

## Community Outreach & Charity Fundraising at The Roche School

Dear Parents,

Every year, The Roche School Community raises money for charity supporting a range of local initiatives and organisations. We seek to contribute financially and practically to causes both within our local community and beyond and play our part as local and global citizens. Through visiting guests, the efforts of House Leaders, FORS and the children themselves, many initiatives take place throughout the year which are not only fun but have lasting benefits for a range of causes. It is our aim that children should learn (in age-appropriate ways) the value of service and of contribution. In Year 6, as part of our Transition to Secondary programme, pupils may visit one of our charities to see the work first hand.

Each year our House Charities support four different causes. Please see them outlined below.

### Wren House (Blue) – Miss Lydia - Makimei Children's Home, Kenya

*This children's home is visited by Miss Lydia every summer where she works with children and staff. The last time we raised funds for them (six years ago) we bought them a car which is essential to them and still going strong. It is safe to say that Lydia's on-the-ground involvement at Makimei has considerably enriched the lives of the orphans in this home. You can find their website here:*

### Eliot House (Green) Miss Sian - The Victoria Medical Foundation in Richmond

*The Victoria Foundation in Richmond provides special equipment for SLD children (severe learning disabilities) such as bikes, minibuses and wheelchairs – anything, in fact, that will promote the further independence of these children most of whom are in specialist education settings. In addition, they award grants to medical students from disadvantaged backgrounds and give support to mothers and fathers who function as 24/7 carers to their children. You can find their website here:*

### Turner House (Red) Mrs Theresa - The Katherine Low Settlement

*The Katherine Lowe Settlement in Battersea is 100 years old this year, around the corner in Battersea and supports a range of causes. They help refugees, the low-waged, adults who are semi-literate, the aged and lonely. You name it. They will give a helping hand.*

### Nelson House (Yellow) Miss Tulsi - Shanti Bhavan

*Shanti Bhavan is a well-known charity in India. It is a residential charity educating children born into India's lowest social caste with stated aims of breaking the cycle of deprivation and poverty. There is a Netflix documentary about this amazing charity chosen by Mrs Tulsi called *Daughters of Destiny*. Please take a look especially if your children are in this house. They also have a gala on 9<sup>th</sup> November for which you are welcome to purchase tickets: [Shanti Bhavan: UK's 2023 Autumn Gala - Shanti Bhavan Children's Project](#)*

In addition to these four charities, we will continue to support Don's Local Action Group with food for those using food banks, and Little Village – a charity to which we can donate clothes and equipment for the Under-5s.

We thank you for your past kindness and generosity which has always been considerable. Do get in touch if you have any questions – either with me or Miss Lydia who runs Community Outreach & Charity Fundraising at the school.

Kindest regards,

Vania  
Headmistress