

## *'Improving the quality of family life'*



Newsletter October 2009

Dear Supporters,

Following our last newsletter, the Snowflake School was officially registered by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) on July 8th 2008 and opened its doors to its first pupil in September 2008.

Since then, we have welcomed numerous parents, heads of Education Authorities and other schools, and showed them what the school can offer for children on the autistic spectrum.

The Right Honourable Sir Malcolm Rifkind QC, MP for Kensington and Chelsea inaugurated the school and praised us for creating an establishment that was in such great need in the borough.



During the months of March to July 2009, many of you helped us raise thousands of school vouchers for our school. We managed to collect 8500 Tesco vouchers and 4200 Sainsbury's vouchers. A much needed computer programme, a twin tricycle and toys were amongst the things for which we exchanged our vouchers.

Waitrose branches in Kensington High Street and Gloucester Road have nominated us as one of the three Charities of the Month for their Community Matters project and managed to not only raise some much needed funds for us, but also to increase awareness for the school in their respectful areas.

On July 8th 2009, we had our first OFSTED inspection. After a one and half day inspection, we were praised for our achievements. Our report can be downloaded from our website.

Last but not least, we had six new pupils starting school on September 14th 2009. We already have another pupil confirmed for January 2010 and one for April 2010. Therefore before the end of this academic year, we will be nearly halfway through our capacity, as we are licensed for 15 pupils only.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support throughout the past five years, as we have been working hard to put this project together. Our determination and hard work would not have been bourn fruit without your kind and generous support, and it is through your ongoing encouragement and faith that we have been able to establish The Snowflake School for Children with Autism. So thank you again for supporting our project.

We intend to send you regular news about our progress. If you have any specific questions, or if you do not wish to receive our updates, please let us know.

On behalf of the Snowflake School for Children with Autism,

Yours truly,  
Faryaneh Akhavan  
Founder



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