

#batchofkindness - Thoughts & Reflections

<p>It's the little things that get me the most, I think. Taking a moment to remember that we can do them any day of the year.</p>	<p>1) Enter the hashtag #batchofkindness 2) read the tweets 3) cry</p>
<p>I'm going to personally extend #batchofkindness into tomorrow.</p>	<p>The #batchofkindness day is almost over. Feeling great!</p>
<p>Can't believe the many wonderful #batchofkindness acts going on around the world. Our darling B should be so proud of his fans!</p>	<p>It's silly how easy it is to forget how it feels when you do something for someone. You get back more than you give. Always</p>
<p>I kinda wish Ben's birthday was every day. I see all these wonderful good deeds being done. It's the same feeling I get on Boxing Day! Why can't this wonderful feeling go on all year? It's also the same thing I think during Comic Con. With all this Brilliance in one room, we could solve all the world's problems in about one month, give or take. (*Extra time allowed for game play and Comic Reading) Wouldn't that be lovely? All the world being nice to each other. Could you imagine?</p>	<p>Getting a bit verklempt over #batchofkindness. So wonderful, awesome, and slightly bonkers in the best way possible.</p>
<p>"It has long been an axiom of mine that the little things are infinitely the most important". - Arthur Conan Doyle</p>	<p>Just discovered the #batchofkindness hashtag. There still are lovely people in the world after all. :')</p>
<p>Really enjoying reading the #batchofkindness tag and participating. No act of kindness is too small.</p>	<p>All these #batchofkindness posts... ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥</p>
<p>These #batchofkindness tweets made my day & my face hurts from smiling</p>	<p>To be honest, I will do something again next year too.</p>
<p>I propose #batchofkindness to happen every single day</p>	<p>I'm lucky enough to help others, am grateful to live in peace, in good company, good health and a home. Very lucky indeed.</p>
<p>This should be forever. Starting a new diary and will try to make sure I am aware of at least one act of kindness daily</p>	<p>I already know what I'm doing for #batchofkindness next year, volunteering in Kenya to help the community</p>
<p>Reading the #batchofkindness tag all day has just been gorgeous....you are all wonderful</p>	<p>Reading the #batchofkindness tag all day has just been gorgeous....you are all wonderful</p>
<p>I won't stop after today.. doing this just felt too good.</p>	<p>Not to be repetitive or sound cheesy, but doing good feels good, so do some good! #batchofkindness #GetKind (PS-it's mostly free)</p>
<p>Little things, good deeds push out the darkness.</p>	<p>Happy birthday Benedict! Doing 38 acts of kindness today!</p>

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Off to bed now. This day has been fabulous. Can we do that again tomorrow?! :) #HappyBirthdayBenedictCumberbatch #batchofkindness	Struck by how many #batchofkindness acts could be everyday things - helping a neighbor or stranger in need - committed to keep it up!
Benedict has the best fans, all so caring and inspiring!! So happy to be part of this fandom!	Ever so proud to be a part of this fandom.
Insanely proud of all the amazing, thoughtful & selfless acts being carried out all over the world for #batchofkindness	A wonderful side effect was that I was more aware of the kindnesses I RECEIVED, too. So many blessings
I've never seen fans so dedicated to kindness and charity. Thank you, B.	I hope to do more soon and carry it on after Benedict's birthday is over.
It really is wonderful to read the #batchofkindness tag and know that there's so many big hearted people out there.	To those who feels the world is a horrible place, read the #batchofkindness tweets. So much good truly still exists!
#batchofkindness has made me feel warm and fuzzy all day	I am so moved reading the #batchofkindness tag. You are all amazing
It's an absolute adrenaline rush, can't believe how happy people are when you just smile at them, so easily!	Still can't get over the happiness I have felt today. #batchofkindness is the best day of the year!!
Reading the #batchofkindness tweets really made my day.	Oh my word, it's only early afternoon & all those #batchofkindness tweets are making me feel all warm and fuzzy.
#batchofkindness made me realize how great giving made me feel.	Why can't every day be #batchofkindness day?

Thank you for Batch of Kindness. I know that we can (and many do) give to charity and do nice things for others year round, but often times I know that even with good intentions real life sometimes gets in the way. Maybe Folks have a money shortfall, or maybe they are too shy to go volunteer even though they really want to in their hearts.

This idea not only emboldened people to get out of their comfort zones, it also set a date that motivated people into action and gave us a sense of community as fans. We could honor Benedict AND do things that helped others. It got some procrastinators off their bums, too! (Like me).

With sincere gratitude,
Lisa

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Today is Benedict Cumberbatch's birthday. If you have Twitter, or if you are a "geek," you probably will notice he's made the trend list for today...and there is good reason for it. I don't usually have a lot of respect for celebs, but he's one of the few. Aside from being extremely attractive, he is very openly a human being. I've watched interviews, read articles and I see exactly why he has such a world-wide, well-built fan base. He inspires his fans to raise awareness for non-profit organizations, give time and effort to service instead of to him, and to spread kindness to those who are in need.

The Twitter world exploded with the hashtag "Batch of Kindness" for this man's birthday. I was overwhelmed and moved to tears to see that people would be so dedicated to charities such as Princes Fund (BC's fave) and a website started up: batchofkindness.com, as well as charities to a fan-created mental health fund. They've raised over Eur 13,000 by noon, and I haven't checked since then, but I do believe that donations as such should be invested in organizations like this.

Batch of Kindness is more than just money donations; they ask that if you can give anything at all, it should be the gift of kindness. Surprising family members by cleaning house, leaving money for the next person in line at a grocery store, thanking our military, baking cookies for the local fire station...I did my own act of kindness today, and it was amazing to see how that opened my eyes today. I went grocery shopping with my mom and I saw a girl run down the store's front to give a man his forgotten bag of food, I saw a child helping his grandfather by putting stray carts away so they could park properly.

Honestly, I had forgotten what it felt like to give. I've been so involved in my own world, caught up inside my own mind, and asking God why I was not feeling blessed, why I was not accomplishing anything. I had forgotten how to really get up off my feet and quit making excuses. I had forgotten what it felt like to do something good for another person, because it always returns blessings to me tenfold. I could not ask for a better group of fans to be a part of.

My life has kind of come to a stagnant stage while I am waiting for some things to start picking up, but with a day like today, I am glad to feel important and fulfilling.

"Kindness is always fashionable." ~Amelia Barr

Thank you for creating "Batch of Kindness". I appreciate having had the opportunity to celebrate kindness and the July 19th birthdays of two of my most favorite men, Benedict Cumberbatch and my kid brother Mark, who are both themselves admirable and kind men.

Though my various acts of kindness on that day were small in scale, the results were satisfying. I also felt extra mindful of the many kindnesses that I received from others.