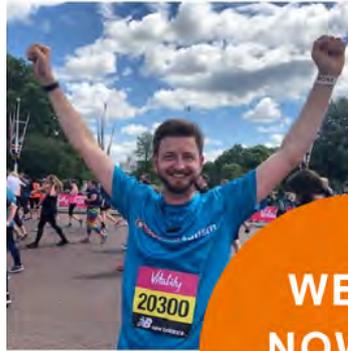


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What's been happening?

We've had a wonderful second term to this academic year - here are some of our favourite moments:

World Book Day

There were some fantastic costumes this year for World Book Day as the pupils came in dressed as their favourite book characters. Big congrats to our best dressed!



Our Amazing Animal World visit

As part of animal awareness day, we were visited by some extra special guests. The group brought in a variety of animals from snakes to tortoises giving the pupils exposure to animals that they may not normally come across as well as providing them with a complete sensory experience. Pupils were encouraged to explore the different animals by stroking, holding and feeding them. An enormous thanks to Our Amazing Animal World for coming in to the schools and giving our pupils this experience.



Eaton House the Manor Art Gallery

We attended an Art Gallery and live auction fundraiser at Eaton House the Manor. Following the success of last year's gallery, we were delighted to be asked to be involved again this year. Eaton House pupils and staff created a range of artwork from smaller individual pieces, to group canvases to sell on the night. We were blown away by the generosity of parents and are extremely grateful to everyone who attended and made purchases at the auction!

A huge thank you to Eaton House the Manor for their continued support and fundraising efforts.



Fundraising events

At the start of May, we held our 8th annual quiz night at the Wandsworth Civic Suite.



Quiz Night 2019

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event, with the generosity of our guests, we managed to raise over £16,000! The event exceeded all expectations and was a brilliant total for the evening. We are grateful to our wonderful volunteers from Octopus Giving; it wouldn't be possible without you.

We are also incredibly grateful for the continued support of local businesses and partners who support the event year after year. Thank you to the following who provided fantastic prizes and Gifts in Kind this year: Wandsworth Local Authority, The Earlsfield, Heidi, Arlo's, The Schoolhouse, Jude's, D. R. Harris, Samsara Mind & Body, Caudalie, Iris, GingerLily, Ben's Canteen, Birksen, Thushura, Rebound, Farrow & Ball, Sweaty Betty, Aspinall of London, Moroccan Oil, Sir Ian Botham Wines, Trinity, Paul Johnson Fine Art, Chez Bruce, The Glasshouse Clinic, Richard Ward Hair & Metrospa, invisible Print Studio, Matthew Checkley, and Meg & Bee.

Tree of promises

The Quiz Night also featured a 'Tree of Promises' which proved a hit with our guests, raising over £3000 towards much needed resources and exciting new equipment for our services. Here are some of the 'promises' we were able to purchase as a result of our guests' generosity:



Early Years

- Construction games
- Cuddly buddy toys
- Role play and dress up materials
- Cushions with sensory tags
- Whizzy dizzy
- Picnic/sports day outing
- Early language process pack
- Story sacks
- Caterpillar beanbags
- Trip to a farm
- Indoor climbing frame
- Soft play activity set & balancing toys

Schools

- Kinetic sand
- Children's camera
- Art resources
- Sensory oils, scents and sprays
- Pottery wheel
- Kites
- Lego
- Bubble machine
- Indoor games and toys
- Cricket, badminton and tennis sets
- Scooter boards
- Self-help resources
- Sensory beanbag
- Animal world visit

Post-19

- Seeds pots and compost
- Jewellery making set
- Pots and pans
- Zumba lessons for a term
- Pop up sensory space
- Sensory lights and tools
- Weighted blanket (as recommended by OT)
- Smart speaker
- Leaf blower
- Gardening bench and tool set

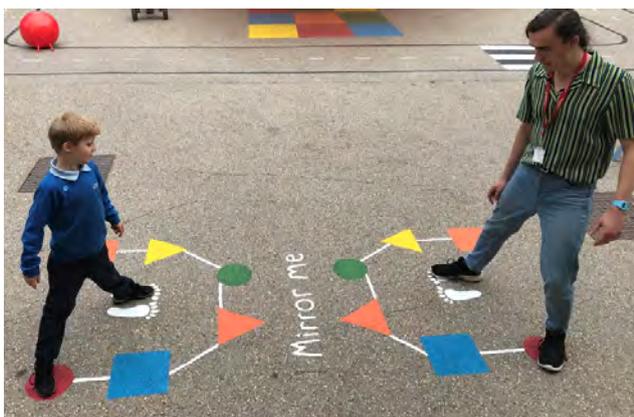
How your generosity has helped us

With thanks to our much-valued supporters, some fantastic projects have taken place this term.

Sensory Garden Renovation

Recently we've been raising funds to renovate the garden space attached to our Early Years Foundation Stage classrooms (ages 4-7) at Park House School. We are thrilled that over £10,000 has been raised to cover the cost of the project. It has been generously funded by grants from The Hedley Foundation and Span Trust, as well as Andrew Robertson's sponsorship for running the Richmond Marathon. A huge thank you to everyone that made it possible!

Renovations included resurfacing the garden, essential maintenance works to the wall and fitting the area with specialist equipment (chosen by pupils and teachers) which will create a vibrant and engaging place for our pupils to learn and play. The project will provide sensory respite as well as helping our pupils build peer to peer relationships, and develop their motor skills. With beach huts, water play, sand pits, chalkboards and more- the space has been completely transformed!



Ready to Hatch Project

As part of British Science Week BeyondAutism Schools took part in the Ready to Hatch project run by Living Eggs. Ready to Hatch is a two-week project of incubation and hatching of live eggs. At the end of the project the chicks were re-housed on free range farms in Surrey. Amongst many other things, our pupils learned about life-cycles, caring for live animals as well as learning new vocabulary. We are extremely grateful to the British Science Week Kick Start grant scheme for providing the funding for to take part in the initiative.



Painting Park House School playground

Recently, we raised funds for some special outdoor paint in order to create new, interactive designs for the children to use. We have loved seeing how the children reacted to their colourful new space when they returned from holiday. The 'mirror me' game and our very own go-karting race track have both proved extremely popular!



Our upcoming projects

Across our services there are items that would drastically improve the learning experience for all of our pupils, items that will assist their communication or develop their skills. If you are interested in contributing towards the purchase of any of the pieces of equipment, or would like to fundraise for them, then please get in touch!

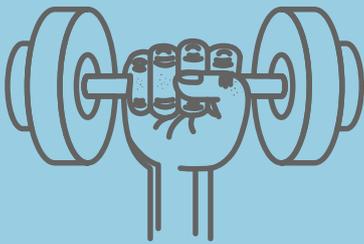
Early Years': Engage, Communicate and Play

A dedicated early years' service for children with complex autism aged 15 months to 5 years old. The purpose of the Early Years' service is to provide long-term benefits for families by achieving positive development outcomes in communication, behaviour and social skills. This project is funded entirely by voluntary income.



"It's been amazing to watch therapists build a relationship with my child and teach her, lead her to communicate by following her motivation. These workshops have set a new quality standard for me.[...] I take with me new knowledge and ideas to encourage [my daughter] to communicate and follow instructions."

Parent of 2-year-old girl

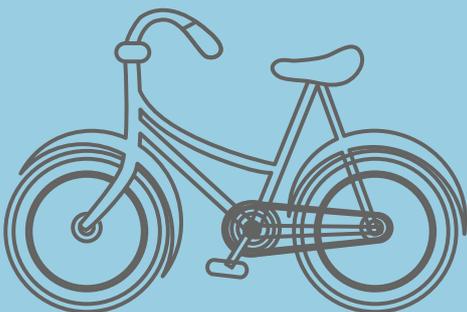


Vocational equipment for Post 19 (total needed: £1600)

Our post 19 service is in need of a range of equipment to help teach our students vital vocational skills. Your donation could help fund gym equipment to help work on our students' exercise targets and improve motor movement, a professional barista machine to teach new vocational skills, and furniture conducive to peer to peer interaction.

Accessible bikes for Tram House School (total needed: £1730)

After working with Bike Works, we would like to purchase our own adapted bikes for the pupils to use regularly in the outdoor spaces near the School. As recommended by our in-house Occupational Therapists, this accessible equipment will encourage exercise, improve gross motor movements and encourage being outdoors as well as being used as a valuable teaching tool.



How your business can support us

From motivating staff and helping boost your brand, to supporting a vital cause and raising awareness, there are plenty of reasons to put BeyondAutism forward as your company's chosen charity.

Our corporate volunteers read to students on World Book Day, run half-marathons, sponsor events, run raffles and provide much-needed funding, skill-sharing and in-kind support. We feel extremely fortunate to be partnered with a number of organisations who generously support our work with young people with autism.

Whether through your corporate social responsibility policy or staff philanthropy, there are a multitude of ways our corporate partners can help us (including some things you may not have thought of):

- Donations or grants
- Charity of the Year partnerships
- Pro bono professional work
- Sponsorship of events
- Cause-related marketing campaigns
- Donating physical items (surplus office equipment, office space, printing facilities)
- Staff secondments to work in the charity
- Providing professional expertise, management, or training
- Volunteering
- Organising a fundraising campaign amongst employees
- Engaging in payroll giving
- Advertising/promoting us in publications

Amazon Smile

BeyondAutism is now on Amazon Smile. This means that you can raise money for BeyondAutism at no extra cost to yourself, simply go to smile.amazon.co.uk, login using your existing amazon account and shop as usual. (This also includes business accounts). We receive 0.5% of the cost of the product cost.



Payroll Giving

The most tax effective/ cost-effective way to donate!

Payroll giving donations are taken before tax, which means BeyondAutism receives more of your donation and it costs you less. For every £1.00 that you give it will only cost you 80p, and if you're a higher rate tax payer it will only cost you 60p.

Your Donation	As a 20% Tax Payer you pay:	As a 40% Tax Payer you pay:	Beyond-Autism receives
£10	£8	£6	£10
£15	£12	£9	£15
£25	£20	£15	£25

Ask your HR or Payroll Manager whether your company has signed up to a payroll giving scheme or please get in touch if you'd like to know more.



Facebook birthday fundraisers

We receive 100% of the donations made through Facebook since they do not charge a transaction fee. Birthday fundraisers/ Facebook campaigns are a wonderfully easy way to raise vital funds for BeyondAutism.





Take on a challenge for us!

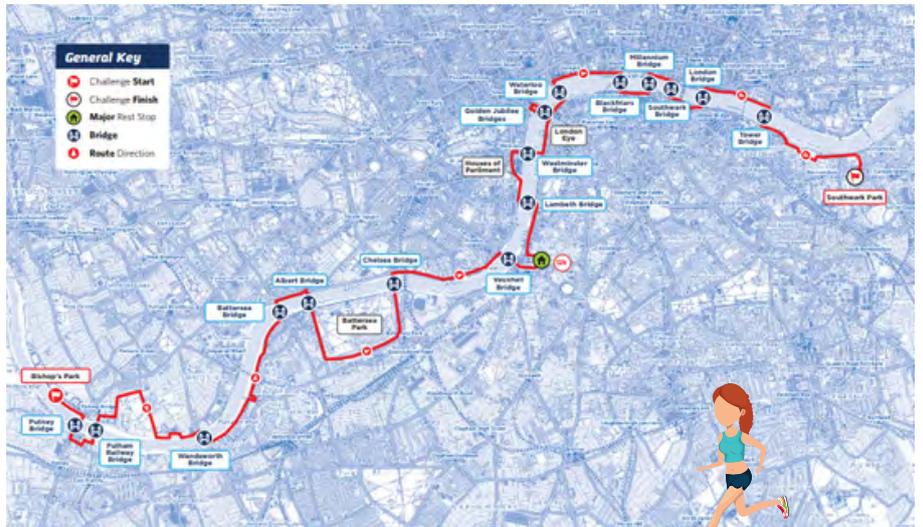
At BeyondAutism we are extremely fortunate to have staff, parents and supporters who are willing to take on challenges on our behalf; this year, as well as the Royal Parks Half Marathon, we'd like to get a team together to take on the 25km Thames Bridges Trek.

25km Thames Bridges Trek
Saturday 7th September 2019

We need you! Join the BeyondAutism team taking on this challenge to raise vital funds for our charity.

This trek is open to *all abilities* - please encourage friends, colleagues and neighbours to sign up!

The route through central London starts in Putney, meanders along the river Thames past 16 famous London Bridges, and finishes 25km later in Southwark Park with a medal, a glass of fizz, a buffet and a well deserved celebration!



How much will I need to raise?

Option 1

'Charity Sponsorship'

Pay a small fee and do more fundraising

- Registration £5
- Sponsorship target £245

Option 2

'Mixed funding'

Pay a slighter higher registration fee and have a smaller fundraising target:

- Registration £39.50
- Sponsorship target £120

Please contact fundraising@beyondautism.org.uk to register your interest.

We would also like to offer a huge thank you to the following people for their various walks, runs, treks and marathons, across the capital this term:

London Marathon:
Heilco Van Der Ploeg

100km London to Brighton:
Patrycja Marcinkowska

Vitality 10k:
Imogen Lee
Claire Mason
Josue Madera
Teresa Soto
Jukka Tumoinen

We know that you are going above and beyond for our charity and are truly grateful for your amazing fundraising efforts.

THANK YOU