

Benton Park News



Target Attendance Figure:
96%

Current Attendance Figure:
95.39%

24th November 2017

Last Friday, 32 children had a very exciting trip to the Discovery museum to sing as part of the Children in Need choir. The children were a real credit to the school as rehearsals were long, and hot and there was a lot of waiting around whilst people from the BBC gave out orders. However as you can see on the link : <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05nm5n9> the children performed brilliantly and Stewart in Y5 was interviewed for Look North. Thanks to all the parents who came to support the children and to everyone in school who dressed up and supported Children in Need. A total of £475.00 was sent from Benton Park. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Powley. Without her, there simply would not be a choir let alone a choir who can practice to the standard needed to sing on the television. She not only rehearsed the choir (often during her own lunch hour) but also organised the trip, liaised with the BBC, organised tickets for parents, carried out risk assessments, took contact numbers and was still working along with Mr Cowen at 9:30pm on a Friday night. In choosing the choir, decisions had to be made as numbers were restricted and like sports teams, sometimes you have to choose children who are able to manage the demands of the performance, and who demonstrate availability and commitment. Ultimately some children will be disappointed but it is not possible in these situations (unlike most choir situations when we take all children) to avoid this. Thanks to both of these staff who willingly gave up their own time to make this possible.

Year 3/4 Trips

Last week children in years 3 and 4 visited Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens. Children attended over two days and they all had a wonderful time. Having to travel on the metro can be quite daunting for some but everyone behaved brilliantly and did Benton Park proud.

School Council

Our new School Council has already held two very successful meetings this year. The emphasis has been on listening to the views of our classmates and then presenting those views for discussion in Council meetings. Council has already decided on an improvement to the playground but more discussion is needed with regard to funding this change. Look out for a sponsored event in the New Year.



Building Work

On Monday there will be some remedial building work taking place around the front of the school. This is to fix part of the roof which was damaged during the initial building work last year. It should not affect the children or many site users, however the entrance to Benton Buttons may have scaffolding around it so please take care when entering and exiting. Work is scheduled to start on Monday and should last around two weeks.

Christmas Performances

You should have all received an order form for tickets for this years' Christmas shows. Please contact the office if you have not.

There are two tickets allowed per performance and you can only attend one performance if there are two showings. We can offer extra tickets if requested but only if they are available and names will be chosen at random.

We must stress that there is **NO PARKING** on site during these performances and gates will be monitored.

Miss Alice Witherow
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