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Sponsored walk raises thousands

One hundred and thirty walkers took part in the annual Oshwal Pharmacists Charity Walk. See June's ARCHER.

Their ages ranged from three to 79 and they were doing it to raise money for three different causes. These were the National Asthma Campaign, McMillan Cancer Relief and NSS Polio Hospital in India. Altogether they col-

lected £17,800.

Paresh Shah, pharmacist at CW Andrew, 32 High Road participated. Sponsored by many of his customers, Paresh raised an amazing £1,315. Well done, Paresh, and thank you to all his sponsors.

What a picture!

By Helen Drake

A sense of expectation and huge excitement was palpable amongst the staff, parents and children gathered in the main hall at Martin Junior School on Wednesday 23 June. Head teacher Maggie Driscoll had managed to persuade Arsenal Football Club to lend the school the Premier League Trophy, which the team had won in June, as a way of raising money towards the annual School Journey, to be taken in September 2004 by Year 6 pupils. For a small fee, children and parents had been offered the chance to have their photos taken with the Trophy.

Part of history

As the thrilled children started arriving in the hall it was a sea of colour as many of them had taken the opportunity to wear the shirt of their favourite football team. The main attraction for many appeared to be the pleasure of seeing and touching something that had been in the hands of so many famous football legends in the past, and the fact that it would be in their hands again in the future.

The trophy

And it's enormous! Children crowded around the huge Trophy to examine the inscriptions going back to 1992, Arsenal's name appearing three times. David Burgh, a lifelong Arsenal supporter, who was wearing his replica 1930s Arsenal shirt, enthused, "It's lovely to see the biggest trophy in the English game at my children's school, and it's good to see the Club helping out the community."

Treasure forever

Behind the camera was parent Eti Wade, a photography lecturer and founder member of the East Finchley Open artists group, ably assisted by Lou Hains, another parent at the school, who had devised a special photographic 'studio' in the hall, using the Arsenal colours for the background.



Year 4 children show their enthusiasm for the trophy. Photo by Eti Wade

The children would receive a photo to treasure forever.

Soccer schools

Arsenal Football Club's Community Department has close links with Martin Junior School as it runs soccer schools for the 7-12 age group, girls and

boys, on the field during the holidays and half terms. And if you don't support Arsenal, don't worry. The soccer schools are open to everyone, regardless of allegiance! For more information telephone the Community Department 020 7704 4140.

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