

A Lesson in **FUN** draising



Whatever the size of your school or the level of commitment you can give, we can work together to make a positive difference to ensure the best quality of care is provided to all those who visit the hospitals. Supporting the York Teaching Hospital Charity (YTHC) can deliver so many benefits to your school such as motivating your pupils and teachers, increasing morale, supporting a local cause that really benefits everyone associated with the school or just having more fun!



The York Teaching Hospital Charity – mission statement

“The YTHC supports the work of the York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust to improve the patient and staff services and facilities provided by York Hospitals. The charity plays a vital role in raising funds for the Trust to help to ensure the best quality of care is provided by funding aspects such as:

- Life-saving and up to date equipment
- Patient and carer support
- Additional staff and staff training and development
- Research and development
- Improving and enhancing the hospital environment

Every penny we raise is put back into our services for the benefit of our patients.”



Working together with the York Teaching Hospital Charity

There are lots of exciting ways your school and the charity can work together

Charity of the Year (COTY)

Choose to support the YTHC by choosing us as your school's Charity of the Year. Support a local cause that really benefits your teachers, pupils and their families. Gain positive PR opportunities, increase morale and encourage teacher / pupil team building. The charity can provide you with excellent support, materials and lots of fundraising tips and ideas throughout the year.

Events

Organising an event on behalf of the YTHC is a great way to involve your staff, pupils and their families in your fundraising activities. We can tailor an events programme for your school that includes events inside and outside the classroom. These can include a dress down day or a sponsored event such as a netball or football match.



Appeals or donations

The charity has a rolling appeals programme within the community and we have recently raised over £48,000 to replace 36 cots in our Maternity Unit. By supporting our appeals, your school can actually raise money for a tangible asset within the hospital itself and we can also provide a plaque to be displayed in recognition of your support.

You could also choose to make a donation to the charity. This could be restricted for a specific ward or department or for the general charitable fund so we can support the areas which need it the most. You can donate by post, telephone or online by visiting

www.justgiving.com/yorkteachinghospital



Charity Resources

The charity can provide your school with resources to assist you with your fundraising. The charity can provide collection tins, buckets, balloons, t-shirts, posters and leaflets. Your school will also have assistance from the charity's Fundraising Manager to provide any help and support you may need such as gaining press coverage and tailoring an events programme.



Benefits to the School

The school can benefit in a number of ways by partnering with the YTHC. We can provide your pupils with Career Resource packs regarding working within the NHS and tailor these packs depending on specific interests. The Fundraising Manager will be happy to give a school Assembly about the charity or attend classroom sessions to talk in more detail about fundraising. If your school is organising a Careers Fair, the YTHC would be happy to organise a representative to attend. We can also organise 'Speed Dating' career sessions within the hospital to give your pupils tasters about the various professions available within the NHS.



School fundraising ideas to keep you busy throughout the year.....

We have lots of ways your school can get involved with fundraising to support the YTHC which we have listed below:

All year round fundraising ideas!

- **Change is always a good thing!** - Save those pennies at school or at home. Every bit of change counts and it's amazing how quickly it all adds up. Put a jar in your school / home and watch it fill up.
- **Themed party** - Whether it's a Valentines ball or a fancy dress party, organise a themed party for all your pupils and teachers.
Dress down day - Strip off those school uniforms and make a donation to the YTHC!
- **Come dine with me** - Organise a 'Come dine with me' lunch with pupils and teachers both cooking and competing!
- **Not today thanks!** - Give something up for the day – chocolate; speaking, nail-biting....the list is endless!
- **Tombola / raffle** - Tombolas and raffles are always great ways to raise money for charity. Source prizes and organise the raffle / tombola at school.
- **Lunch Quiz** – Quiz's are always lots of fun! Organise a room, write questions / famous quotes / play lines from songs and find lots of teams to donate to take part.
- **Sponsored....** Football match, swim, walk and many more! Set yourself a challenge and ask friends, family and teachers to sponsor you.
- **Collections** - Organise a street collection, supermarket collection or bag packing day for the YTHC
- **Treasure Hunt** – Organise a treasure hunt around the school. Write and hide clues for teams to find. The winning team receives a prize.





- **Turn your classroom Blue**

- Turn your classroom into the best blue decorated classroom in the school!

- **Swap Shop** – Find all those things you never wear / use anymore and organise a Swap Shop in your school. Ask everyone for a donation to take part / swap an item.

- **Photographs Galore!** – A photo can say a thousand words... Organise a photography

- competition or hold a caption competition (choose a funny photo and entrants pay per caption with the winner receiving a prize).

- **School summer fete** - Set up a fundraising stall at your annual summer fete. Sell cakes, books and much more!
- **Who's that baby?!** – Ask pupils / teachers to bring along their baby pictures and match them to the right person! It's simple, it's fun and everyone can make a donation to have a guess!
- **Guess the....**weight / name / how many sweets in a jar.
- **Bad taste day!** – Come up with the worst outfit in the school....bad ties, shirts, hats.....the list is endless!
- **A day of the Jukebox** – Choose a day / afternoon where pupils / teachers can pay to hear their favourite song.
- **Coffee morning** – Organise tea, coffee and cakes (and maybe even a tombola) in exchange for donations. Ask pupils to bake the cakes in their cooking class and invite parents along.

- **No technology for the day** – Issue penalty fines for anyone caught emailing or texting!



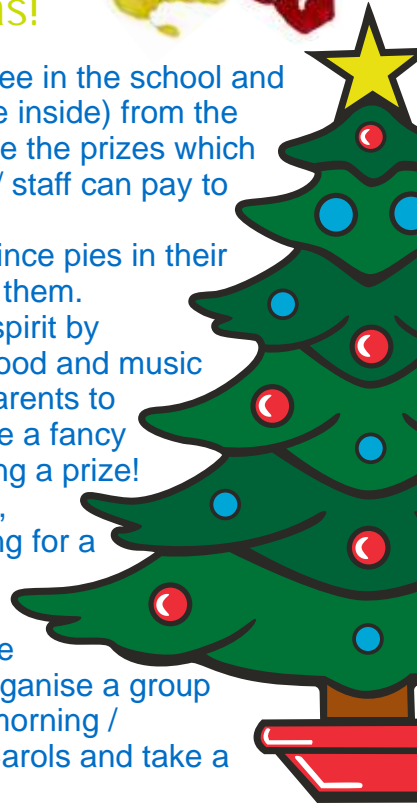
Easter fundraising ideas!

- **Easter egg raffle** – Ask a local shop to donate a big Easter egg (and / or some smaller ones) to raffle off. Sell tickets for £1 and raffle the eggs the week before Easter.
- **Mini eggs** – Guess how many mini eggs there are in a jar. Pupils / teachers can pay to have a guess and the winner receives the jar full of mini eggs.
- **Easter egg hunt** – Hide Easter eggs in the school or grounds and organise clues for pupils and teachers to try and find them. Ask for donations to take part with the winners winning an egg for Easter!
- **Egg painting competition** – Hard boil some eggs and ask pupils to take part in decorating one. Ask for a donation to take part and the person with the winning egg receives a prize!



Christmas fundraising ideas!

- **Tree of promise** – Put up a Christmas tree in the school and hang envelopes (which may show a prize inside) from the branches. Ask local businesses to provide the prizes which could be a toy, a voucher etc and pupils / staff can pay to choose an envelope from the tree.
- **Mince pie party!** – Ask pupils to bake mince pies in their cooking class and organise a stall to sell them.
- **Christmas party!** – Get into the festive spirit by organising a Christmas party. Organise food and music and sell tickets to pupils, teachers and parents to attend. Add an element of fun and include a fancy dress option with the best dressed winning a prize!
- **Christmas raffle / tombola** – Ask pupils, teachers and parents to donate something for a prize and sell tickets.
- **Christmas Carols** – Organise a Carol Concert at school and sell tickets to those who would like to attend. Alternatively, organise a group of singers at school who could spend a morning / afternoon going into each class to sing Carols and take a collection tin round with them as they go!



- **Donate cash instead of cards!** – Make a donation to the charity instead of sending Christmas cards to your friends.
- **Unwanted gifts party** – After the Christmas holidays, ask pupils and teachers to bring along an unwanted gift to swap. Ask for a donation to take part.
- **Christmas nativity** – Ask everyone who attends to put a donation in a collection bucket at the door.

To assist you in your fundraising efforts, we can supply collection tins, collection buckets, balloons, sponsorship forms and letters of authority. For more information please contact the Fundraising Team on 01904 721737, email charity.fundraising@york.nhs.uk or visit www.york.nhs.uk/fundraising

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