

**Transfusion Bites 11:30 – 11:55
2nd November 2023**

**Malcolm Robinson
Harvey's Gang Founder**

Biomedical Scientist of the Year 2018

**Winner of the NHS70 Thank You Award for Children's Healthcare –
*BBC The One Show***

Now Retired!





Just wanted to say a big
thank you for allowing
Harvey & I a behind the
Scenes tour of your pathology
department. You made him
feel so special and he got
to process his 'own blood
Samples' which was fantastic.
Certainly will go down as
a day to remember!
many thanks again
Claire & Harvey







Harvey

During his various treatments, Harvey spent:

- 291 nights in hospital
- He received a BMT
- 91 transfusions in all
- 35 Red cells and 56 platelets

564 days from his date of first diagnosis, 8 year old Harvey fell asleep (06/10/2014)

At his farewell (20/10/14) Richard & Claire displayed many pictures of Harvey's short life on the very large LED screen; including this one of Harvey & I, it was accompanied to the music by Eva Cassidy;

"Somewhere over the Rainbow"

I am sorry I cried, and I still DO.



- OUR patients' and their FAMILIES.
- Costs: Travel, Work, Shared Care, Fuel.
- The many Appointments; Work TOGETHER.
- Looking after them
- Harvey's Gang Lab Tours



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Harvey's Gang has now moved base under our great Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS)

- The Harvey's Gang Team at the IBMS
- Contact: harveysgang@ibms.org
- Harvey's Gang Lab Coats
- Harvey's Gang Goody Bags
- Help in setting up and continuing Harvey's Gang Lab Tours
- Do Once and Share: Communications Form. (signed).
- Harvey's Gang now potentially in 150 sites.





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A poem by Fearn Meagre

Hello, we're part of Harvey's Gang
And we're here to tell you why
When someone comes to take your blood
There is no need to cry

You see blood tests are important
And give us lots of information
So, lets go take a look around
The blood testing station

That little test tube of your blood
Will be taken by a porter
Straight to Lab Reception
To be sorted by a sorter

A sorter has a special name
A Medical Laboratory Assistant
They label and scan all the samples
And keep everything consistent

Next, a Biomedical Scientist takes it
To do blood typing tests
This makes sure the blood you get
Is nothing but the best

There are different types of blood
Type O or A or B
And their antigens and antibodies
Work like lock and key

An antigen is a little shape
On the outside of a cell
Only the right shaped antibody
Will fit into it well
This test happens on a big machine
Called an analyser
It finds out important facts
And the test is called ELISA

You can also do this test by hand
To see if the machine has done its job
You look down a microscope
Where the blood looks like little blobs

The same tests are carried out
On the blood of a willing donor
They need to make sure the blood matches yours
Before they make you its new owner

Blood donors are people who donate their blood
To give to those who need it
They fill up a bag to be passed along
And then receive a biscuit

If the cross-matching test
Says that everything's OK
A bag of healthy blood or plasma
Gets sent out on its way

The matching blood can now be taken
All the way to you
The scientists have done their job
And they love what they do

You see, you are the most important person
In every single way
Helping you to feel better
Brightens everybody's day

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