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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Ukraine Refugees

After our PSHE sessions with the children last week, talking about the current situation in Ukraine, many of them were very keen to do something to help the refugees. Children in each class had many wonderful ideas of ways in which we can raise money and support the families fleeing their country for safety and taking up refuge elsewhere.

The obvious thing that all year groups suggested was to have a blue and yellow day in school, as those are the colours of the Ukrainian flag. We have organised this to happen this coming **Friday 11th March**. Children may come to school wearing clothes that are blue and yellow and a donation bucket will be at the gate first thing in the morning and also at the end of the day.

On Friday we will also be having an 'Endurance Circuit Challenge' in the school pitch. Each year group will have an opportunity to access the circuit over the day. They will be given 20 minutes to complete as many rounds of the circuit they can in that time. We are asking the children to gain sponsors from friends and family members to encourage them to push themselves to complete as many rounds as possible. The circuit will include skills such as balancing, jumping, skipping and dribbling.

All monies raised will be collated together with the collections taken each day at the gate. The key charities we have identified that we would like to support as a school are The British Red Cross and Voices of Children.

<https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal>

<https://voices.org.ua/en/>

Later this week, the house captains will also be making and selling Peace Ribbons, in the school playground. They will be made from the colours of the Ukraine flag and worn to show solidarity with the Ukrainian people. Look out for these on the playground.

Next week, we are looking to organise 'Food Stalls' for each year group, where food can be brought in from home to be sold and can be made in class to be sold too. I will write to you at the beginning of next week with more information about that.

We are incredibly proud of the maturity and sensitivity shown by the children during these discussions.

Best wishes,

Lindsey Hodgson
Head of School

