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BREWING UP SUPPORT FOR TŶ HAFAN

Children in Penarth tucked into a fundraising event for Tŷ Hafan - the Children's Hospice in Wales - thanks to support from a family baker.

The charity created a Butterfly Tea Party campaign seven years ago to encourage the public to raise funds by hosting tea parties. The First Lower Penarth Rainbow Guide unit tea party took place on 29 September, following a dough-nation from Brace's.

One of the Rainbow members, six-year-old Sophie Coop who is a pupil at Sully primary school, boosted the funds raised by including all her holiday pocket money. Her Mum said: "Sophie came downstairs with her moneybox and said she wanted to give it to the children who were ill. She's taken in what is around her and I think it is so nice that she is helping others when it was meant to be her holiday pocket money."

Michelle Hughes, head of communications for Brace's Bakery, said: "It's a popular belief that butterflies have very short life spans. The butterfly theme is a harsh

reminder to us to help these children make the most of each day. I've been to the hospice on a number of occasions and the work staff and volunteers do is incredible. All Tŷ Hafan's services are provided free of charge to those who need them and I know every penny raised through this initiative will be put to good use.

“The tea party was a huge success. The children were all smiles and laughter as they munched their way through the cakes and biscuits and made butterfly bookmarks.”

Lorraine Rees, head of community fundraising at Tŷ Hafan, said: “Butterfly Teas are a simple and fun way to raise funds and anyone can enjoy them. We want people to get together with their friends, neighbours, colleagues or school friends for a tea party, which will help us make a difference to children and young people who sadly won't reach adulthood.

“We are grateful to Brace's for organising tea parties at some schools and community groups, to help boost our funds.

“Some Tŷ Hafan supporters held a Butterfly Tea party to coincide with Children's Hospice Week which ran from 20 to 27 September but the tea parties can take place

anytime so we hope more will be organised over the coming month or so.”

Tŷ Hafan was established in 1999 to provide specialist palliative care, which includes respite and end of life care, to the children and young people in Wales who suffer from life limiting conditions and are not expected to reach 19 years of age. The hospice was set up entirely by public donations and now costs £2.5 million a year to run.

To receive more information about holding your own Butterfly Tea Party please contact Helen Young on 029 2067 2060 or email: helen@tyhafan.org or visit www.tyhafan.org.

Brace’s Bakery was established in 1902 and is run by the fourth generation of the family. For further information on the family baker, including sponsorship opportunities, visit www.bracesbakery.co.uk

Pictured is Sophie Coop, 6, a pupil at Sully Primary School

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