

## Celebrating International Women's Day

Our school community is certainly one to be very proud and humbled by. As part of celebrating I.W.D, we ran a whole school cake sale and toiletry collection for two local charities; Salford Women's Aid and Emmeline's Pantry. Salford Women's Aid offers a range of services to help and support women, men and children who are affected by domestic abuse. Emmeline's Pantry ensures that women and their families have access to the things they need most, including food, toiletries, baby equipment and clothes. We felt these charities were important as the donations will have a direct impact on the people living in our local area.

The cake sale took place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at break and lunch time. The variety of cakes ranged from 20p to £1 – especially for those Costco slices which Miss Ford and Mrs Gorman kindly donated. Connor Clarke (Y11) went above and beyond to individually package his cupcakes, 10/10 for presentation – every single one sold at break time. Future Great British Bake Off contestant? Deana in Y11 correctly guessed how many sweets were in the sweetie jar, and won herself a 206 assorted purple treats. Miss Fitzgerald sure had fun counting every single one of these!

Students were also encouraged to bring in toiletries, as this was a current shortage for Emmeline's Pantry. The toiletries were collected over 7 school days. The humanities store cupboard was overflowing with all kinds of goods, from sanitary products, bath and shower gels, toothpaste and tins! The outcome of what was donated in such a short period of time, was utterly incredible.

It's safe to say that both representatives from the charities were astonished and amazed with how generous our students and staff have been. In just little over a week, we were able to raise **£225.42p** for Salford Women's Aid and an abundance of toiletries and food items for Emmeline's Pantry.

A HUGE thank you to everyone for your involvement, we know what these donations will have a huge impact within our local community. You should all be very proud, I certainly am!

Mrs McMahon



