

Valentine's Enterprise Activities



Love was in the air during the week before Half Term, not only did we have a Valentine's Market, but 9WX also run a Valentine's Postal Service!

Both of the events provided funds for a number of charities and worthwhile causes known to the

School. 9WX chose to support the British Heart Foundation and, therefore, became actively involved in the 'National Heart Month' launched by the BHF. Not only did they provide the postal service which ran throughout the week, with cards being delivered by hand on Friday 13th; they also produced some very professional handmade cards, which proved very popular not only with the students but the staff as well! (Who says teachers have no heart!)

The Enterprise Market was, once again, extremely lucrative and a grand sum of £350 was raised for six different causes. Not bad in just 40 minutes! Special mention must be made to Year 7 as being the largest fund-raiser, as well as Dan, Jerome, Manon and Phillipa of 8HX who raised £153.93 for their chosen charities - Breast Cancer Research and COSMIC (Children of St Mary's Intensive Care). Dan and Jerome had highly ambitious ideas which they discussed during the Enterprise Club, and something I felt could prove difficult to pull off. They proved me wrong! By providing a WIDE range of goods - cakes, sweets, biscuits, handmade silk roses, handmade cards and bookmarks - they attracted a large number of customers and demonstrated their entrepreneurial skills right to the end of the market when they 'went walkabout' to sell the few remaining goodies in the last few minutes of lunchtime! Manon and Phillipa showed high levels of creativity and innovation by baking heart-shaped biscuits and running a workshop for students to decorate the biscuits and personalise them! All of these students demonstrated they had the skills required to be enterprising - energy, esteem, enquiry - skills valued in the workplace, and known here at Tring School as the 3Es.



During my short time as Enterprise Co-ordinator, I have been privileged to work with some excellent young people who have contributed so well to making our Enterprise Market a fun and rewarding experience. Well done to each and everyone of the 6 participating groups in the Valentine's Market; and come on all you other budding entrepreneurs - you must know of some worthy cause that needs money - join us at the next market, the Easter Market, which takes place on 1 April (I'm not fooling!)

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