

School children collect two thousand books for World Book Day

Ever wondered what to do with the mountain of books you once loved, but haven't touched in years? Giving them away to charity is a popular option. It's exactly what the students of Meopham School decided to do this World Book Day.

The school decided to organise a Book Drive to collect books for a Kent based children's hospice. Demelza Hospice Care for Children, providing respite and hospice care for children across Kent and the South East, received 2,000 books from the students and staff at the school.

The teacher who organised the event, Miss Smith, said, "The response to the Book Drive was overwhelming. The generosity of the students, families and staff meant that we blew our initial 200-300 book target out of the water."

Several students went above and beyond to collect the books. Amber, in Year 11, spent a weekend visiting different relatives and collecting their books, raising an incredible 250 books for the school. Two girls in Year 8, Ria and Lily, went collecting along their road and around their local area. They managed to collect over 500 books for the charity.

A representative from Demelza Hospice Care for Children came to collect the books and meet some of the children involved, explaining to them the work that the hospice carries out in the local area for not only children with severe illnesses but also their families. Katherine Cordrey, who works for the charity, said "Thank you to all of the students at Meopham School who have spent their time collecting and donating books for Demelza. As a charity, not part of the NHS, Demelza is reliant on fundraising, donations and gifts in Wills to raise over £10.5million needed every year to provide care to seriously ill children and their family. The books that the students of Meopham School have collected will be used in our hospice in Kent and Eltham and also to stock our shops to help raise vital funds for Demelza Hospice."



