



Purple Pinkie Event

Members of our **6th Form Interact Club** are doing a sponsored walk on **Saturday 6th March** starting from school at 9am and walking 10 miles along the Wirral Way. They are raising funds for the "**Purple Pinkie Appeal**".

The Purple Pinkie Appeal is run by the Rotary Club and is a charity which is helping to end the occurrence of polio.

Our Interact Club would love to raise public awareness of the efforts being made to eradicate polio and donate as much money as they can so please sponsor them and help this very worthwhile cause.

When children are vaccinated against polio, they have a purple stamp put on one of their little fingers. In this way the immunisation team knows who has been vaccinated.

Polio is

- A crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease, polio (poliomyelitis) still strikes children mainly under the age of five in countries in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.
- Polio can cause paralysis and sometimes death. Because there is no cure for polio, the best protection is prevention. **For as little as 50p's worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life.**
- It can cause paralysis within hours, and polio paralysis is almost always irreversible.
- In the most severe cases, polio attacks the motor neurons of the brain stem, causing breathing difficulty or even death.
- Historically, polio has been the world's greatest cause of disability.

If polio isn't eradicated, the world will continue to live under the threat of the disease. More than 10 million children will be paralyzed in the next 40 years if the world fails to eradicate polio.

SO PLEASE SPONSOR THEM!

THANK YOU

For more information go to:

<http://www.ribi.org/thanks-for-life/for-rotarians/purple-pinkie>

