

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

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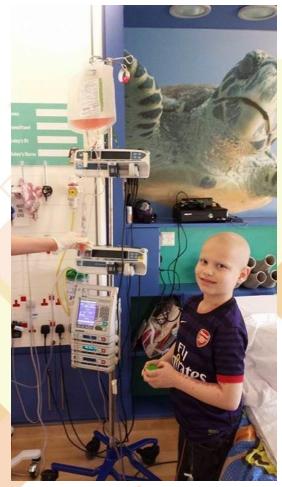


Just wanted to say a big thank you for allowing Harvey & I a behind the Scenes bour of your pathology department. You made him feel so special and he get to process his own blad Samples' Which Das Pantastic -Certainly well go down as a day to remember! many shanks again Claire & Harvey

















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









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.















Harvey's Gang

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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