



Help your students make a lasting impression this year

Marie Curie Cancer Care's Daffodil Schools Challenge tasks pupils aged 11 to 16 with designing, planning, and creating a visual display based on the charity's daffodil emblem, either at their school or elsewhere in the community. The display could range from planting a flowerbed of daffodils, to creating a sculpture or a mosaic based on the flower.

The students are also challenged to raise funds to help Marie Curie Nurses, who provide free nursing care for terminally ill people in their own homes at the end of their lives, allowing them to spend their final days surrounded by their loved ones.

When teachers register for the activity, they receive a pack containing lesson plans for Key Stages 3 and 4 or equivalent in subjects such as Citizenship, PSHEE and English, as well as activity sheets which take the pupils through all the elements of project management.

For more information or to sign up to the Daffodil Schools Challenge, please visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodilchallenge or call 08700 340 040. Teachers can register until August 31, 2011.

Marie Curie Cancer Care is one of the UK's largest charities. Employing more than 2,700 nurses, doctors and other healthcare professionals, it expects to provide care to around 29,000 terminally ill patients in the community and in its hospices this year and is the largest provider of hospice beds outside the NHS.

Funding

Around 70 per cent of the charity's income comes from the generous support of thousands of individuals, membership organisations and businesses, with the balance of our funds coming from the NHS.

Marie Curie Nurses

The charity is best known for its network of Marie Curie Nurses working in the community to provide end-of-life care, totally free for patients in their own homes.

Research

The charity has two centres for palliative care research, The Marie Curie Palliative Care Research Unit at University College London and The Marie Curie Palliative Care Institute in Liverpool. It also funds seven fundamental scientific research groups which investigate the causes and treatments of cancer.