

# #TEAMPOPPY

## Poppys Life Changing Story 2016



Friends of Laura and Mark

We're raising £40,000 to buy Digital Communication Technology & a state of the art Wheelchair for Poppy, age 6, who has been left paralysed & unable to communicate.

Poppy is 6 years Old

Poppy has just started Year 2 she loves art & crafts, playing outside with her friends & trying to master cartwheels at gymnastics, she also loves fairies!

# 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016

Everything changed. Poppy was off school as she had a sore throat and cold like symptoms.

She Went for ice cream to help her sore throat.

The next morning poppy woke up feeling really poorly, An ambulance took poppy to the closest Hospital.

Poppy started to loose feeling in her legs and upper limbs and over the next 12 hours she was unable to move her neck, both upper limbs; was unable to breathe for herself and was weak in her torso and both legs.

## Test Results

Tests revealed that Poppy was suffering from Acute Flaccid Myelitis. This very rare condition is a complication of a common virus & causes inflammation & damage to the grey matter of the spinal cord. This means that the nerves taking messages from Poppy's brain to her muscles are not working & this renders her paralysed.

## Poppy's Case

Unfortunately in Poppy's case the muscles affected are those controlling speech, swallowing & breathing; as well as control of her limbs & some of her facial muscles. Poppy was taken to intensive care & remains ventilated & intubated through a tracheostomy in her neck.

## Poppy's Brain is Unaffected

Poppy's brain is completely unaffected so Poppy understands everything that is happening but is unable to speak, her communication is reliant on her parents ability to lip read.

# Poppys Journey Ahead

Poppy is still smiling she is very brave, bright & strong little girl with a life ahead. Recovery is uncertain.

Poppy will need special equipment, a special adapted wheel chair and computer to help her communicate.

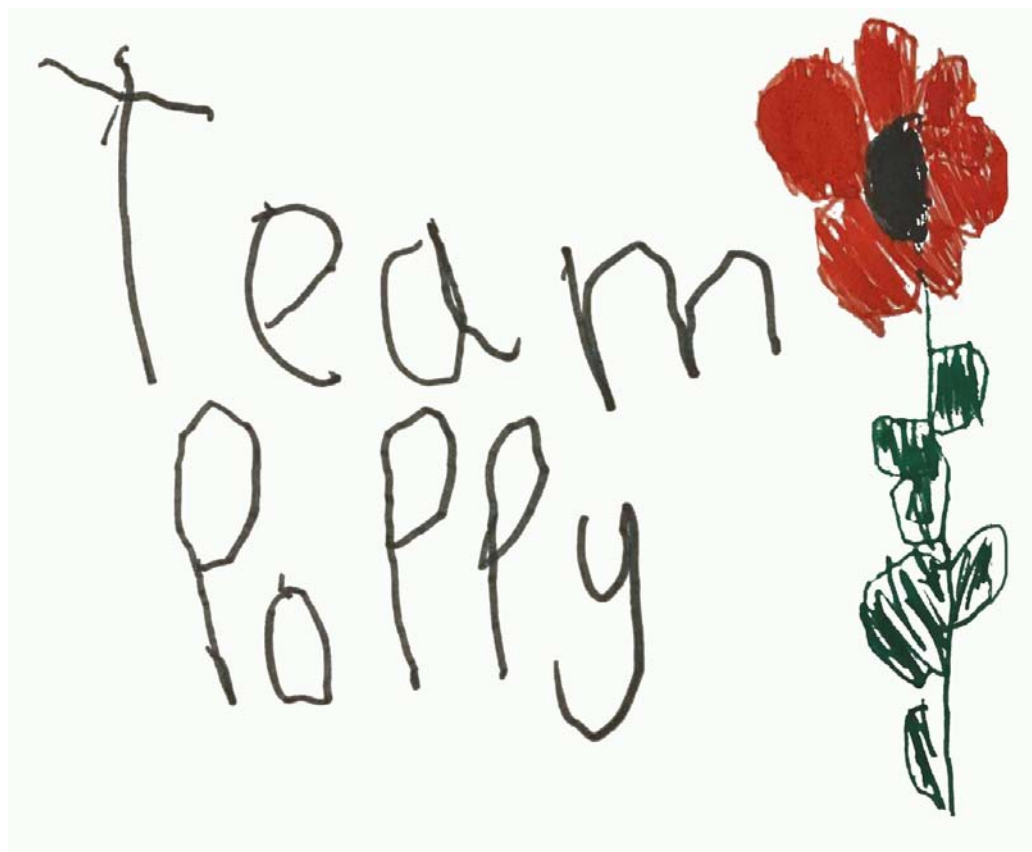
Help and Support for Poppy and her Family.

#Team Poppy would like to support the family and raise as much as possible to help with some of these expenses, especially to enable her communication & mobility with Digital Comm's Technology & a Wheelchair.

**Please take two minutes to think about how life changing this is for Poppy and all her Family.**



# Poppy has actually managed to draw her own Team Poppy Logo



**I think you will all agree that poppy did a fantastic job, Poppy's arms are paralysed and only has movement in her hand.**

# £40,000

**We are trying our best to raise £40,000 to buy Digital Communication Technology & a multi function Wheelchair for Poppy, age 6, who has been left paralysed & unable to communicate.**



# FANTASTIC NEWS....

4 days of Justgiving and  
#teampoppy have raised A  
MASSIVE..... £29,059

Like.... Share....

Team Poppy have set up pages, groups and links to all social media sites across the internet.

Facebook... Team Poppy

Instagram.... #teampoppy

Twitter.... @poppyteam1 #teampoppy

Please help Poppy get all the equipment she deserves.

# CAN YOU HELP #TEAMPOPPY?

We are holding a stall at  
Walkdens In a Winter Wonderland

**SAT 26<sup>TH</sup> November 2016**

And we need donations of...  
wine, chocolates, gift vouchers,  
sweets, toys etc

DONATIONS CAN BE HANDED INTO SCHOOL RECEPTION WITH A NOTE ON #TEAMPOPPY

# Go Team Poppy!!



**Thumbs up to  
#teampoppy  
from poppy herself!**

**A DONATION TUB WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN  
SCHOOL FOR CASH DONATIONS**

**Thank you St Charles Primary School**