

We hope **NATIONAL TALKING WEEK!** will not only raise awareness of the importance of BBC Children In Need as a charity but will also raise a large amount of money for the fund. In 2010 we raised almost £40,000. This year, with your help, we can once again reach this target.



HELEN O'GRADY PRE-SCHOOL STUDENTS TALKING WITH THEIR TEACHER ON NATIONAL TALKING DAY 2010 RAISING MONEY FOR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Please help us make **Wednesday 9th - 17th November** a momentous week for students around the country and a successful warm-up for BBC Children In Need Day on Friday 18th..

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To support the amazing work of BBC Children In Need, we are delighted to announce the third annual, Helen O'Grady

NATIONAL TALKING WEEK!

From **Wednesday 9th November** we hope there will be thousands of people around the country engaged in meaningful discussions. At the Academy we have long extolled the virtues of verbal communication and, in these days of social media: texting, emails, Facebook, Twitter and the like, it is becoming a dying art. And what better way to revive conversation than with the aim of raising tens of thousands of pounds for BBC Children In Need?

Talking will take place in Helen O'Grady classes and in schools. There are topics for each age group to discuss. Parents, teachers and Principals are more than welcome to become involved, both as listening partners and talking themselves.

You can attain sponsorship from friends, family, neighbours and workmates. They can pledge a minimum of just £1 or be as generous as they like.

Television presenter, Julia Bradbury, supports

NATIONAL TALKING WEEK!

Julia, who gave birth to her first child this summer said: "Children should be the next generation of talkers so I commend their efforts in National Talking Week! Having conversations to support BBC Children in Need will not only raise lots of money but also raise children's awareness of others less fortunate than themselves. Well done everyone at the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy!

Topics and times are as follows:

Age group	Suggested Discussion Topic	Time to talk
5-7 years (KS1)	My adventures with Pudsey Bear.	2 minutes
8-11 years (KS2)	The silliest way I can think of to raise money for BBC Children in Need.	3 minutes
12-17 (Secondary) and adults	The 'line up ' n the BBC Children in Need programme which would raise most money and why.	4 minutes

To help everyone prepare, please visit:

www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey

for inspiration on the work of Children In Need.

On NATIONAL TALKING WEEK! at school, teachers may listen to each child in turn or supervise students speaking with each other. In drama classes, parents are invited to participate, listening to their own son or daughter and having their offspring listen to them! So all Helen O'Grady students have the opportunity to take part in their drama classes, the talking days will continue throughout the week until Friday 18th. The teacher will be responsible for timing the talking and recording achievements on sponsor forms. Details of pledges and how funds will be collected are included on the sponsor form.

