

# Premier Education: Paying It Forward

Teacher-led charities and organisations benefit from Premier's donations this Summer

Alistair McCrone and Clare Bent, the directors of Premier Education, set about creating a company with a difference: a company working *with* teachers and schools; working *for* teachers and schools: a company that cared. In that same ethos Premier Education raises funds and makes donations every year to important and worthy causes.

Previous years have seen Premier's consultants wearing The Wrong Trousers for Wallace and Gromit's hospice for sick children; its Director Alistair walking up Mount Kilimanjaro and working closely with Meadowbank Primary School to auction Sir Bobby Charlton's football shirt for 5 Stars; and many other events and initiatives for different causes. This summer, Alistair and Clare turned their attention to the endeavours of their own supply teachers:

## Adele Napper, Open Arms Village: Kenya

Adele and her family were part of a 40 strong team from Cheadle, Stockport, who undertook a two week mission this Summer working in the Open Arms Village in Eldoret, Kenya. The village was created to care for the nearly 200 children abandoned, abused and orphaned in the nearby slums. With a target of £100,000 Open Arms has depended on local donations, gifts and practical education and medical items to take to Kenya. With donors' generosity and the hard work of the volunteers the target was reached.



Whilst there the volunteers helped aid workers administer medicines, vitamins and surgeries to nearly 4000 people and the impact on the trip resounded strongly, not just with those receiving support, but with Adele and the rest of the team too. She explained, "This was an amazing, life-changing trip for every single one of us and whilst we were there to provide love and care for these children, they gave us so much more love in return."

## Rebecca Wilson, SCIPS - Special Care Infant Parent Support Neonatal Unit UHW: Cardiff

This summer Rebecca, a primary teacher living in St Helens, and her friends undertook the mammoth task of cycling the Coast to Coast route from Morecambe to Bridlington. This 171.43 mile long journey spanned three days on bikes in August in order to inspire sponsors to donate for a very worthy cause close to Rebecca's heart: SCIPS the Special Care unit for premature babies and their families. With a target of £1000, the friends asked for donations prior to their endurance test across the country and the donations continue to come in. At time of writing Rebecca has raised over £1800 and is overwhelmed by the level of support she has received.

Rebecca says on her Just Giving page, "My niece Lucy Ffion was born 4 months early last year on 22nd February 2015. She weighed 1lb 4oz. Thankfully she was born in one of the best hospitals in the country for supporting premature babies, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. We are so grateful for their fantastic work supporting Lucy and her Daddy and Mummy, Tim and Natalie, whilst she was in hospital for 4-5 months." Thank you to everyone who supported her and sponsored the team.





After the event, Rebecca reflects that the event was a challenge and her legs are still recovering, but definitely worth while as the money she has raised will be used by the charity to help other families, provide vital equipment for the treatment of children on the unit and provide additional extras to offer comfort to the parents and families.

At Premier Education, we are very pleased to be able to support the endeavours of our teachers in and out of the classroom and we look forward to hearing the contributions more of our candidates are making to charity events and the wider community. Having made donations to support Adele's work in Africa with Open Arms and Rebecca's cycling challenge for SCIPS, we are looking forward to next year's chosen causes and seeing what the Premier Education team will be doing to help make a difference and support charities' fund raising efforts.

For more information about these charities visit <http://openarms.org.uk> or <http://scips.co.uk> If you would like to offer suggestions of charities, activities or challenges for our consultants then please get in touch via our Facebook page or email: [enquiries@premier-education.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@premier-education.co.uk)

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