

# Shirland Primary School

## Rally Round Rupert - Sponsored Walk

Newsletter – Summer 2 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

On 18<sup>th</sup> June, the whole school dressed up to participate in a sponsored walk to raise money for the 'Rally Round Rupert' challenge. This was in support of me taking part in the 100 mile walk for the charity the following weekend.



Charlie (Mum) and Rupert came to visit the children so that they could find out about Rupert's life and how raising money can help other children with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA).

I am very proud to announce that the sponsored walk arranged for 'Rally Round Rupert' raised a record total of **£4230.91**.

**This is absolutely amazing!**

**Thank you so much for your kindness.**

Charlie and Rupert have sent a thank you video that I will share with the children later this week.

Thank you to a local geographer who designed our route and to the staff at Shirland for helping me to organise and support the event. Thanks also to the school council for their ideas and to our kitchen team for arranging a special 'burger and fries' lunch, not forgetting DNA students acting as our event marshals.

Also, thank you to one of our families who supported our event with a cake sale and to all of you who purchased a cake.



The children looked amazing and first prize went to a year 6 child and his inflatable shark!

The class that raised the most amount of money was Year 5.

Last weekend, I participated with 100 others in walking the Cotswold Way (100 miles) in 3 days, along with a young man (17 yrs) called Stan who also has SMA. The wheelchair team also completed the 100 mile trek, which was an incredible challenge of endurance and strength.



It was very hard and emotional, but I completed it and I raised **£2420**, with the support of my family, friends, the Shirland staff and Governors. The RRR charity set out to raise £100,000 and I have confirmation that our efforts contributed massively to smashing this target.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Miss Vessey

