

CHILDREN IN NEED: All ages threw Pyjamas and

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A TWO-YEAR-OLD girl smashed a sponsored puzzle challenge as thousands of children from across the district showed their support for this year's Children In need appeal.

Among the charity champions was young Bella Coote, two, from Wickford who was set the challenge of completing 20 puzzles in one hour.

Instead she finished 26 of them and, thanks to a Facebook campaign tracking her progress, successfully raised "an incredible" £178.

Challenge

Her nanny Jackie Clements, from Friern Walk, Wickford, said: "She did amazingly well and completed 26 and a half puzzles in one hour instead.

"I put her challenge on Facebook and took photos along the way and posted her progress to family and friends as it happened.

"At just two-years-old this was an amazing feat of concentration and endurance.

"We are all so very proud of her."

Elsewhere students at schools got dressed-up - or down - to show their support for children less fortunate than themselves.

At Brentwood County High



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School, pupils put in a huge fundraising effort in a variety of ways.

Speaking on the day head teacher Stephen Drew said: "Children in Need is part of our national psyche.

"The dressing up, the selling of cakes and the fun activities are all part of national life and more particularly for us, school life.

"Seeing staff and students dressed up as super heroes or wearing their pyjamas or onesies is a great sight.

Onesies

"This is an important learning opportunity for our young people to consider the needs of others."

To the unknowing eye, the children at Ursuline Prep school forgot to get ready for school on Friday, as they spent the entire school day dressed in onesies and pyjamas to help raise even more cash.

You can still donate to this year's Children In Need appeal. To find out more visit www.childreninneed-donations.co.uk



PYJAMA GAME:
Ursuline Prep School children join in the charity day fun by wearing their nightwear

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