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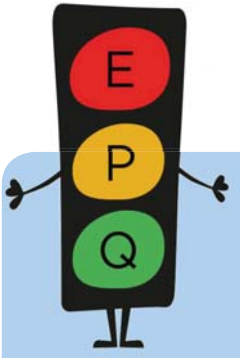

Meet Chip – a robot who is helping to save children's lives in Malawi, Africa.

Chip's special traffic light helps doctors and nurses work out how quickly children need to be seen when they are feeling ill.

His main job is to help spot meningitis – a killer disease which is often mistaken for malaria; the disease people get when they are bitten by infected mosquitoes. If meningitis is not spotted and treated fast, children can die or be left very disabled.

To do this we give medical staff special mobile phones featuring Chip's colour coding for Emergency, Priority and Queue. We raise money for these through recycling things like mobile phones.

Kanny's Story

This is Kanny who lost his hearing because of meningitis when he was six years old. His younger sister Zione, aged three, had been rushed to hospital with meningitis, but when his dad returned home he found Kanny very ill.

Kanny was taken to a health centre a 4km walk away and then to hospital where he was treated for 13 days. He is now deaf and has some learning problems. Zione was luckier, her main problem is she gets tired easily, but their 12 year old brother Yusuf died of meningitis before reaching hospital.

Support for disabled children is very poor in Malawi and Kanny is unable to go to school. He spends his days at home in his village with his mother and baby brothers and sister.

Chip is central to our work in Malawi - Action Meningitis. Children could be dying while sitting in a clinic waiting room but he helps medical staff identify urgent cases. He also appears on posters and on our on ambulance bikes, “ambi bikes”, which we have placed in remote villages.

Visit our Action Meningitis website for more information:
www.meningitis.org/action-meningitis

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How you can help

Do you, your family and friends have old, unused mobile phones or empty laser and inkjet printer cartridges hidden away? If so we can collect them through a special Action Meningitis box at your school and turn them into cash for Chip’s work with sick children in Malawi.

Your school’s recycling box

We all know recycling is really important. The less rubbish we throw away and the more materials we reuse, the more we can avoid using landfill sites which can harm plants, wildlife and water supplies. We also reduce the need to damage environments around the world where mining takes place as we need less of the earth’s resources to make new things.

So by supporting Chip you are helping to save children’s lives and the planet!

Your school’s recycling box is in reception with Meningitis**Wise** symptoms cards and information about our charity.

We are an international charity funding research into the prevention, detection and treatment of meningitis. We promote education and awareness amongst health professionals and the public, and provide support to those affected.

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