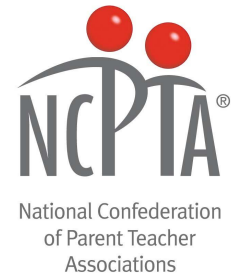


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LOCAL SCHOOL SELECTED AS NATIONAL FINALIST

CORBETS TEY SCHOOL Parents and Friends Association (PFA) has been selected as one of 14 finalists in the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations (NCPTA) Gold Star Rewards scheme.

The PFA raised a staggering £270,000 to redevelop the school's hydrotherapy swimming pool. Over 100 children can now benefit from swimming regularly which contributes to their physical health, strength, enjoyment and overall development. To raise the money required, the PFA approached various grant giving trusts. Alongside this, the PFA still ran smaller, local fundraising activities, so that they could continue to provide funding for smaller projects and equipment that is constantly needed to enhance the pupils' education.

The headteacher said *"Our new hydrotherapy pool is a fantastic, valuable addition to the school and provides a wonderful range of cross-curricular learning opportunities as well as improving our children's health in terms of their strength, co-ordination and overall fitness. The PFA has raised an incredible amount of money in a relatively short space of time through sheer hard work and determination. The school is indebted to the PFA for making this happen"*.

The PFA has been invited to attend a presentation ceremony, being held at the House of Commons on 29th April 2009, where two winners in each of the three Gold Star categories, will be announced. The winning projects will each receive a £1,000 cash reward.

"The Gold Star Rewards are a way for the NCPTA to recognise and reward the everyday achievements of PTAs around the country and to share this good practice with other schools," said Yvonne Treves, NCPTA regional adviser. *"It's a real achievement to be selected as a finalist, as the standard of entries this year was extremely high, we wish the PFA the best of luck"* concluded Yvonne.

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Note to editors: The Gold Star Rewards, held annually, aim to recognise and reward outstanding achievement in three categories: Achievement in Parental Involvement, Changing the Life of the School and PTA Fundraising Achievement. Two £1,000 cash rewards are made in each category. Details of the NCPTA Gold Star Rewards 2009 can be found at www.ncpta.org.uk

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