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It's a sure fact that most children in the UK have enjoyed being entertained by Dave Benson Phillips who, over the last 28 years, has become one of the most popular children's presenters on television.

Dave's own show on the BBC was the phenomenally popular BAFTA nominated *Get Your Own Back*, of which there have now been 14 series. He was given another major series in 1996, this time for ITV, called *Disney's Wake Up in The Wild Room*, which was aired every Saturday morning for nearly two years.

Dave is very well known for starring in the best selling *Fun Song Factory* video series, which was televised for ITV. He has also presented numerous other television programmes including the CITV series *Petswap*, co-presented by Fearne Cotton, *Nick Jr* for Nickelodeon and *Words and Pictures* and *Go For It* for BBC Education.

Dave is hugely well known for his work on the Disney Channel, presenting the children's cookery programme *Bitesize* and as "Big Dave" on the Cable Guide Award winning, *Playhouse Disney* with co-presenter "Little Alex" Lovell. Dave has continued to perform to live audiences throughout his career, including touring with *Get Your Own Back – Live!* and *The Dave Benson*

Phillips Show, plus one of his proudest moments, singing at the London Palladium as part of the *Children's Royal Variety Performance*. In 1999, he made his first appearance in a musical, playing "Eddie Hair" in *The Demon Headmaster*, which toured throughout England.

Throughout his hectic schedule Dave has always found time for children with special needs, amongst whom his Makaton sign language video is extremely popular. He also donates many hours to charity work both here and abroad.

In 2008 Dave released two musical CDs, '*Dave's Are We There Yet!*' Album and '*Dave's Nap Attack Album!*'. He has also been working on a new show for young children based on his *Get Up and Go!* stage show and DVD. He's also had the incredible honour of being one of the support acts for the group, *McFly* at their Brighton concert!

In 2015 he took '*Get Your Own Back Live*' to the Edinburgh Festival and received five star reviews. The show goes from strength to strength, whether at Universities, Nightclubs or Council Events.

Dave Benson Phillips is the perfect host for corporate family fun days, festivals and school events. He is available for personal appearances, story telling, event hosting, auctioneering, live interview, music events, DJing and much more...

MR SATURDAY MORNING TV



WHM CAUGHT UP WITH MR SATURDAY MORNING TV HIMSELF: DAVE BENSON PHILLIPS ABOUT PLAYDAYS, PANTOS AND WHAT COMES NEXT.

Over 30 years ago, Dave was a mascot at Pontins Holiday Camp and went on to become one of the most popular children's entertainers. He has been a mascot part of children's lives with the hit TV shows Playdays, and the phenomenally popular SATFA nominated Get Your Own Back, there are also the Playdays, the endless charity work and his on-going work with special needs children.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN THE BOXER ABOUT?
About 14 years now. My Playdays and I wanted to start a family somewhere outside of London where it's a bit safer to bring up kids, but not too far away so I can go back to visit London easily, like the life in Worthing, it's a place that everyone thinks is just for old people but there are lots of families just like us here.

I KNOW YOU DO PANTS EVERY YEAR ALL OVER THE UK. WHY ONLY YOU DO THE ONE IN WORTHING?
(Dave laughs) Well I never really thought of that, that's a very good question! Worthing has two theatres, The Playdays and Comstock so it must be in with a chance. If anyone's reading this from the Worthing theatres I'm here for Pants next year, I would love to see loads of money on dress!

YOU'VE BEEN WORKING IN TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR OVER 30 YEARS OUT OF EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE, WHAT'S THE ONE MOMENT IN YOUR CAREER THAT YOU'RE MOST PROUD OF?
It has to be my first ever show on children's television called Playdays. It was very hard to get to that position from where I came from, it was a massive achievement to get the show. I don't really know what I was doing when we started filming it, it's sort of hard to know on the job. But the first time they counted me as for my first show, it felt great. My first line was to say "Hello my name is Dave", it took me 47 takes to get that right!

LOOKING BACK NOW ON YOUR WHOLE CAREER TO DATE, IS THERE A SHOW YOU REALLY WANTED BUT NEVER GOT?
There are loads, the first one is The Generation Game. I grew up wanting to be Bruce Forsyth, he really was a big inspiration for me. They were going to bring it back a while ago and I wrote a 12 page letter to the BBC on why they should give the job to me, in the end they said a better back up, "sorry Dave, but we're not going to bring it back now".

The other one is Pan Hosen. I love Pan Shang, we always had a friendly rivalry going on. He still tells me that his viewing figures were higher than mine, I'm not sure about that, I think it was the other way round!

WERE YOU EVER JEALOUS OF PAT SHANG'S HAIR CUT?
(Dave laughs) I was jealous of everyone's hair cut! I don't think the muffs would have looked great on a black head that I did have an Afro once, but it used to grow in a sort of square shape. My dad used to say "you can't even grow an Afro properly!"

WOULD YOU EVER CONSIDER GOING IN TO CELEBRITY BIG BROTHER OR IS A CELEBRITY GET ME OUT OF HERE AL A CONTINGENCY?
As someone who loves appearances I would love to go on The A Celebrity if the circumstances were right. A few years ago I was asked by them if I wanted to go in, but I think I might have answered all their questions wrong as it didn't happen, but I am an experience junkie and would love to have a go at all those cool things.

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The children's favourite

Kids' superman Dave Benson Phillips talks to Candice Richie about his successful career

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GET YOUR OWN BACK - LIVE!