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Above par: Britned and Grain LNG raise money for school project in Strood

Staff raise money to help school raise cash for new kit to help kids

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- Britned and Grain LNG staff team up for charity golf day
- Event raises hundreds of pounds for Abbey Court School
- Money will be used to help fund a horse riding simulator to help pupils improve coordination and concentration

National Grid staff have been teeing off for a good cause helping to raise hundreds of pounds with a charity golf day.

Staff from the BritNed interconnector, a joint venture between National Grid and European energy company TenneT and National Grid Grain LNG swung their clubs for Abbey Court School in Strood. The special school for pupils aged 3-19 with severe and profound learning difficulties.

A total of £800 was raised after National Grid's Matched Giving scheme doubled the money from £400.

The money will go towards funding Project Tonto, a horse riding simulator the school is raising money for. The simulator will help improve concentration and coordination amongst pupils, many of whom have mobility problems.

Event organiser Robert Warburton, who works as an operator at BritNed Grain, said "The weather was good to us and we had a great day golfing - I'd like to thank everyone who attended."

Robert, whose daughter Isabella has severe learning difficulties and epilepsy and hopes to start attending Abbey Court School in September, added: "I know that this money will help contribute to reaching their target for such a good piece of equipment that will benefit the pupils in many ways."

Linda Taylor, Business Manager at Abbey Court School, said: "Tonto has an asking price of circa £45,000. This is obviously costly; however the benefits far outweigh the costs so this donation is greatly received.

"Some Abbey Court pupils are fortunate to have been able to experience riding a real horse however, by purchasing our own horse simulator we would be able to extend riding opportunities to 80% of our pupils, allowing them to engage with the whole riding experience".

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