Give As You Live website and search for the logo for company you wish to buy from. The site has a store name search facility. This will then take you to that company’s website.

Both the above will only raise small amounts for the Charity Fund each time they are used but if you spread the word to other family members and friends these sites will keep giving more.

DONATIONS

MCC (Lords) Cricket Tickets – read on....

Courtesy of the Marylebone Cricket Club, we have some vouchers for tickets for matches this summer, and for the Lord's Tour.

We have 4 tickets for a **Middlesex Match Day at Lord's during the 2019 season. These can be for one day of a 4 day County match, a Twenty20 Cup match day, the Touring Team match or a 50-over match day (excluding the Final).**

We also have 4 tickets for the Tour of Lord's (Not available on match days and excluding May-September 2019).

All these tickets are subject to availability, and it is recommended to book the tour 28 days in advance. The face value of tickets for each match varies but is in the region of £20 to £25 for adults. Details of how to claim the tickets is given on the vouchers.

We plan to auction these tickets to raise funds BUT would like to offer them to the readers of this newsletter. If you are interested in any of these tickets please e-mail; charity@qe2cp.westminster.sch.uk with your offer.

Keep up to date

Visit the Federation Website - Charity Fund Page at

www.qe2cp.westminster.sch.uk

Visit our Facebook page

[Federation of Westminster Special Schools Charity Fund](#)

If this update has inspired you to donate please do not be shy – here is how you do it -

Donations can be made in two ways

By bank transfer to sort code 40 52 40 Account number 00032025. (Please put in a reference to identify your donation)

By cheque made payable to FWSS Charity Fund and sent to the address below

Federation of Westminster Special Schools Charity Fund

C/o College Park School, Garway Road, London, W2 4PH

Email: charity@qe2cp.westminster.sch.uk

Charity No. 1173810