

What a school can be



John Farley, Jahleel Alieu, Dasan Cinelli

F&C's Boston office is an enthusiastic supporter of the Boston Collegiate Charter School (BCCS), a school for 5-12 graders near Boston with a mission to prepare each student for university.

Located in an underserved community, BCCS has been key in helping children achieve impressive academic performance with 100% of the seniors being accepted into universities for

6 years in a row and earning over \$4 million in merit scholarships. Students are selected by random, public lottery because demand exceeds the number of seats available 6 to 1. The school relies on both volunteers and fundraisers for its work. John Farley of F&C's Boston office is a tutor at the school and has met regularly in the past year with Dasan Cinelli and Jahleel Alieu, two fifth graders, to work on their reading skills.

Earlier in 2009 the Boston Office fielded a trivia challenge team for a fundraiser to support the school. The trivia challenge consisted of a dozen teams answering trivia questions at a local pub with entry fees for each team going to support the school. The F&C team dominated for almost the entire event, with Pat Tomaino (GSI) answering a chemistry question by drawing a periodic table on a napkin from memory at a critical moment. The team was a juggernaut and did not miss a single question until the last one which required a wager of the points that each team accumulated through the competition before the final question was read. The question was "What word has appeared on every US coin since 1792?" Not a single team answered correctly, and F&C's points wager resulted in a second place finish! For an answer to the final question email john.farley@fandc.com

John Farley

On target at Archerfield

Current supporters and potential prospects for F&C's Lifestyle funds have enjoyed some superb hospitality at one of Scotland's loveliest country venues, Archerfield House. The two-day event on the Firth of Forth prompted an extremely positive reaction, with one guest commenting that it was "quite simply the best event of its kind that I have yet had the opportunity to attend".

After an introduction by F&C's Head of UK Retail John Yule, 17 members of senior management of the country's top advisory groups listened to a view on portfolio construction and market outlook from Dean Cheeseman, F&C's Head of Fund of Funds. Dean was followed by Lawrence Lever, Chairman of Citywire, who hosted various business development discussions around the challenges of re-engineering an investment process across a multi-adviser business to meet both business objectives and regulatory requirements.

After dinner, guests enjoyed the musings of Dennis Taylor, one of sport's most entertaining raconteurs. Famed for beating Steve Davis to become 1985 Embassy world snooker champion, this was followed with an outrageous display of potting on Archerfield's very own green baize.

The next morning some bleary-eyed golfers teed up for eighteen holes whilst others took part in clay pigeon shooting and quad biking.

Mark Parry, F&C's Director of Strategic Partnerships, was delighted with the response to the event: "Our feedback confirms that these two days have helped us get across a valuable message about our Lifestyle offering to some influential high-end advisers. Congratulations to everybody involved in its organisation."



Hassocks Juniors FC U14s



The players and parents of Hassocks Juniors U14 have all become fans of Birmingham City over the last two years since being presented with a new strip. Each player is responsible for his own kit and a close season growth spurt from the goalkeeper saw him spend his own money on the new keeper's shirt to make sure he fitted with the rest of the team. Judging by the size of some of them it's questionable whether they will get another season out of the kit. The picture shows the team having just won the Mid-Sussex U14s Cup, completing a league and cup double.

Peter Marshall

WaterAid

A good dressing down

A big thank you to you all for participating in the recent "WaterAid" dress-down fundraising. The total amount raised by staff was £830 and with the Company's contribution, this means that the WaterAid Charity will receive £1,660 from F&C.

BUPA run



Catherine Villiger and Atul Sharma

On the morning of 25 May, Bank Holiday Monday, several brave F&C runners ran the Bupa 10000 race to raise money for F&C's chosen charity of the year, Wateraid. Not to be intimidated by the rain, Esther Graham, Atul Sharma, Jennifer Read and Catherine Villiger ran the 10km around the streets of London in record times and enjoyed a rather different perspective of the streets of London. Everyone was glad when the finish line was in sight and could start relaxing in Green Park.

New arrivals:

Sagarika Chatterjee, Associate Director GSI, had a baby girl called Anushka, weighing 7.4lbs.



Baby Anushka

Exam congratulations

Stuart O'Neill and **Ben Crockatt** on passing IMC exams.