

ACE PARTICIPATION JOURNEY 6

August 2023

Helping the Royal Observatory to check the Planetarium show works for us...

The challenge given to us by the Royal Observatory was to help them check their Planetarium show works for us.

The aim was for the Royal Observatory to get information to:

- Help them check that the Planetarium show would be fun for children and young people with SEND to use.
- Help them check that the Royal Observatory is easy for children and young people with SEND to access.



Who took part?

17 children were asked for their views on the Planetarium “Aurora” offering.

They were asked to watch the show then answer some questions.

Their ages range from 7-11 and they attend school in Royal Borough of Greenwich.

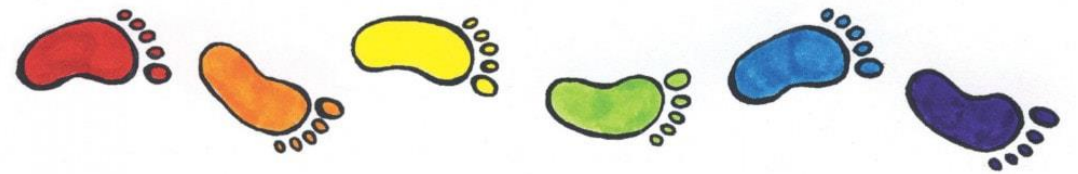
They have a range of special educational needs and disabilities.



How did we do it?

The Royal Observatory asked us to watch the Planetarium show and then answer some questions:

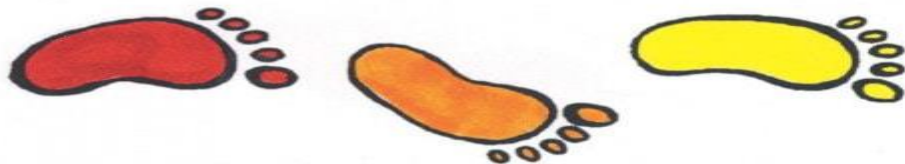
- They asked us if we enjoyed the show.
- They asked us if it was too dark or too loud.
- They asked us to tell them our favourite bit.
- They asked us if we would come again..
- We used red amber and green cards to give our feedback.



We were asked: Did we enjoy the show?

We liked....

Everybody enjoyed the show and all the cards that were raised were green.



We didn't like

There were not any amber or red cards shown.

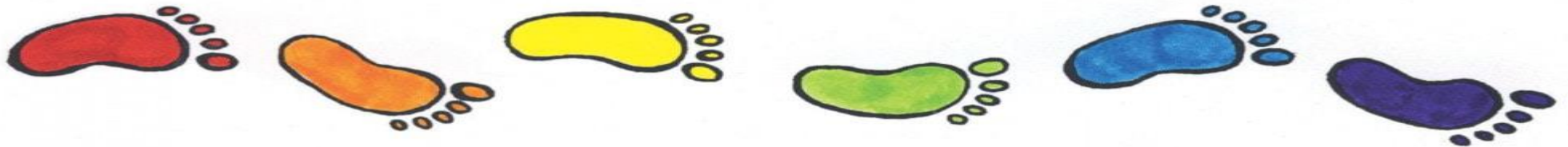
The movement in the show was 'bumpy' or 'scary'

The Planetarium needs to be kept quite cold.



We were asked: Was it too loud or too dark?

- 17 students said it was not too loud.
- 1 student said it was a bit too dark.



We were asked: What was our favourite bit?

- Looking at the pictures made from the stars
- Looking at the different planets
- Asking questions at the end
- We liked the gift shop and would like it to be bigger



What happens next?...

The Royal Observatory have said they would like to hear from secondary and Post16 students and children & young people with complex needs and PMLD:

- Secondary and Post16 visits from ACE groups will be arranged.
- The Outreach Service for children & young people with complex needs or PMLD will be offered to ACE groups at Willow Dene schools.
- “Flying” movements will be removed from Aurora shows.
- Warnings about the cold temperature will be sent to schools in the pre-visit information.

