

We hope **NATIONAL TALKING DAY!** will not only raise awareness of the importance of Children In Need as a charity but will also raise a large amount of money for the fund. In 2008 we presented Children In Need with a cheque for £20,000. This year, with your help, we can double that amount!



THE HELEN O'GRADY TEAM WITH THEIR CHEQUE AT LAST YEAR'S CHILDREN IN NEED

Please help us make **Friday 13th November** a momentous day for students around the country and a successful warm-up for Children In Need Day the following Friday.



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FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2009



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To support the amazing work of Children In Need, we are delighted to launch the first annual, Helen O'Grady

NATIONAL TALKING DAY!

On **Friday 13th 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 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.



PUDSEY LENDS A HAND FUNDRAISING IN 2008!

Topics and times are as follows:

Age group	Suggested Discussion Topic	Time to talk
5-7 years (KS1)	What I like about being a child in my family/school.	2 minutes
8-11 years (KS2)	Which children should benefit from Children In Need and why.	3 minutes
12-17 (Secondary) and adults	What should be taken into consideration when allocating funds.	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 DAY!** in 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 following week until Thursday 19th. 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.

