

### Introduction

The Harpur Trust continues to pursue its three charitable objects – **education, relief and recreation** – by grantmaking, providing almshouses, social policy work, operating independent schools, working with maintained schools and also through community work. Within each of these areas it strives to deliver its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

### Grant Making.

This year we made grants to 34 organisations and 19 individuals, totalling £1,053,363.

Full details of our grants programme are outlined in our Annual Report of Trustees and Accounts and also on our website [www.harpurtrust.org.uk](http://www.harpurtrust.org.uk).

### Community Events

As a result of the success of the community events held in 2016 in celebration of our 450th anniversary year; the Trustees have provided for an ongoing programme of similar activities to benefit local people. This year's events were "Have a Go With Harpur", a free, well being focused event in Bedford Park, Orchestra Unwrapped, a children's music project run by the Philharmonia Orchestra with training workshops for teachers and a performance for local schools and a Children's Art project with a competition, exhibition, artist run workshops in schools and inset training for art teachers.

### Almshouses

The Trust provided accommodation and support for five older people in need over the course of the year at its sheltered accommodation scheme Randalls Cottage Homes. At the end of the year these residents successfully relocated to the new Wixams ExtraCare retirement village. We enabled a further 36 people to be supported through our nomination rights to extra care schemes within the Borough, including the Wixams retirement village, Oak Way House, Sir William Harpur House and Dame Alice Court, which were all developed with substantial support from The Harpur Trust.

The Trust is working with a number of partners to replace Randalls Cottage Homes with new provision in order to meet the changing needs and expectations of Bedford's older residents.

### Social Investment

This year we embarked on our second social investment, providing funding for a new community nursery for Families First Bedfordshire. In addition to running nurseries, Families First Bedfordshire support disadvantaged families in the Borough, and this will enable them to continue to support those families whilst developing a service which will eventually bring a new income stream for their work.

### The Harpur Trust Schools.

We administer the four Harpur Trust Schools including Bedford School, Bedford Girls' School, Bedford Modern School and Pilgrims Pre-Preparatory School who between them educate 3,566 boys and girls from the ages of 3 to 18.

Pupils who attend our schools receive an outstanding education and enjoy a comprehensive and varied curricular and co-curricular programme, with access to facilities and resources that are not so readily available in maintained schools.

The Harpur Trust also sponsors The HEART Multi Academy Trust, and has an Education Development Advisor, whose role includes strengthening the links between HEART MAT and the four Trust schools, through activities such as TEACHMEET, a joint networking and training event. She also works on the development of mutually beneficial partnership projects for schools in the state sector and the Harpur Trust schools. This year one of her key achievements was developing a project with internationally renowned singing group VOCES8. The singers worked with pupils across the four HEART Academies Trust schools to create a choir which then performed to parents and local dignitaries at the Corn Exchange in Bedford. Their voices were also recorded as part of a project to blend 800 voices from around the world for a mass choir piece.

### Staff Fundraising

Every year the Harpur Trust central office staff choose a local charity, usually a current or former grant recipient to raise funds for. In 2018-2019 we raised £600 for the Amicus Trust, a local charity which supports homeless people.

### Bursary Support.

To ensure a wider number of lower income families have the opportunity to access our schools we offer them the chance to apply for a means-tested bursary to help pay for all or part of their child's school fees. In 2018/19 we were able to support 208 pupils with their school fees, with 70 of these pupils receiving a free school place. The value of this fee support was £2.45 million.

### School Initiatives in 2018/19

The Trust's schools all deliver public benefit in their own right. A summary of their public benefit activities provided within the local community between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 is below

For the purpose of this report we use the following codes:

BGS	Bedford Girls' School	BS	Bedford School
PPPS	Pilgrims Pre-Preparatory School	BMS	Bedford Modern School

Activity	Public Benefit	School	Charitable object
Bedford Academy. Write On Outreach Project - talented Sixth Form students from both schools run extended sessions for would-be writers in Years 7 and 8	Students gain a range of writing skills and styles, collaboration, communication skills, independent learning skills	BGS	Education
Bedford Academy Team Maths Challenge	Gifted and talented maths students gain additional skills	BMS	Education
Bedford Academy Public Speaking programme for Year 9 students	Public speaking skills	BMS	Education
Bedford Academy - 'Musical in a Day' Performance of 30-minute version of Aladdin.	Music and drama skills – children had opportunity to learn both performance and production skills	BMS	Education
Bedford Academy – regular meetings with heads of careers	Enhanced careers advice / education quality	BS	Education
Cauldwell Primary, Shortstown Primary, A variety of workshops including speech and drama, country dancing and co-ordination games.	Children develop their skills in a number of different areas different areas	PPPS	Education

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HEART MAT – Pilgrims Headteacher served as Trustee of the Heart Academy Trust	Governance support for MAT	PPS	Education
Castle Newnham - Donation of class sets of History textbooks for KS3 and KS4 -	Free resources	BGS	Education
Bedford Academy, Sharnbrook Academy, Mark Rutherford School - English and Languages themed careers evening	Enhanced careers advice and work experience opportunities	BGS	Education
Renhold Primary, Putnoe Primary , Pinchmill Primary Community Dance workshops with local state schools	Subject specialist support for pupils and staff without specialist teachers	BGS	Education
Mark Rutherford, Goldington Academy, Bedford Academy, Castle Newnham, Biddenham Physics Partners Hub School	CPD for physics teachers, especially non specialists	BGS	Education
Wilden Primary School STEM Event in BGS Junior School - Science activity day with a visiting scientist	Specialist science support	BGS	Education
Mark Rutherford, Goldington Academy, Bedford Academy, Castle Newnham STEM Ambassador training	Science Skills	BGS	Education
BedPop - Ran a day of free Science activities The Higgins , focussing on Chemistry	Children improved science knowledge	BGS	Education
Goldington Academy, Wootton Upper, Biddenham Upper and Bedford Sixth Form, Bedford Academy- Oxbridge Information Evening	Developed understanding about the Oxbridge experience	BMS	Education
Queens Park Primary, Shortstown Primary, Cauldwell Primary Gifted and Talented Day	Maths support	BMS	Education
Priory Primary School, Edith Cavell Primary School STEM Activity - a whole day to experience a design and make activity	DT skills and use of specialist workshop equipment	BMS	Education
Goldington Academy Computer programming workshop using Arduino microprocessors	Experience of electronics and programming in a high level language	BMS	Education
Goldington Academy - Subject Assistance with DT to the HoD	Subject support for staff	BMS	Education
St Thomas More School Students attended a Year 12 careers event - attending 4 sessions of their choice	Opportunity to hear speakers from a wide range of careers	BMS	Education
Scott and Putnoe Primary Schools Saturday Science Academy. Students completed experiments in a fully functioning lab, using equipment that is not standard for primary schools.	Sharing advanced science resources and CPD for teachers	BMS	Education

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Westfield School Science Centre visits. Carousel of 6 experiments at each visit.	Enhanced science education and teacher CPD	BMS	Education
Scott Primary School Carousel of 6 experiments.	Enhanced science education	BMS	Education
Putnoe Primary School Carousel of 4 experiments completed by school students and supervised by Sixth Formers and Staff. Year 3 and 4 students	Enhanced science education	BMS	Education
Goldington Academy and Castle Newnham School Students from Year 8 were invited to see the Onatti Theatre play in French	Enhanced language skills.	BMS	Education
Scott Primary School Teaching Latin to all year groups once a fortnight, as part of an Enrichment programme.	Enhanced language and history	BMS	Education
Mark Rutherford School CPD Event 'The Science of Happiness' - lecture by Dr Vanessa King held at Bedford School about managing people and getting the best from them.	Staff CPD	BS	Education
Mark Rutherford, Bedford Academy, Biddenham, St Thomas More and Wootton Lecture: The Ephebe Chorus of Ancient Greek Theatres	Enhanced drama and literature curriculum	BS	Education
Mark Rutherford, Bedford Academy, Biddenham, St Thomas More and Wootton A lecture on Style, Images and Politics in Greek Art	Enhanced art provision	BS	Education
Mark Rutherford School Partnership Meetings between the English departments and Business Studies staff	Mutual learning	BS	Education
Mark Rutherford School Interactive right4me webinars regarding: studying for English Literature Degrees: Film Studies and Theatre and Performance Psychopathology: Treating addiction and anxiety and serial killers Crime & Deviance: Crimmigration, and Rape & Criminal Justice Response Real World Maths - Sonic Booms, Rubber Sheet Geometry and Predicting Football American Civil Rights (c.1860-1990s)	Engagement with university academics assisting current A level studies and supporting thoughts and decisions around later university study.	BS	Education
Bedford School Head of Careers in regular contact over the academic year with Head of Careers at Mark Rutherford,	Enhanced careers advice / education quality	BS	Education
HoD from Mark Rutherford School attended a 'mind mapping' workshop with its inventor Tony Buzan at Bedford School	Enhanced educational experience	BS	Education

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Mark Rutherford School. Joint school Whipworm Genome project - actual 'live' research project in association with IRIS (Institute for Research in Schools) and the Sanger Institute in Cambridge	Enhanced educational experience and opportunity to undertake real live research	BS	Education
Mark Rutherford School. Talk on 'Practical Applications of Physics Principles'	Extended learning in physics	BS	Education
Mark Rutherford School. Life drawing classes for Sixth Form students	Extension of coursework, improving observational drawing skills	BS	Education
Mark Rutherford, Bedford Academy, Biddenham, St Thomas More and Wootton. A lecture by Professor Martin Kemp on 'Salvator Mundi', the da Vinci painting	Opportunities to deepen knowledge of art history learning from one of the world's leading experts on Leonardo da Vinci	BS	Education
Mark Rutherford, Bedford Academy, Biddenham, , St Thomas More and Wootton invited to Harpur Science forum 'Stars and their Eyes'	Opportunities to deepen knowledge of science outside of the curriculum	BS	Education
Mark Rutherford, Bedford Academy, Biddenham, St Thomas More and Wootton. Harpur Science forum lecture by John Brown 'A Magical Mystery Tour of our Amazing Cosmos' attracted huge numbers of local community and local schools - the Quarry Theatre was filled and people sat and watched via video link in the bar area	Opportunities to deepen knowledge of science outside of the curriculum	BS	Education
Mark Rutherford, Bedford Academy, Biddenham, St Thomas More and Wootton invited to lecture by Miles Young: 'Advertising: Art for Business' Sake' - a free talk on the role of advertising as an art form	Opportunities to learn about advertising and deepen knowledge of art - learning outside the curriculum.	BS	Education
Mark Rutherford School Webinar on the subject of Astrophysics	Opportunity for A-Level students from MRS to widen knowledge on an academic subject	BS	Education
Mark Rutherford, Goldington Academy, Bedford Academy. Geography lecture on Volcanic hazards in New Zealand	Students from Y9-13 benefitted from the lecture as it provided stretch beyond the curriculum in Geography	BS	Education
Mark Rutherford, Goldington Academy, Bedford Free School, Bedford Academy. Geography lecture on climatic change in the Arctic	Students from Y9-13 benefitted from the lecture as it provided stretch beyond the curriculum in Geography	BS	Education
Mark Rutherford Creative Writing Workshop. Year 10 students from Mark Rutherford and Bedford School explored aspects of effective creative writing together over a double period.	Teachers from the school report improvements in pupils' creative writing and a greater sense of confidence when students approached exam tasks.	BS	Education

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Goldington Academy, Mark Rutherford - Creative Arts Careers Evening	Opportunity to talk to professionals in the creative industries working in drama, art and music	BS	Education
Students from Mark Rutherford School invited to attend the Bedford School OB Careers Evening	Opportunity to network with professionals in numerous industries	BS	Education
Sharnbrook Upper School. Classes in Art History	Enhanced Art Education	BS	Education
Mark Rutherford, Biddenham Upper School, Sharnbrook Academy, St Thomas Moore, Wootton / Kimberley College, Bedford Academy. Oxbridge Mock Interview Evening	Preparation for upcoming Oxbridge interviews	BS/BMS	Education
Mark Rutherford attended Harpur Trust Teachmeet event	Teacher CPD	BS/BMS/BGS	Education
Renhold Primary Year 3 Christmas Production - special preview performance	Enrichment activity	BGS	Education
Goldington Academy and Mark Rutherford School ACT Drama Festival	Opportunity to have a free drama workshop with external practitioner and to perform to a live audience in performance conditions	BMS	Education
Livingstone Primary and Edith Cavell Junior School Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal	Enrichment activity	BMS	Education
St John Rigby plus 3 home educated students - Associated Board Music Examinations	The opportunity to take an external public music examination in a local school	BMS	Education
Goldington Academy Shakespeare in the Garden:	Drama students benefitted from advice and teaching by RSC actors, as well as the chance to perform in front of a live audience	BS	Education
Two Mark Rutherford students took part in the Bedford School drama production of The 39 Steps	Enhanced drama skills	BS	Education
Biddenham Upper School, Castle Newnham School, Bromham Primary. Recorder workshop	Enhanced music studies	BS	Education
Sharnbrook Primary, Bromham Primary, Mark Rutherford School, St Joseph's and St Gregory's School, workshop and concert with VOCES8	An opportunity to receive musical training from a renowned chamber choir.	BS	Education
Queens Park Primary School, Cauldwell and Shortstown. A variety of workshops including speech and drama, country dancing and co-ordination games.	Enhanced skills in various disciplines	PPPS	Education
Kempston Challenger Academy, Lincroft School, Wootton Upper School Athletics competition at the Bedford Athletics Stadium	Opportunity to take part in sports competition.	BS	Education



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Grange Academy. Use of swimming pool	Students with moderate to complex learning difficulties and Autism have the opportunity to learn to swim	BMS	Education
Biddenham and Sharnbrook Upper Schools, Bedford Academy - Beds Schools Cricket Final	BMS hosted the Beds Schools Cricket Final	BMS	Education
Scott Lower School and Hills Academy Use of swimming pool for curriculum swimming	Maintained school children are able to have swimming as part of their curriculum	PPPS	Education
Bedford Road Primary School – BGS students provide volunteer reading support.	Support with literacy	BGS	Education
Castle Newnham Donation of three ripple tanks (Physics)	Enhanced Science Education	BGS	Education
Goldington Academy Donation of three ripple tanks (Physics)	Enhanced Science Education	BGS	Education
Mark Rutherford School. Donation of LogIT data logging equipment (Physics)	Enhanced Science Education	BGS	Education
Member of the Borough Council's Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	Enhanced RE provision	BMS	Education
Bedford Free School - Membership of the CCF	Provide free cadet force training	BMS	Education
Edith Cavell School Students community service	Classroom and administrative support	BMS	Education
Edith Cavell School - students provide volunteer reading and other classroom support	Additional support	BMS	Education
Edith Cavell, The Hills, St Joseph and St Gregory's, Shortstown - Art Competition	Art opportunities	BMS	Education
Goldington Academy - Teacher of Geography is a Governor	State school governance	BMS	Education
Hazeldene Primary School Springfield Primary School Lincroft School – Student volunteers	Classroom and administrative support	BMS	Education
St Johns Special School and College Loan of school vehicles	Access to offsite enrichment	BMS	Education
Brickhill Primary School - venue for Governors Meeting	Meeting space	BS	Education
Castle Newnham School – student volunteer classroom assistants	Classroom support	BS	Education
Greys Education Centre - Use of Ickwell Nature Reserve for Forest School	Access to outdoor learning	BS	Education
Livingstone School Observatory visit	Astronomy	BS	Education
Mark Rutherford School 'pen pal' project	Students at state and independent schools share thinking and learn from each other	BS	Education

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Mark Rutherford School – Bedford Student Leadership Conference planning meetings	Experience in collaborative planning to deliver a major project	BS	Education
Presentation by Pilgrims School at Bedford Borough Learning Exchange to teachers in support of children's mental health and wellbeing by Mind Map Charity	Raising awareness of the free resources and support available to all schools for student wellbeing	PPPS	Education
Group of students and staff ran 1/2 marathon/10km/5km for Bedford Hospital Charity	Raising funds for local charity	BGS	Relief
Junior School tuck shop run by student voice girls in aid of Keech Hospice, CHUMS, Tibbs Dementia, HULA	Raises awareness of charities and provides funding to the charities	BGS	Relief
Collection of food for food bank 20 very large boxes collected for Woodside Food Bank	Families provided with food that they may not have been able to afford	BGS	Relief
Stationery collection in BGS Junior School for Syrian refugee children and families supported by Bedfordshire Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support.	Support for local refugees	BGS	Relief
Lunch Club held at school with entertainment for local elderly people, including residents from Homebrook House, Oakway House and Lillibet House/Manor	Local elderly people enjoy a free lunch and entertainment	BGS	Relief
SMART Prebend Centre - food collection - approximately 700 food items collected for homeless people attending the centre	Food for homeless people	BGS	Relief
Giving Forward - Year 10 philanthropy project which encourages students to research and advocate for local social issues and charities. Winning projects raised funds for St John's Hospice, Schoolreaders, Bedford Day care Hospice	Raising awareness of local charities and providing funding for them.	BGS	Relief
Bedford Day care Hospice - Whole school charity collection - All money from non-school uniform days and other events throughout the year	Raising funds for local charity	BGS	Relief
Bedpop - Science event at Higgins Museum. Carried out various timetabled demonstrations to the public with interaction	Educating the general public	BMS	Education
Student volunteering at residential homes for older people - Dorothea Court, Residential Home, Mallards and Lansglade Residential Homes, Kimbolton Lodge Care Home	Reducing isolation for older people	BMS	Relief
Students volunteer to support of adult clients with head injuries at Headway	Students' community service for people with head injuries	BMS/BS	Relief



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Students volunteer to support people with terminal illness/life limiting conditions at Bedford Day Care Hospice	Students' community service with hospice patients	BMS	Relief
Students volunteer regularly at Bedford Foodbank.	Volunteer support for charity.	BMS	Relief
Students volunteer regularly at Elisabeth Curtis Riding for the Disabled	Students' community service	BMS/BS	Relief
Students volunteer regularly at Different Brew Café, supporting and helping adults with learning difficulties working in a social enterprise	Students' community service	BMS	Relief
Senior Citizens' Drop In - regular student run tea and entertainment for isolated older people	Reducing isolation for older people	BMS	Relief
Senior Citizens' Christmas Party - annual event for 150 isolated older people	Reducing isolation for older people	BMS	Relief
Tibbs Dementia Foundation - regular volunteering with walking group for people with dementia	support for people with dementia and their carers	BMS	Relief
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Choir for Road Victims Trust service in St Paul's Church	Supported local charity event	BMS	Relief
Sue Ryder Hospice - free use of hall for fundraising concert	Support for local charity	BMS	Relief
Tibbs Christmas Extravaganza. Students helped with performing, refreshments and set up at fundraising celebration.	Support for local charity	BMS	Relief
Bedford Hospitals Charity - Loan of equipment for concert	Supported local charity event	BMS	Relief
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Fun for Young People - free tickets and transport to school musical for children from disadvantaged background.	Support for disadvantaged children	BMS	Relief
Collection of food products at Harvest Festival for Bedford Foodbank and Bedford Day Care Centre	Support for disadvantaged families	BMS	Relief
Knitted hats for homeless people in Bedford	Support for homeless people	BMS	Relief
Staff donated advent calendars for Foxgloves Children's Home, Charis Mother and Baby Unit and Bedford Foodbank	Support for disadvantaged children and families	BMS	Relief
Bedford Foodbank - Christmas donations	Support for disadvantaged families	BMS	Relief
Carers in Bedfordshire - raised money at Christmas production and through junior school raffle and zumbathon	Support for local charity	BMS	Relief

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Carers in Bedfordshire	Support for local charity	BMS	Relief
Collection at school musical for St Johns Hospice, Bedford	Support for local charity	BMS	Relief
Donations made to Prebend Street Day Centre, Bedford in lieu of Christmas cards.	Support for local charity	BMS	Relief
Headmaster's Christmas charitable donation to Friends for Life	Support for local charity	BMS	Relief
Sponsored steeplechase in aid of The Mind Map	Support for local charity	BMS	Relief
Bedford YMCA -sponsored sleep out at school site	Support for local charity	BMS	Relief
Mad About Harry - fundraising for cancer treatment for person known by pupils.	Support for local charity	BMS	Relief
Carers in Bedfordshire - money raised at year 5 & 6 performance	Support for local charity	BMS	Relief
Staff and students provided support at Dementia Sailing at Priory Marina for Tibbs Dementia Foundation	support for people with dementia and their carers	BMS	Relief
Carol singing at local park	Wellbeing and entertainment provided free of charge to the local community	BS	Relief
Bedford School Observatory - free visits and tours provided for numerous local groups and charities throughout the year		BS	Relief
Fundraising by the Prep School for Headway Bedford, East Anglian Air Ambulance, Stroke Association, Kings Arms Project, Noah Enterprise, Prebend Centre, Faces, Families First, Youth Scape, Beds Learning Disabilities	Fundraising raised by boys and staff for local charity	BS	Relief
Senior Choir singing at Red Cross Christmas Fair	Wellbeing and entertainment provided free of charge to the local community	BS	Recreation
Fundraising Bedford Hospital Primrose Unit	Fundraising raised by boys and staff for local charity	BS	Relief
Collection of good for Bedford Foodbank	Relief organised for local charity	BS	Relief
Fundraising cycling and running project for the Mind Map	Fundraising and raising of awareness for a local mental health charity	BS	Relief
Art exhibition focusing on modernist design for local community and selected state schools	Free art exhibition open to the public, with a focus on modernist design - art appreciation and education free of charge	BS	Education

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Evening music concerts - Prep School informal concerts; Music Prize Competitions; Spring Chamber Concert; Composers' Evening; Summer Bands Concert; St Cecilia's Concert; Nettles and Nightingales Staff Concert; Out of Isolation; The Art of Song; Summer Chapel Choir and Orchestral Concert; Choral Society Concert	Attendees benefit from listening to quality music	BS	Recreation
Weekly lunchtime music concerts	Attendees benefit from listening to quality music	BS	Recreation
Staff & Friends Art Exhibition	Free art exhibition open to the public	BS	Education
Out of Isolation: an evening of music in aid of Autism Bedfordshire organised by a Sixth Former	Concert arranged to raise funds and awareness for Autism Bedfordshire.	BS	Relief
Free art exhibition for local community and invited state schools: Dan Kelly Ceramics, Students' End of Term Art Exhibition, The Detweiler Competition	Free art exhibition open to the public, with a focus on modern ceramics - art appreciation and education free of charge	BS	Education
Bedford Music Hub - meetings, Choral day for local schools, training event	Providing a space to hold meetings, music events for schoolchildren and training events for staff.	BS	Education
Beds Astro Society - Series of astronomy lectures	Providing a space to hold a lecture	BS	Education
Bedford Music Club - Free venue for a concert	Providing a space to hold a concert	BS	Education
Bedford Borough Learning Exchange - free venue for meetings	Providing a meeting space	BS	Education
SoupFest - schools provided soup, music and general assistance for fundraising and awareness for homeless people in Bedford.	A community event enjoyed by local residents of Bedford and also helping the local homeless	BS/BMS	Relief
Year 2 undertook litter picking in the school park	Children picked litter to provide a cleaner environment and promote pride in the local community	PPPS	Relief
MENCAP -Use of swimming pool for children with learning disabilities during the summer holidays	Children with learning disabilities have the opportunity to swim during their summer play scheme	PPPS	Recreation
National Childbirth Trust. Free venue for regional antenatal classes and training for pregnant ladies	Provide hall facilities to NCT to hold first aid training courses,	PPPS	Education
Collection for Bedford Food Bank	Donations for distribution to local people in need	PPPS	Relief
Various fundraising initiatives for schools chose charity - Mind Map Charity	Mind Map make presentations to parents and staff to promote improved mental health of children.	PPPS	Relief