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Dear Parents/ carers



Legendary Sheffield Fundraiser John 'the man with the pram' Burkhill is back and he needs our help

John, 83, has been fundraising for Macmillan for almost 15 years after having lost his wife to cancer in 1992 and is regularly seen pounding the streets of Sheffield and marathons across the country sporting his trademark green wig and pushing his famous pram no matter the weather. Students in the Secondary Academy learnt about John last week as part of their assemblies.

The COVID-19 pandemic had a devastating impact on fundraising for Macmillan, with John unable to walk the steel city streets and raise much-needed funds due to restrictions. But now, he is back and is as determined as ever to reach the magic £1million for Macmillan.

John's fundraising for Macmillan currently stands at £865,626. Macmillan Cancer Support is working in partnership with the Sheffield Star to help John with his ambition of raising £1 million for people living with cancer. He cannot do this alone and the help of Sheffield's schools will help him to achieve his goal.

On **Wednesday 28th September** we are inviting students, staff, and parents to join in with our Macmillan Coffee morning. Please bake and donate what you can to our efforts. Parents can support by baking cakes and coming together at our weekly coffee morning 9-11am at The Library café. Secondary students will have their own coffee morning at morning break time. Please bring any buns, cakes, and biscuits to main reception on the morning of the 28th. Students will need to bring some loose change and can buy cakes for a donation. Primary students and families will be able to buy cakes at the end of the Academy day.

We will be looking to celebrate the "best bakes" and award Star Baker prizes.

How our donation can make a difference:

£237 can fund a Macmillan Nurse for a day
£1,135 could fund a Macmillan Nurse for 1 week
£5,014 could fund a Macmillan Nurse for 1 month
£10,028 could fund a Macmillan Nurse for 2 months

Thank you for your kindness and baking skills.

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