



Medical support transforming lives

The Victoria Foundation supports Greenmead Primary School in raising funds for an Innowalk

Greenmead Primary School, in Putney, is so very proud to be first school in the UK to have an Innowalk after raising £31,000 with the help and support of very generous donations by friends and families of the school and from a tremendous donation of £15,000 from The Victoria Foundation which was raised in the live auction at the charity's annual ball.



An Innowalk is a specialist piece of mobility equipment that allows children who have complex physical disabilities the opportunity to move and exercise and experience active walking whilst standing which they otherwise would not be able to achieve. The handle bars allow children movement in their upper bodies and the experience of using both hands together more functionally. The movement that the Innowalk provides helps children to overcome muscle contracture, allows for independent weight bearing thereby building bone density, hip socket development and maintaining muscle lengths.

Parents have also noticed significant improvement in their child's bowel function, blood pressure, chest and respiratory management and sleeping patterns which can cause the children to have serious medical conditions in addition to their physical disabilities.

Children who are often very stiff from sitting in their wheelchairs and who often struggle with their breathing and chest infections have benefitted enormously from having time on the Innowalk built into their physiotherapy programmes.

The children clearly enjoy using the Innowalk and the repetition of movement has allowed them to be more alert, engaged and ready to learn other skills. One of the pupils commented that he "feels like Usain Bolt ... I can do 800 meters."

Toni Edmonds-Smith, Headteacher, would like to thank The Victoria Foundation and friends and families of Greenmead School for their very generous donations so that the feat of having the school's very own Innwalk could be accomplished.

Lorna Votier, Development Director of the charity added, "The Victoria Foundation is delighted to have contributed to the Innwalk and it is wonderful to hear how this specialist piece of equipment is helping to transform lives. I would also like to take this opportunity thank all our supporters for their generosity at our annual ball which makes it possible for the charity to help in this way."

Please save the date for The Victoria Foundation Masquerade Ball which is on 9th December in the President's Suite and Spirit of Rugby at Twickenham Stadium.

The black tie ball will raise funds which will help to provide a fully accessible mini-bus and care support for the elderly to ensure they are not isolated. Tickets are £125 but if booked by 1st September reduced to £110 – DON'T DELAY AND BOOK TODAY.

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The Masquerade Ball
9th December 2017

7pm Champagne Reception – 8pm Gala Dinner – 1am Carriages
Black Tie - Champagne Reception - Gala Dinner - Dancing - Diamond Draw - Auction

TICKETS £125 - TABLES for 10/12 GUESTS £1,250/£1,500
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