

My name is Jaimee Tuck, I am 11 years old. My little sister Molly was born 2 months early at Addenbrookes hospital. When she was a couple of days old one of the nurses realised that Molly had a very wide cleft palate. It looked like she had no top of her mouth. Molly has had two operations at Addenbrookes hospital to fix her cleft and is now a very cheeky 2 ½ year old. Mr Tariq Ahmad did the operations.

Molly has needed lots of help from the hospital and from CLAPA. CLAPA have been really helpful to my mum and dad. They have been good to me and Molly, we have been to the summer and winter parties that the Cambridge branch run, they are really good fun. I thought it would be a nice idea to try and raise some money for CLAPA to say Thank you.

I wrote a letter to my headteacher Mr Wales at Rackham Primary School in Witchford asking if we could have a non-uniform day at school to raise money for CLAPA. It was very exciting when I got a letter to say that we could do it. Mr Wales asked if somebody could come to the school and tell us about CLAPA.

On Thursday 2 April, Mary Newbold and my mum Carole Tuck came to my school and did an assembly to tell everyone about CLAPA. They told us how CLAPA helps parents, new babies and children. They told us what a cleft was and how it is fixed by the doctors at Addenbrookes. They had photographs of some famous people born with clefts and we all guessed who they were, there was **Tutankahmun, Carmit from the Pussy Cat Dolls, Footballer Peter Beardsly and actor Mark Hamill who was Luke Skywalker in Star Wars.** We also watched a DVD of the Cambridge Summer 2007 party. Everyone liked seeing the stormtroopers and batman. It was funny seeing children pretend to operate on the surgeon Mr Per Hall and everyone liked seeing some of the children introduced at the end of the DVD. Me and Molly was on that bit.

On Friday 3 April we all went into school in non-uniform. Mr Wales asked everyone to make a donation to CLAPA in return for not wearing their school uniform. I gave CLAPA wristbands to all the people in my class that CLAPA Cambridge gave to us. Everybody really liked them and wore them all day. I don't know how much money the school raised yet, but when they have finished counting I will let everybody know.