

Friday, 13th November, 2020

The Big BPS Bubble-Based Bop!

Can the children and staff at Bewdley Primary raise £645 by dancing for 6 hours and 45 minutes in just one day?



Well, that's the challenge we've set ourselves! On Friday, 13th November, we're going to attempt to spend 6 hours and 45 minutes dancing non-stop to raise money for a fantastic charity. From jazz to jive and ballroom to breakdancing, we're going to be trying them all on Friday to ensure that we smash our target and raise as much money as possible. We'll be keeping in our bubbles throughout the day and taking it in turns to get our groove on, starting with Bond class. Surely the image of Mr Pritchard dancing on the playground at 8:15 in the morning is worth a pound or two! We're also going to do some live classroom link-ups with Mrs Woakes, as she (along with some of our fabulous dancing pupils) leads the school in the Cha-Cha Slide!

How are we raising money?

We think that dancing for 6 hours and 45 minutes in a day is pretty impressive, and we hope that you do too! We're hoping that you'll sponsor our efforts – and perhaps even ask grandparents and aunts and uncles and neighbours and friends to do the same! If every child at BPS was able to collect £1.50 then we'll easily be able to hit our target.

What's the money going towards?

At BPS, we try to support Children in Need every year and I'm sure you'll agree that last year's 80's Day was one of the most memorable events of the year! The charity supports over 2600 projects, working 365 days a year, to help disadvantaged children and young people throughout the UK. This year, perhaps more than ever before, the projects that are supported by Children in Need will provide the life-changing and life-saving opportunities that many children and young people desperately need. Here are just a few of the local projects that benefit from the money raised:

- Nightstop & Mediation Wyre Forest which provides a mediation service for young people at risk of homelessness. The project aims to improve relationships with family, improve emotional wellbeing and reduce homelessness.
- Our Way Self Advocacy, Kidderminster, which supports young people to have a voice through the use of self-advocacy. The project aims to improve mental health, reduce isolation and enable young people to influence decisions.
- Open Trail which provides forest school activities and learning to cycle sessions for children living in a deprived area. The project aims to teach new skills, encourage strong self-belief and build friendships with peers.
- KEMP House Trust Ltd which provides residential care for children and young people affected by bereavement. Outcomes include having fun, greater resilience and coping strategies.
- Home-Start Wyre Forest which delivers home visiting support and family group for families living in an area of significant deprivation. The project aims to reduce isolation, reduce the risk of family crisis and improve family relationships.

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How do we donate money?

With the current restrictions in place, we aren't able to collect cash in school. However, Children in Need have teamed up with ParentPay to allow you to donate money directly, whilst still contributing to our school's total. All you need to do is follow this link

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=1359> which will explain everything you need to know. It's very similar to donating using Just Giving or similar donation sites. Please also feel free to forward this letter and/or link to anyone you think might like to sponsor us too – the more the merrier! Children are welcome to wear non-school uniform (or Pudsey-themed clothing!) on the day of the challenge, which coincides with the national Children in Need fundraising day. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch. We'll try to add as many photos and videos onto our Facebook page and school website so that you can see how we get on.

