Pumpkin Pie Childcare pop on pyjamas to raise money for seriously ill children

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Over 40 youngsters at Pumpkin Pie Childcare popped on their favourite jimjams to raise over £200 for The Sick Children's Trust, a charity that supports families with seriously ill children in hospital with free 'Home from Home' accommodation.

From polka dots to superheroes, 44 children and 12 staff at Pumpkin Pie Childcare, Felton, asked friends and family to sponsor them to wear their pyjamas for one whole day to take part in Pyjama Party, a fundraising campaign run by The Sick Children's Trust.

The Sick Children's Trust runs ten 'Homes from Home' across the country supporting families with seriously ill children in hospital. Every year, its 'Homes from Home' support around 4,000 families keeping them together when it matters the most. Pumpkin Pie Childcare has seen first-hand the difference the charity's accommodation makes to families with seriously ill children in hospital and has been supporting The Sick Children's Trust for over a year. Lucy Grieve, who runs Pumpkin Pie Childcare, says:

"The Sick Children's Trust is a charity which is very close to our hearts. Pyjama Party looked like a really fun activity to take part in. 44 children and 12 staff came to nursery in their pyjamas, raising over £200 for The Sick Children's Trust. Our older children baked cupcakes for us all, then we built a den and enjoyed hot chocolates, marshmallows and our cakes whilst listening to lots of stories with our teddy bears.

"As part of our day, we decided to go for a couple of walks around the village in our pyjamas to help raise awareness - the little guys loved! We were stopped and asked why we were wearing them during the day and when we explained what we were raising money for, we were given more donations.

"We had a few sad faces the next morning when we had to come in wearing our normal clothes!"

The Sick Children's Trust relies entirely on voluntary donations to run its ten 'Homes from Home', and it costs £30 to support a family for one night. Regional Fundraiser, Emily Corney, says:

"We'd like to thank every single child and member of staff who took part in Pyjama Party! It sounds like everyone at Pumpkin Pie Childcare had so much fun getting sponsored to wear their pyjamas all day long!

"By taking part and raising such a fantastic amount of money we will be able to support lots of families across the UK in our 'Homes from Home' keeping them close to their seriously ill children."

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