

Row, row, row your way to world record

Children from Haddenham keep fingers crossed for attempt

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A total of 288 school children hosted an attempt to beat the Guinness World Record for the most children ever to sing in a nursery rhyme relay.

The chosen song was 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat', and after a few attempts the pupils in Haddenham think they have set a new world record.

The decision will take three months to come through from Guinness World Records.

The event took place as part of the school's 'specialist week', where the school selects a topic for the school to focus on, and the children follow an exciting timetable of events and activities centred around the theme.

This past week, the children have been looking at 'community'.

The record attempt had bought two local schools together, both Haddenham St Mary's and Haddenham Community Junior School, along with members from Haddenham St Mary's Church, and also Dr Kate Kennedy, writer and broadcaster and parent of a pupil at the school.

Each pupil at the school was also asked to bring in £1 to donate to Child Bereavement UK, which provided 'a witness' for the record attempt.



Children from Haddenham St Mary's and Haddenham Combined Junior School took part in the record attempt

Child Bereavement UK is a charity close to the school's heart, as several members of staff have been helped out after the passing of relatives by the charity. Teacher, Alice Gilbert Scott, explained the charity had made an enormous difference to her son who found the suicide of his beloved Grandpa very difficult.

Karen Collett, headteacher of HSM's said: "We are really excited about possibly being in the Guinness book of records."

Fingers crossed now we get the record declared!

Karen Collett

Headteacher

"We couldn't have done it without the fabulous organisation of our teacher, Mrs Gilbert Scott. It was a fabulous finale to our community week and we are so pleased to be able to raise some money for such a worthy charity as Child Bereavement UK. A huge thank you to everyone involved. Fingers crossed the record will be declared!"

It is believed that they may be the first school in Buckinghamshire to hold a Guinness World Record.