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Dear Parent/Carer

CHARITIES WEEK - Monday 31st October – Friday 4th November

I would like to bring to your attention that the school's major fundraising event of the year - Charities Week – starts next Monday. Every year the pupils at Mearns Castle raise large amounts of money during this week by taking part in many different and imaginative activities. Last year, almost £7000 was raised and subsequently disbursed among a number of charities, each chosen by the pupils themselves.

The activities during the week are many and varied and include :

- Daily Lunchtime Talent Shows
- Sponge the Teacher
- 5 – a - side Football
- Great Balloon Race
- S6 Helper-For-A-Day Auction
- Beauty Treatments
- Dodgeball Tournament
- Circus Training

In addition, Friday of Charities Week is traditionally a non-uniform day, with a donation of £1 being requested from each pupil and staff member who wishes to wear more casual clothing that day.

The daily variety shows provide a showcase for the abundant talent within our school and it has become customary to display this talent to a wider audience by selecting the best and most interesting acts and bringing them together for two evening shows called *Look Back in Laughter*. Obviously, you, as parent or carer, are particularly welcome to come along to these shows which will be held on the evenings of 21st and 22nd of November. Further details will be provided nearer the time.

Meantime, we would be very appreciative of your support next week. It goes without saying that Charities Week can only be a success if every pupil in the school takes a full part in the activities being provided. To do this, each will need a 'little extra' in their pockets and purses throughout the week. Please be assured that whatever you are able to provide will be going to very good causes, as well as allowing your son/daughter to have a bit of fun in the process.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully

Vincent O'Donnell

On behalf of the Charities Week Committee