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CHARACTER TRAIT FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

The Manningham Promoting Character focus for January/February is *Determination*. MPC considers this is a good focus as we move into a new year, a time when we become reflective about what we have achieved and are *determined* to look forward, together with those who have helped us along the way.

Once again, there is a poster attached for you to copy and display within your organization to encourage everyone to join in, and to think about how much we value the wisdom of others, as well as recognizing the wisdom we all hold within ourselves.

MANNINGHAM PROMOTING CHARACTER ACTIVITIES

The 'Being a Good Sport Day' held in September was another great success story. MPC is very grateful for all who helped in the preparation stage, on the day and through sponsorship. We look forward to a further event later in 2009.

Buddy, the Manningham 'leaf' character, supported us by handing out brochures at the Manningham Festival held at Ruffey Lake Park on Sunday, 18th November. You might have seen Buddy wearing his Manningham Promoting Character sash.

On 12th December, supporters were invited to a 'Friends of MPC' luncheon at the Council Chambers. It provided an opportunity to demonstrate our thankfulness to the many who helped us edge closer to fulfilling our vision, while encouraging greater participation levels in 2009 and beyond.

AWARDS

Secondary College students who clearly demonstrated good character traits in 2008 received MPC-Bendigo Bank Character Awards as the 2008 school year drew to a close. Congratulations to all those who received the award of the Pertzel & Walters book, "Manningham From Country to City" together with a \$50 Bendigo Bank account.

Members of the MPC Steering Committee are available to speak to community groups and recognise anyone who has displayed positive character traits in situations that deserve to be noted in a special way. Please contact MPC via the MPC website noted above.

THE CHARACTER QUALITIES FOR 2009

Some of the character qualities for 2009 have been changed to match the Character First Bulletins. The modified list is;

January/February	<i>Determination</i>
March/April	<i>Resourcefulness</i>
May/June	<i>Patience</i>
July/August	<i>Discretion</i>
September/October	<i>Thoroughness</i>
November/December	<i>Generosity</i>

The MPC Steering Committee members look forward to being able to support the character/values component of your many activities during 2009.