

Shoebox Appeal for Ukrainian Children

We would like to share a heartfelt thank you from the organiser of the **Shoebox Appeal for Ukrainian Children** to everyone in the Homefield community who supported this wonderful project.

A special thank you goes to our School Council, pupils and their families, staff, and school administration team for donating shoeboxes and gifts, helping to organise collections, and carefully preparing the boxes. It was particularly moving to see members of the Homefield School Council filling the shoeboxes and writing personal cards and messages for the children who would receive them.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our families, **278 shoeboxes** were collected overall, including **around 40 boxes from Homefield**. Last week, these gifts were delivered to children in Ukraine, including children living in residential institutions, children without parental care, and children with Down syndrome and cerebral palsy.

Photographs have since been received showing the children opening their gifts, and the joy these shoeboxes brought is truly heartwarming. While the children's faces have been blurred for privacy, the images provide a wonderful reminder of the difference a simple act of kindness can make.

Thank you to everyone who contributed. Your generosity has given around **40 Ukrainian children a special moment of happiness** and reminded them that they are not forgotten.