



Newsletter March 2007

Dear Friends,

It has been nine months since our last report, and since then Snowflake School has made great progress, all due to your kind support and belief in this project and our determination.

When we wrote to you last, we had £100,000 in our bank account. This amount has now increased to £209,000, bringing us one step closer to turning the idea of Snowflake School into reality. This boost to our funds was achieved through a number of donations and fundraising events listed below:

Last May, Mrs Farah Alaghband celebrated her birthday, kindly requesting no gifts but rather for donations to be made to Snowflake School. Their thoughtful generosity raised over £11,000 for our school. In September 2006, an event was organised and fully funded by Kambiz & Roya Babaei at their home. This benefit raised over £38,000 and was highlighted in February 6th issue of OK Magazine. Mrs Mahnaz Kamel organised a private dinner at her home in February where a progress report was presented to a valued group of donors whose support greatly benefited Snowflake School last year. This event resulted in further pledges for the school.

All these charitable efforts of our supporters allow us to focus more intensely on opening the school and soon we will be able to show you tangible results achieved through your generosity.

Our school will be based in Earls Court, London SW5. We found premises that suit our purposes. We have envisaged, secured and started a number of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) sessions and supported our staff in making materials for the children. We have generously offered to advise half of the necessary. We have also interviewed teachers and head teachers, one of whom will be writing our curriculum and policies. No decisions have been made yet, but we intend to extend several job offers in the next couple of months.



Learning co-operation and turn taking through music

Given the extent of building work required to our premises and all the necessary paper work and bureaucracy involved in registering a school, we have a lot of work to do before we can welcome any children. Despite this time set back, we hope to open our doors early November 2007.

A lot remains to be done but we have come far. None of the progress we have achieved would have been possible without your support. We hope we can continue to rely on your help and look forward to inviting you to our school soon where you can see the difference your donations have made.

We will continue to send you regular news about our progress. Should you have specific questions, or you wish not to receive further updates, please let us know.

On behalf of Snowflake School for Children with Autism,

Yours truly,

Faryaneh Akhavan, Founder

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