

# NEWS RELEASE



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### Local Primary schools are making Time to Save!

Hundred's of local Primary School children have been busy making their own money collecting box to raise money for their local Hospice

Time to Save is a new initiative which has been launched by the Douglas Macmillan Hospice to all local Primary Schools and Day Nurseries. The aim is for children aged 3-11 to design and make their very own money collecting box and collect loose change from their home. Children have really embraced this campaign and have been busy recycling an item from their home, decorating it and turning it into a Dougie Bank.

Springcroft, St Wilfird's, St Mary's, Sandfordhill, Thursfield, St Maria Goretti Primary Schools & Meadowside Nursery are amongst a few of the schools and nurseries who have been supporting the campaign.

Pictured are children from Springcroft Primary School where each and everyone of the 217 pupils made a Dougie bank and collected loose change amounting to £800.

Liz Clarke, Fundraising Office Manager said "I am overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of the children and support of the teachers from all the schools and nurseries who have been involved in our latest school fundraising initiative".

If your school would like to get involved in Time to Save or would like more information then email or call Liz Clarke on 01782 344304.

## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. Douglas Macmillan Hospice provides specialist palliative care for adults across North Staffordshire who face cancer and other life-limiting illnesses
2. Care is provided at the Hospice and in people's homes across the community.
3. The Hospice is independent, it receives no funding from any national charity
4. It costs over £6 million each year to run and develop the full range of services from the Hospice. More than two thirds of money comes from local voluntary donations.

For quotes and comments on behalf of Douglas Macmillan Hospice, contact in the first instance should be made through Peter Keller on 01782 344304