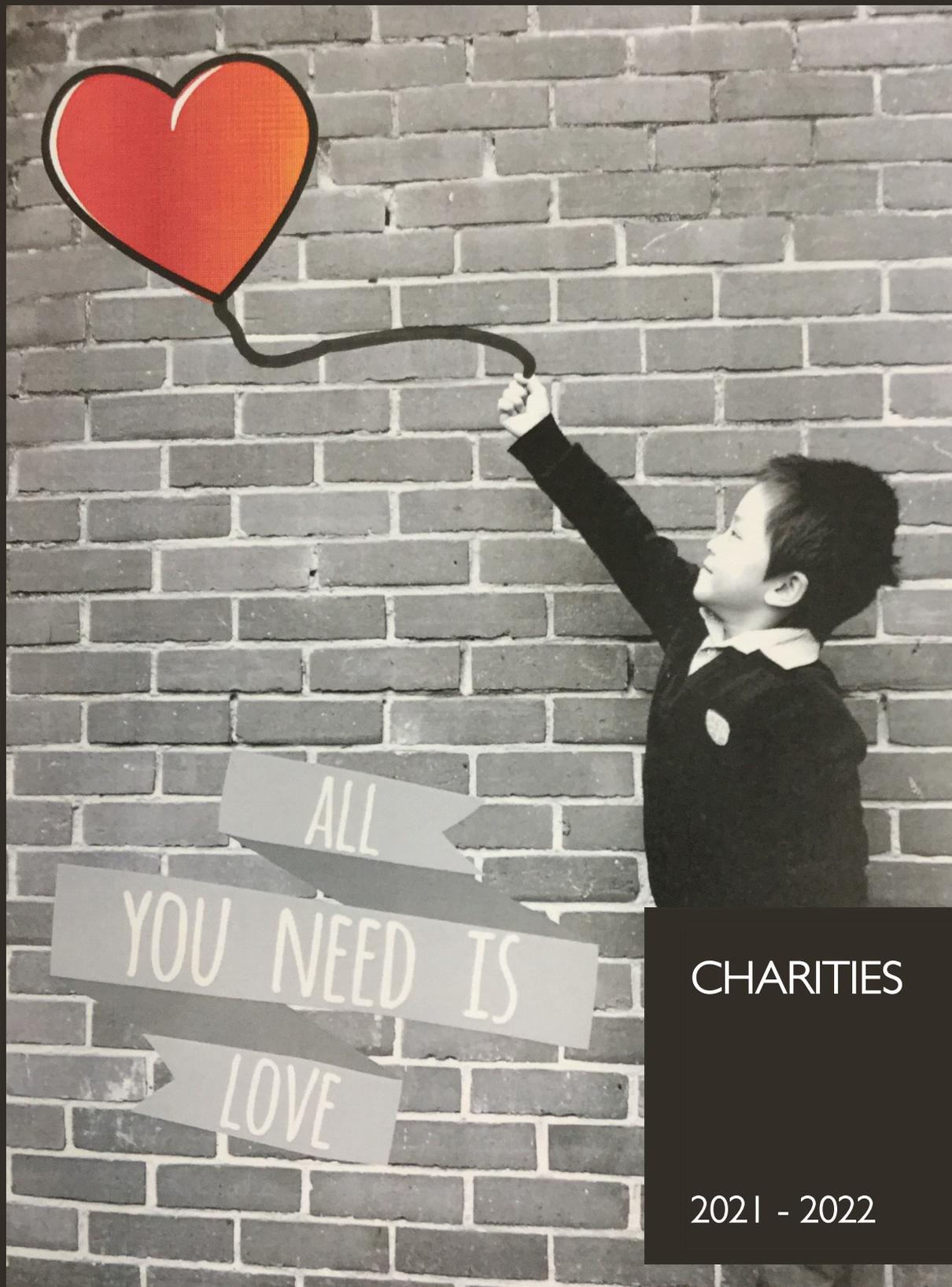




DULWICH PREP LONDON

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CHARITIES

2021 - 2022



About

As a school we are involved in numerous charitable activities. We've written this booklet to make it clear what happens when, and why.



Charity = Service + Love

While service is a school value, the link between service and charity is not always clear. As we see it, Charity = Service + Love.

Both charity and service are involved in doing something for other people, be it raising money for a cause or opening a door or donating one's time.

Service is a duty that you ought to do. There is service to family and friends: tidying the dishes or running errands to help frail grandparents. There is service to society, being a good citizen, voting, or involving yourself in the community, jury service and the like. And there is service that might come from your job requirements, such as customer service or other professional services. All three involve acknowledging the importance and value of other people.

Charity, though, is done through love rather than duty. One might think of charity as service plus love. There are many charitable causes, and many reasons for supporting them. No one will think worse of you for supporting, say, the Samaritans over Cancer Research, or Cancer Research over Shelter.

We see service as something that is a constant “little and often” approach that helps everyone, while charitable activities are more targeted at a specific cause, and more likely to be one-off events.



Our 3 Guiding Principles

There are hundreds of charities that we could support. We use three guiding principles to help us focus our efforts: understanding, meaning and voice.

The Prep's involvement must help the students understand the benefits of service and charity. From this it follows, for example, that students should be involved in the choice of charities and have frequent opportunities to understand what benefits their actions have caused. Similarly, face to face involvement trumps a £1 coin and a dress up day.

The Prep's involvement must mean things for the recipients and the donors. From this it follows that we should focus on fewer, more impactful events, and build relationships where we can. Feedback after any fundraising is as important as the fundraising to the pupils.

The Prep's involvement must wherever possible involve the voices of the whole school community. From this it follows, for example, that the charities we choose to support are suggested and voted on by us. Again, our charitable activities, and their impact, should be communicated to boys, staff, parents, governors and alumni.



Who we support and when

Local (Chosen by pupils and parents)

In September, the whole school votes on which charity it wants to support over the year ahead. Year 8 boys look through a range of local, child-related causes and shortlist five to choose from. This charity will be the focus of various fundraising pushes, from Carol Service collections at Christmas to the whole school fun day in the Summer.

National (Chosen by pupils and staff)

We run a number of awareness campaigns to help the pupils understand some of the many different issues charities try to tackle. Once a term there will be a fundraiser for a specific national charity. The NSPCC, for example, is a regular favourite as are Movember and Wear It Pink.

International (Chosen by staff, teaching and non-teaching)

Perhaps one of the best ways for the pupils to understand the impact that their service can have is through relationships. Sections from Pre-Prep upwards have links to international schools and causes.

Pre-Prep is working with the Indochina Starfish Foundation in Cambodia. This charity uses education and sport to change the lives of children living in some of the poorest parts of the country. Through their education and football programmes, as well as their community development projects, they support those most in need to build a brighter future.

Lower and Middle School work with 2 schools in Africa. Nabugabo Community Learning Centre is in Uganda. Each tribe supports a boy through 4 years of schooling there from Year 3 to Year 6, raising funds to support their education and writing pen pal letters to build relationships and understanding. In parallel with this, donations in kind, books and clothes are given to the Oyoko Roman Catholic Basic School in Ghana.

Upper School links up with the Bishops Prep to support their activities. In Year 7, a few boys travel to Cape Town as part of an exchange where the boys visit a township and learn about the local way of life. This is conducted through a local company which uses part of the cost to provide better facilities for the township. The boys also volunteer with the Vusa Rugby Academy and help tutor some of the local children. The Academy provides academic support and healthy meals as well as rugby training.

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Seasonal, Curricular, and The Friends

Alongside this, we support various charities for seasonal and curricular reasons as well as the initiatives of our boys and the Friends. Harvest Festival sees us donating food parcels to food banks and local residents, Remembrance Sunday sees us wearing poppies to support our Armed Services and Veterans, Christmas sees the boys and staff help the Friends host a lunch party for Senior Citizens, and there are pushes for Readathons and Year 8 Charity Challenges as part of the different section's calendars. Some pupils will ask for specific causes to be supported, whether it is in response to world events or for a reason especially dear to their heart. Where possible, we try to support these through Park Runs.



The Calendar

Section	What Happens		EYFS	PP	LS	MS	US	Friends
September	Choose School Charity	Parents and staff are asked to suggest suitable causes						
	Park Run	Boys, parents and staff run for the voted pupil's suggestion						
October	Harvest Festival	Food donations to local residents and foodbanks						
November	Children in Need	https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk						
December	Carol Service	All donations go to the school's chosen charity						
	Christmas Card Competition	Down's South London						
	Senior Citizens Christmas	Parents and boys from Middle and Upper School play music for and host local senior citizens.						
	Children's Hospital Pygamas	https://www.childrenshospitalpygamas.co.uk/						
	Wrap-Up London	Clothes donation to help homeless, elderly and refugees						

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January	Park Run	Boys, parents and staff run for the voted pupil's suggestion						
February	NSPCC	Boys take part in charity challenges						
March	Quiz Night	Friends host a quiz night at the school, with all proceeds going to the school's chosen charity						
April	Park Run	Boys, parents and staff run for the voted pupil's suggestion						
	Read for Good	Y1 Boys complete a Readathon to raise money to buy books for sick children in hospital						
May	Fun Day	All Sections set up stalls to raise money for the school's chosen charity						
June	Kingfishers	Y2 Boys complete a sponsored swim for a piece of equipment for Kings College Hospital charity .						
	Y8 Charity Challenge	Boys run a charity challenge as part of their leaver's program. e.g. Big Night Out						
	The Ball	3 yearly ball hosted by the Friends						





