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Dear Pupils

I write to thank you, the pupils at St Canice’s Primary School, their families and the wider school community for your incredible fundraising effort as part of *Saoirse-Monica’s Challenge 25*.

For a school your size to raise £1,776.00 for us speaks volumes about your commitment to kindness, compassion and solidarity for others. St Canice’s have long been wonderful supporters of Children in Crossfire and we are privileged to have your goodwill.

Right now, very disturbing conflict is escalating in parts of Ethiopia where we work. We are worried for the people we support and the partner organisations we work with, including everyone at St Luke’s Hospital in Wolisso. Violence makes their efforts to prevent and treat severe acute malnutrition much more difficult, but we know they will do all they can to keep going. We will continue to support them in any way we can.

Every year, approximately 350 very sick children receive treatment in the therapeutic feeding unit at St Luke’s. In the last twelve months, because COVID put a stop to the usual community engagement work that prevents malnutrition from taking hold in children, 452 were admitted. Every one of those children was at risk of dying, but our support ensured the vast majority were brought back to good health.

By supporting Children in Crossfire, you are supporting the frontline heroes at St Luke’s. To give you an idea of the difference you are helping us to make, £1,776.00 is how much it costs to provide emergency treatment to 222 children on admission to the hospital. I hope that makes everyone at St Canice’s proud of what you have achieved.

Thank you once again for all your kind support. We are very lucky to count you among our friends.

Yours sincerely

**Shauna O’Neill**

**Fundraising Co-ordinator**