

# WINGS NEWS

## Its Christmas!!!

Christmas is fast approaching and we hope you're feeling in the spirit of Christmas giving and sharing. Don't be a scrooge be a Santa instead and help us spread the festive cheer to India and Malawi. It only costs:

£120 to support a child for a whole year at our project in Malawi.

£150 for a whole year at our project school in India.

We would be grateful for any donations.



## Easyfundraising:

Stuck for what to buy for friends and family this Christmas or on any other occasion? Well why not be a good samaritan and get your presents done in one go! All you have to do is:

- Register for FREE online and choose the Wings of Hope Charity to support. Once you're ready to shop you can raise money by simply clicking on the retailer/shop you want and make a purchase. You will then receive an email telling you how much you've raised and the donation is passed directly to the Wings of Hope.

Spread the word and get everyone you know to help raise money for the Wings of Hope.

Log on to: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and get shopping!

## JustGiving:

For all those participating in WOHA or wanting to raise money for the Wings of Hope remember to set up a justgiving page by going to [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com). Once you have done this you can share the special link with your friends and family - spreading the word is key!

You can also donate money by texting WING09 to 70070.



*My Dear Colleagues and Students,*

*We have recently closed entries for the Fifth and most successful year of the WOHA scheme. I am delighted to say that we have built excellent relationships with key people in our schools and as a result, we have gained many more new schools and student teams producing more creative and innovative ideas than ever.*

*Our mentoring scheme has grown in popularity and has proved that together with our teachers, we can ensure that our student teams receive regular guidance and support as they progress through their WOHA journey.*

*With Christmas approaching, our thoughts are with the children and young people whose lives your contribution has made such a difference to. We thank you for helping to improve the life chances of our children and young people through the WOHA scheme and look forward to receiving your continued support in 2012/2013.*

*Best wishes,*



Mrs Rajni Sriram, CEO & Co-founder

## Team Introduction

There have been new additions to the team at the Wings of Hope this year. We have all started our own little WOHA journey and all agree that we would have jumped at the opportunity to take part in WOHA at school. So although we can't participate in WOHA we revel in the opportunity to organise and such an amazing scheme. We look forward to seeing the progress that the participating teams make this year and hearing about their creative and competitive fundraising ideas. We wish the students all the best of luck and we are pretty sure that this year will top previous years. We will be keeping in regular contact with those participating in WOHA and are available at any time to offer help and guidance.



## PROJECT PROGRESS:

### India:

**Independence Day Celebration:** This year the school celebrated India's 65th Independence Day with all the students getting involved and taking part. It was a cultural festivity where despite India's many religions, cultures, traditions, unity was celebrated.

**Teachers Attended Workshops:** The teachers of the school attended various workshops to hone their teaching skills, ensuring that a high standard of teaching and education is delivered to the pupils at all times.



*Fancy dress competition of national leaders by students*

### Malawi:

Most of the children who attend the House of Hope often have an extremely poor upbringing due to their family circumstances. The House of Hope has been improving the lives of these children and is helping them focus on their academic studies including subjects such as mathematics, English and Chichewa. During November the House of Hope was able to take on seven new students. This has meant that more children have had access to education and have been able to achieve their ambitions ensuring a better future for all.

## Industry Skills Workshops:



*Capco Workshop*

With the support of Clifford Chance and Capco, The Wings of Hope were able to provide free industry skills workshops to WOHA participants during the academic half term.

Those lucky enough to attend were given an insight into the daily life of Clifford Chance, an industry leading law firm and Capco a global leading provider of management consultancy. The students who attended were able to spend the day at their offices and really get a sense of what it would be like to work for a large corporate firm in the City. They were also given key meetings with various staff and were given valuable advice for the future. This included individual help on how to write a CV, how to write application forms and how to prepare for a winning interview. This was all topped off by the companies providing everyone with a delicious lunch.

All the students who attended learnt a lot, had FUN and said the day exceeded their expectations:

'It was better than my expectations; I learnt a lot more than I thought I would about the company, its clients and law' Adele from the Holt School.

'It was very useful; especially the CV's and interviews' Louisa from Tormead School.

We currently have additional workshops coming up including one with Edelman PR. Are you a student participating in WOHA and would like to take part in our upcoming workshops? Then look out for the emails that we will be sending out closer to the time.



*Clifford Chance Workshop*





## The WOHA journey so far:

WOHAA has got off to a flying start this year! Loads of teams have formed and have already come up with some fantastic ideas to fundraise for the Wings of Hope. Ideas have included a 26mile walk around London, charity concerts, Halloween events and much more. Further plans have been formed by teams to hold large events later in the year including dinners, balls and fashion shows which we are really looking forward to. Teams have also been raising awareness about the Wings of Hope and its mission by having their events and stories featured in the local press. One team was even lucky enough to talk about the Wings of Hope on BBC London Radio and have it broadcast on a Saturday morning.

Even teachers are having fun and are extremely enthusiastic about WOHA:

'All our teams at Surbiton are getting on well with WOHA and have set themselves high fundraising targets! All the teams have spoken in assemblies about Wings of Hope and are raising lots of awareness both in and out of school. It's a really good scheme and I think lots of our younger pupils in the school are looking forward to doing it in subsequent years!'

Ms Pett - Surbiton High School.

Well done everyone!



## Mentoring:

The 30th of November 2011 marked the close of registrations for our Fifth, successful year of the WOHA scheme and we are delighted to have on board some excellent schools. We are delighted that students have excelled this year, coming up with even more creative and innovative ideas than ever! In order to offer our continued support, the Wings of Hope is providing an ongoing mentoring scheme for students. We will shortly be contacting schools' Liaison Teachers and Student Teams directly regarding this. However, if you would like your team/s to receive ongoing mentoring support throughout the project please email us on: [info@thewingsofhope.org](mailto:info@thewingsofhope.org) to arrange your session.



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## Contact us

We would love to hear from people who have been involved in WOHA and the Wings of Hope. If you want to get involved, would like more info or fancy a chat, please get in touch!

Remember to have a look around our website:

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Have a look at our website for the latest in news and top stories. In the Resource Centre on the website you can also find all sorts of resources to help you on your WOHA journey including sponsorship forms, official fundraising letters and much more!

You'll never have to miss out on anything again!