



Henley's Harry Maggs completes marathon challenge for Starlight!

To complete a full marathon would be a magnificent feat for any grown man but for 6 year old Harry Maggs from Henley-on-Thames it was an extraordinary achievement!

Harry, who is in Year 1 at Moulsoford Preparatory School, heard about Starlight Children's Foundation during a talk at school and decided that he wanted to raise funds for the charity, which grants wishes for seriously and terminally ill children and provides entertainment in hospitals and hospices across the UK.

As he was hoping to secure sponsorship from friends and family, Harry knew it had to be a big challenge. After a lot of thought, he decided to do a marathon, which amounts to 26 miles and 385 yards, by running 1 or 2 miles every day during his school holiday and at weekends.

Harry was determined to complete his marathon by the end of January and this meant he had to do many of his runs in the freezing cold, pouring rain and floods. However, brave Harry persisted and finally completed his marathon on Sunday 12th January. It was very cold but Harry kept going, bolstered by the cheers and support of his family!

Harry said, "I completed my Monster Marathon for Starlight on Sunday 12th January at 8.15am in the morning! It was very cold (-2) and I fell over three times on the ice!!! It felt epic to finish! I ran through a finish line of bunting and my family all cheered me on!"

You can still sponsor Harry by visiting: <http://www.justgiving.com/Harry-Maggs>

Further information

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Starlight grants once-in-a-lifetime wishes for seriously and terminally ill children, restoring the magic and fun of childhood and giving the whole family happy memories to share, whatever the future holds.

Starlight also creates entertainment in every hospital and hospice throughout the UK. Sick children go to Starlight parties, laugh their way through pantomimes, go out on Starlight Escapes, play games and watch films on the Starlight Fun Centre, and enjoy the toys and puzzles of the Starlight Distraction Box. Happy children respond better to treatment and Starlight helps children to forget about their illness and simply have a bit of fun.