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Dear Colleagues,

Reboot and Raise

Just over halfway through the month and we are just under halfway towards our £10,000 target, but a late surge of supporters and sunnier weather are making a big difference.

Fundraising Target



We are particularly pleased to see that our corporate supporter Rivervale not only formed a team but are storming up the rankings to second spot, having overtaken the Red Hot Chilli Steppers. Rivervale team members Ben and Habeeba completed a marathon walk over the weekend. At the time of writing their fellow team member Neil has raised the most money so far with an impressive £1,445 and top millage goes to Trustee Martin Christie on 169 miles. There's still time to show your support for colleagues by donating. You can find out more and see who is featuring on the Leaderboard [here](#).

Leadership Forum and Board of Trustees

With slightly unfortunate but unavoidable timing, many of those who are on the Reboot and Raise challenge will have a degree of enforced physical inactivity as they meet in Birmingham from Thursday to Saturday. Their brains will be hard at work however, with the new strategy being discussed in detail.

Carina has already emailed the Board meeting papers out to you all but you can also [find them here](#). Don't forget that Siân Lane is your staff rep for the meeting so please do send any comments, questions or issues that you would like her to raise at the meeting.

Curriculum Review Interim Report Published

The [report was published on Tuesday afternoon](#). It's very broad brush at this stage and although it's disappointing that there are no mentions of fieldwork or outdoor learning. There are no mentions of biology or ecology either. We would expect these to be discussed in the next stage where the panel will be looking further at specific areas that will be of close interest to us including change to subjects, the need to respond to climate change and making sure that the curriculum works for everyone.

Westfield Health and Westfield Rewards

As we are speeding through the year, it's a good time to remind you all of our staff benefits package through Westfield. [Westfield Health](#) allows you to claim some of the costs of appointments and treatments. This includes regular check-ups with the dentist or optician but also a range of therapies perfect for those undertaking the Reboot and Raise challenge. Physio, chiroprapy and massage are just some of the treatments that you can claim for. The annual

allowance for each claim starts with each calendar year so don't leave it until December to try to make the most of it.

[Westfield Rewards](#) offers a range of discounts or reloadable cards for everyday grocery shopping through to special offers on larger purchases. This includes items such as holidays and car hire. You will need to activate your account using your work email address and if you can't find your account number you can call the customer helpline on 0114 250 2000 or email enquiries@westfieldhealth.com

Special Mention

Congratulations to Mihaela Nistor, Assistant Finance Officer, who has completed her AAT Level 3 Diploma in Accounting with Distinction with an amazing 93%.

Welcome to Field Studies Council

Debbie Hargreaves has joined the team at Blencathra as Casual Hospitality and Catering Assistant.

Thomas O'Hara has joined the team at Millport as Casual Hospitality and Catering Assistant.

Lucy Thirlwell has joined the team at Castle Head as Hospitality and Catering Assistant.

Previous catch ups can be [found here](#).

Best regards

Mark