

JOSEPH CLARKE SCHOOL TRUST

Registered Charity No.1000964

Patron: Princess Michael of Kent

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1 APRIL 2023 – 31 MARCH 2024

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

PURPOSE:- The Joseph Clarke School Trust is a Registered Charity founded in September 1990. It has a remit to support the pupils, parents, and staff of Joseph Clarke School for the Visually Impaired in Highams Park, London E4 9PP. We seek to fund benefits that enrich the education and life experience of children attending – outside those normally supplied by the Education Authority. In April 2014 the School became a member of the Whitefield Academy Trust, now renamed the Flourish Learning Trust.

TRUSTEES:- Frank Smith – Chair, Isobel Bidder – Treasurer, Michael Lewis - Secretary, William Bidder, John Chipperfield, Roy Hooper, Janet Lewis, Patricia Theron.

All Trustees are volunteers, and as such do not receive payment for their services.

REGISTERED ADDRESS:- 63, Endlebury Road, London E4 6QB.

REGISTRATION NUMBER:- 1000964.

EMPLOYEES:- There are no employees.

It is the view of the Trustees that this Financial Year has been successful. We also believe that activities were wholly in line with the charitable purposes laid down by the Charities Act 2011.

MEETINGS:- Management meetings were held on 10 May 2023, 28 June 2023, 1 November 2023, 17 January 2024 and 8 March 2024 with a mix of face-to-face and remote attendance.

ACTIVITIES - FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

Highlights of 2023/24 activities include :-

- **MRS D.L. Ling - Legacy** - In June 2022 the Trust gained significantly from a Probate Legacy. This came from the Estate Account of Mrs Doreen Louise Ling, with an initial payment totalling £50k. The second and final payment of £42,685.43 was received in April 2023. Such generosity from a long standing and valued supporter has greatly enhanced the range of activities and resources the Trust can fund for the children of Joseph Clarke School.
- **Charity Golf Day 2023** – This was the Trust’s only fundraising event. Golfers enjoyed a day of golf at the Theydon Bois Golf Club followed by a dinner with their friends and families. The main sponsor was Borno Pharmacy. Twelve other local companies sponsored holes and two more made significant donations. There was a raffle with generous prize donations from individuals and local businesses. The event made a profit of just under £3,680.
- **Co-op Local Community Fund** – The Trust was successful in its bid to the Co-op Local Community Fund and received £3,754.98 for IT equipment. £2,400 of the grant was used to purchase a Connect 12 Magnifier – a high performance potable table-top digital magnifier to

support pupils with low vision. The balance will be used to purchase a 3D printer to make objects of reference for pupils with severe learning and sensory needs, and a swell form machine to make tactile representations of 2D diagrams.

- **Residential Education** – Two short term residential education visits were supported. These visits provide important opportunities for pupils to gain new life experiences and learn to be away from their families, many for the first time.

In partnership with the Arundel Cricket Foundation, eight pupils enjoyed cricket coaching and outdoor recreation at the famous Arundel cricket ground. As well as the cricket they enjoyed fire-lighting, den building, walking around the grounds and the tulip festival, and climbing to the top of the castle. The Trust contributed £700 to the Cricket Foundation costs and £300 for sundries on the trip.

The trip leader said:

'DLR class took part in a residential trip to the Arundel Cricket Foundation this year. This was the first time away from home for most of the children and they surpassed all our expectations. They demonstrated their independent living skills that they have been practising during the year and as usual were polite, enthusiastic and kind to each other throughout the 3 days. We saw a huge improvement in their cricket skills, and they really enjoyed having the space to run and to hit the ball as far as they could! The trip to the castle was really interesting and they all managed the very steep spiral staircase. Every day was packed full of activities, and everyone returned to school happy but pleasantly tired.'





- Eight pupils went to the Kingswood Activity Centre in Kent. Here they had chance to try archery, climbing, zip wire and assault courses. This was made possible by a grant from the Trust of £2708 for Kingswood and coach transport. A deposit was made for a similar trip next year.
- **School Enrichment Activities –**
In May the Reptile Ranch visited the school. All children had the chance to touch and handle various reptiles, including snakes, tortoises, chameleon, bearded dragons and geckos. It is so important for children with vision impairment to have such experiences.

In October the children were had a wild science animal visit. They could interact and handle a broad range of fluffy and exotic animals.





In the spring a tank with fertilised chicks' eggs was delivered to the school. The children had the chance to learn and observe the development of the eggs into chicks and to care for and interact with them.

In March, to celebrate World Book Day a storyteller visited over three days to hold interactive storytelling sessions with every class.

JOSEPH CLARKE SCHOOL TRUST – ACCOUNT SUMMARY
Financial Year 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ - p		£ - p
Golf 2023	3,679.70	Arundel Residential Trip	1,000.00
Donations	435.00	Kingswood Residential Trip	2,708.25
Easy Fundraising	91.65	Connect 12 Magnifier	2,420.00
Co-op Community Fund	3,754.98	Just Giving Fees	90.00
Total Receipts	50,646.76	Total Payments	13,617.25

Note 1 - All funds received in 2023/24 Financial Year were Unrestricted except for the Co-op Community Fund Grant which is for IT equipment.

Note 2 - Cash balance carried forward at 31 March 2024 is Unrestricted except for the balance £1334.98 of the Co-op Community Fund Grant which is for IT equipment.

Note 3 – Currently £11,753.99 of 31 March 2024 balance is pre-planned expenditure for FY 2024/25.

Going forward the Trust will continue to sustain the school’s objective of providing pupils with the latest & most effective study facilities, as well as developing life skills.

STATEMENT of ASSETS & LIABILITIES	
2023/24 NET RECEIPTS	£37,029.51
CASH BALANCE C/F FROM 2022/23	£59,357.71
CASH BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2024	£96,387.22

Account Summary by I. J. Bidder – Trustee & Treasurer



THE JOSEPH CLARKE SCHOOL TRUST

Raising money & hope for blind & partially sighted children

Independent Examiner's Statement

For the attention of the Trustees

I have examined the accounts for The Joseph Clarke School Trust for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 and have found them to be correct in all respects.

Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B Hearn". The signature is written in a cursive style.

31 May 2024

Mrs B Hearn

Independent Examiner

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