



The Bluecoat School and Nursery Unit

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Dear Parents

This week the children were visited by a very special athlete, Ben Smith. Ben has taken up the challenge of running 401 marathons in 401 days in order to raise money for two anti-bullying charities, Kidscape and Stonewall. To put this feat in context you may have seen Eddie Izzard completing 27 in 27 days for Sports Relief, this will involve Ben running a marathon a day for over a year. By the time he completes the final marathon of his challenge he will have run the equivalent distance from here to Sydney, Australia.



Ben came to visit us as part of his Stamford marathon and the children were very inspired by his effort and the way that he engaged with them as he ran round. The children themselves have asked if there was something we could do to support his goal of raising £250,000 for his charities. This is something we would very much like to do.

We have decided to support Ben by holding our very own Bluecoat Marathon. On Monday 25th April, the children and adults from YR to Y6 will run a marathon distance as a tag team. Each child will run a leg of our course before passing on to another child who will take over, until we have completed the 26 miles 385 yards which make up the marathon distance.

We would like each child to pay £1 to take part in this event and this money will be passed on to Ben's 401 Challenge charity.

Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school on this day and that they have a £1 contribution to donate to the causes.

Thank you very much in advance

Ben Bloor
Deputy Headteacher

