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PYJAMA PARTY AT SCHOOL RAISES HUNDREDS FOR WELSH CANCER CHARITY

A SCHOOLGIRL from West Cross in Swansea sparked a fundraising event that raised almost a thousand pounds for a Welsh cancer charity.

Fern Lee-Jenkins (10), a year five pupil at Whitestones Primary School, asked teachers if she could organise a sponsored 'pyjama day' to raise money for Cancer Research Wales.

The school agreed, and all staff and pupils turned up for lessons in their bed gear – raising £970.84.

The pupils presented the cheque to Maggie Hughes, fundraising director at Cancer Research Wales, in different attire – traditional Welsh costumes to celebrate a visit from guest teachers from across Europe.

Deputy head teacher, Dawn Jenkins said: "We listen to all our pupils' suggestions, so when Fern came up with this idea we were keen to give it a go!

"She insisted the money should go to Cancer Research Wales, after reading about the important work they do.

Maggie Hughes said: "We are very grateful to Fern and all the other children who helped raise this money, which will all stay in Wales to help fund research into the treatment and understanding of cancer."

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Notes For Editors

- Cancer Research Wales was formed by a board of trustees in 1966
- The charity's headquarters is at Velindre Hospital in Whitchurch, Cardiff
- All money raised by Cancer Research Wales is spent in Wales
- The money funds scientists and their pioneering cancer research projects around Wales
- Cancer Research Wales also funds the only dedicated cancer research library in Wales
- The charity's patrons include Nigel Walker and Huw Edwards
- The research team is headed by Professor Malcolm Mason
- Over £3 million has been raised by the charity in the last few years alone