

NOEL CHADWICK LTD - CASH FOR SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

-- 5th January, 2005 -- In December 2004, we (Noel Chadwick Ltd) wrote to 10 local primary schools in the Standish, Shevington, Wrightington and Appley Bridge areas, and offered them the opportunity to apply for a share of £3000. This money was being donating to celebrate the business' success at winning the British Small Business Champions 2004.

Unlike many schemes run by larger organisations, there was no requirement for schools and families to spend any money with the business (so no vouchers to collect and no points to redeem). All the schools had to do was send a letter detailing how much money they would like to receive, and how they planned to spend it.

Replies were received from 6 of the 10 schools contacted. Each entry was then considered carefully in turn, and the Chadwick family cast their votes.

The school that received the most votes was Mossy Lea County Primary School in Wrightington. Each child in the school had drawn and coloured a "Congratulations" picture, accompanied by a letter written by headmistress Mrs Sheridan. We are thrilled to be able to announce that we are donating £1000 to Mossy Lea. This money will be used to build a new gate to protect the children from a very busy road, and will also help to fund essential re-fencing around the school.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary in Wrightington sent a letter signed by the headmistress, Janice Keating, and the teacher responsible for I.C.T., Mr Rennison. The letter congratulated the business on winning such a prestigious award, and requested £1000 to provide the school with its first interactive whiteboard. Again, we are delighted to be able to donate the full amount requested by the school, and hope that both pupils and staff will enjoy using this new facility.

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary in Shevington did not ask for a specific amount, merely a donation to go towards re-developing the school grounds. However, because such a large amount is needed, and St Bernadette's has just 156 pupils, there was a concern about the benefit our donation would bring to the school. A quick telephone call to the headmaster soon confirmed that he could happily spend money on educational resources. St Bernadette's has received £500 as a result.

St Wilfrid's C. of E. Primary in Standish asked for a contribution towards marking-out 3 playground areas. It was preferred by the Chadwick family that any money donated to the schools would be spent on educational resources only. So, headmistress Mrs Kneale was contacted and asked whether the school had any other plans for the funding. She confirmed that £500 would be a very useful contribution towards an interactive whiteboard. We are pleased to confirm that this amount has been awarded to St Wilfrid's.

Sadly, it was always likely that the business would not be able to provide support for all the schools that applied, and we were unable to assist two of the schools.

St Marie's Catholic Primary in Standish asked for £1200 to purchase an interactive whiteboard (most classes in this school have one), but stated that if the full amount requested could not be offered, the donation could be matched from school funds. We hope that the school was not too disappointed to have not received funding from us. We know St Marie's has a very active and hard working P.T.F.A. (whose fundraising events we already support) who manage to raise substantial amounts of money for the school (one event raised over £6000, for example). Therefore, we are sure it won't be long before this whiteboard can be purchased.

Finally, Wood Fold County Primary requested the full £3000 (although any other amount available would be welcome). This money would be used to benefit the school greatly in

creating play zones on the new playground, and a woodland area. We hope the school was not be too disappointed by our decision not to support this scheme. Again, Wood Fold has a very active P.T.F.A. (whose fundraising events we support), who have recently raised over £7000 for the school.

2005 will continue to see The Chadwick Family provide vital support in fundraising for local schools, charities and voluntary organisations. Please remember, though, if you don't support your local businesses, they will not be able to support you.

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