



Independent Trustees



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PSIT let loose at London Zoo

In 2012 we wanted to do something a bit different so set ourselves the challenge of giving something back to the community by supporting a worthwhile cause. After much research and deliberation we decided to give our time and support to the London based charity Kids Company.

Kids Company was founded in 1996 to help and support vulnerable inner city children. Their services reach 17000 children across London, including the most deprived and at risk whose parents are unable to care for them due to their own practical and emotional challenges. They provide a safe caring family environment where support is tailored to the needs of each individual. Their services support and empower children who experience enormous challenges to lead positive and fulfilling lives. Further details can be found at www.kidsco.org.uk.

On a bright crisp November morning we, along with two Kids Company representatives, greeted 29 very excited children plus three teachers from Falconbrook Primary School for a much earned school outing.

The children were a mix from Years 3 and 5 and we set off in groups of four to investigate and explore as many of the 750 different species of animals as we could physically cram into one day.

The favourites by far were the p-p penguins at the Penguin Beach Talk. Here we were all guided through the world of our feathered friends, aided by two of the children dressing up in penguin suits, whilst the real penguins waddled along on the beach and dived into their huge pool!



By the end of the day we were all exhausted but happy. The day had been a complete success, one we all thoroughly enjoyed and will remember, apart from the telling off by one of the teachers for running. Tut tut!

Seeing the joy on those children's faces told us we had achieved our goal but more importantly we had given the children a brief break from their everyday challenging lives.

We have been inspired and will continue giving our time and support to other charities in 2013, so watch this space! If you would like to get involved with us please contact Julie Karavis.



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