



Despite the raging heat, Southborough staff complete the #British10k, raising over £1,800 for Cecily's Fund!



With regular warnings for people across the UK to keep in the shade, drink lots of water and avoid unnecessary exertion during this scorching heatwave, it's probably fair to say that the Southborough staff team who had selflessly volunteered to take part in the #British10k run on Sunday to raise much-needed money for Cecily's Fund, were feeling more than a little apprehensive before the start! Armed with bottles of water, it was 28C before the race had even began, but after an incredible amount of effort, perseverance and tenacity, the team pulled together and collectively completed the gruelling 10k run around some of the most iconic sights of London, including Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey and Whitehall.



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Southborough High School has supported Cecily's Fund for a number of years now, raising much needed funds through events like RAG Week and the 'Penny a Day jar' collection, where students - particularly Years 7 – 9 - regularly donate all their unwanted small change in a jar in their form classrooms. As the old saying goes, 'look after the pennies and the pounds will look after themselves' and it's quite delightful to see how much those pennies add up at the end of each year. So far, the charity race this year has raised an incredible £1,800!

Cecily's Fund is a small international development organisation and registered charity based in the UK. Its aim is to enable orphans and vulnerable children in Zambia to gain an education so that they are able to reach their true potential and have better futures. Many of the young Zambian children who they support have been orphaned as a consequence of HIV/AIDS.



Mr Thomas running



Wearing the 'Equalities' shoelaces'

This year, eleven members of staff, namely headteacher Mr Smith, Mr Iles, Mr Thomas, Miss Mosely, Miss Morkane, Miss Johnston, Miss Lamb, Mrs Blackler, Mr Neal, Mr Johnson and Mr Taylor, all took part in the challenging race. Everyone gave it their very best shot, with Miss Morkane, Mr Taylor and Mr Thomas achieving the top three finish times amongst the group.

Many students have said how proud they feel of their teachers and headteacher and it's lovely to think that, once more, Southborough will be supporting a worthy charity, particularly as Cecily's Fund celebrated its 20th anniversary last year. It is, of course, not too late to donate money to the Just Giving page that has been set up. Simply click on the link below and make your donation.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Southborough2018>

Many thanks to all parents, carers, students and staff who have already generously supported the event by donating online. And on behalf of everyone working at Southborough, we'd like to say a heartfelt 'well done' to our colleagues who took part and completed the run. We feel very proud of you all.