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George and Chris' Marathon Run

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so proud of all our London Marathon and mini-marathon runners. We will do a full write up in our next newsletter, but we wanted to give you an update from George and Chris, who ran the marathon to raise funds for the school.

Their support has already raised £2,625, which will help us to buy OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) resources for the children to use at lunchtime. It will also go towards helping us improve security and access to the school site with new fencing and electric gates. Our school receives just under £9,000 capital funding per year from the DfE to help maintain and improve the condition of school buildings and grounds. On a site like ours, this doesn't go far! If you would like to make a donation, please follow this link to their Just Giving page.



Here is a message from George and Chris:

"Thank you to everyone for all your generous support. We had an amazing day at the London Marathon, with our families cheering us on! The hot weather was an extra challenge to overcome but we dug in and kept thinking about all the people who've donated so far and what we were raising money for! We'll leave the fundraising page open for a few more weeks just in case anyone might still want to help. But otherwise, here we are pre & post race, and celebrating with some more Bridgewater parents Davie The and Matt Brown (et al) who also ran it. Best wishes, George Rainsford and Chris Foggin."

We were also delighted to hear that Davie The and Matt Brown ran too for other charities.

We are grateful to everyone who has supported the runners, including Richard Boyle, the Business Manager at PL Schoolwear, who supplies us with school uniform. A marathon runner himself, Richard was delighted to donate personalised Bridgewater running vests to George and Chris and tshirts for their supporting families. Thanks Richard!

We know that the children have been really inspired by taking part in the London Mini Marathon or hearing about it and finding out about the London Marathon. We are looking forward to sharing their photos and stories with you in our next newsletter.

We could only secure 40 Mini Marathon spaces, so we know that some children were disappointed not to get a place. We hope to win the ballot again next year! There are other great opportunities to take part in fun running activities. Sianne Plenderleith, who runs our Friday morning running club has let us know about the **Westminster Mile,** taking place on Saturday 26th September 2026. There is currently an early entry price offer. Adults can run with their children. Under 11s can run for free. Bridgewater Running Club families are running the black block - 1.05-2pm time slot. Everyone welcome is welcome to join in.
https://www.londonmarathonevents.co.uk/westminster-mile

Thank you and happy running!
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