Has Kicked OFF

Thank you for all your support so far. Our fund has already increased by a further £15,000 since the Gazette launched our Campaign. Castles have kindly allowed us to use their window in the High Street so watch out for updates. So how have you helped us to achieve this?

Local School Support
Our future students are really behind BerkoAstro and their schools have pledged to help in the fundraising. Special thanks go to Thomas Coram who’s Governors and students have pledged money; as have Bridgewater and Greenway. Watch out for some joint fundraising events.

Nick Walsh Memorial Football match
Thanks to the support from Berkhamsted Rangers 2005FC who took on St George Crusaders FC in September and raised over £1,000 towards the project. These energetic people have made this match an annual affair in memory of Nick. The BerkoAstro pitch will also be dedicated to Nick.

The Big Bounce
Thanks to over a hundred Ashlyns students bouncing through the night, our fund benefited by a further £1,000. Organised through our PE department the keen athletes kept going for an amazing 24 hours bouncing away.

Strictly Prancing
The ASA (Ashlyns School Association) laid on an excellent evening of dance and fun as couples took to the dance floor, having been given some tips from the professionals. Thanks to everyone who helped to organise or attended the evening; which raised a fantastic £3,500.

And that’s not all .................................................................

For more information on all our events, how to help, sponsorship and new events go to

http://www.ashlyns.herts.sch.uk/berkoastro/

Thanks to our local company support: The Gazette, Junction 9, LT Consulting, Coconut Marketing, Castles, Thompson Bradfield Architects Ltd
What’s Next.................................................................

**Mascot Competition**

The BerkoAstro Project needs an eye-catching, instantly recognisable identity or ‘brand’ which will appeal to all ages --- a cheeky, fun Mascot that everyone will love and take to their hearts.

We’ve launched a competition to design and name the Mascot and the overall winner will see their entry used in every possible way as part of the promotion of the fantastic project --- including the creation of a life size Mascot to be its official ‘ambassador’ at events and functions!!!!!!

**Guidelines and Entry:** Enter in one of 3 categories.
The winner in each category will be awarded a prize:
- 5 – 9 years of age  
  Prize – 2 places (winner + friend) at Recreate holiday art course
- 10 – 13 years of age  
  Prize – Family VIP Day to the Paradise Wildlife Park
- 13 and over (including adults)  
  Prize – 6 Cinema Tickets

**PLUS an overall winner!**
The overall winning design selected from all 3 categories will be used as the BerkoAstro logo.

Entries must be received by 30th November 2009. The winners will be announced by 14th December 2009

**Old Raiders v New Raiders 27th November**

On 27th November watch past Raiders managers and players take on the current crop of aspiring Raiders parents and managers at a football match to be played at Berkhamsted FC’s Broadwater Stadium, kick off 7.30pm, gates open 6.30pm. Full refreshments and professional BBQ available on the night. We are sure it will bring back some great memories for ‘the old team’. There is no entrance fee but donations will of course be very welcome and go towards the BerkoAstro appeal.

**Waitrose 12th December**

Let us help you pack your shopping on Saturday 12th December. Meet some of our team as they pack your shopping. We look forward to seeing you.

**Ongoing**

We have already raised £1375 through individual donations plus Gift Aid on our BerkoAstro appeal justgiving website. It is very easy to donate on [http://www.justgiving.com/ashlynsschool](http://www.justgiving.com/ashlynsschool)

**Other ways you can help:**
- Join our Prize Draw Fund – forms available from the school or project web-site
- Support all BerkoAstro events
- Does your firm do matched funding? Please email us on berkoastro@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk
- Would you like to become one of our sponsors? Please email us as above.

There’s much more to come so watch out in the Gazette or on our web-site: [http://www.ashlyns.herts.sch.uk/berkoastro/](http://www.ashlyns.herts.sch.uk/berkoastro/)