

Rights Respecting School Award

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Article Focus:


Article 29 Goals of Education

Children's education should develop each child's personality, talents and abilities to the fullest.

It should encourage children to respect others, human rights and their own and other cultures.

It should also help them learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

Children have a particular responsibility to respect the rights their parents, and education should aim to develop respect for the values and culture of their parents.



To celebrate the importance of diversity and for the children to explore Article 29 from the UNCRC, on Friday the whole school took part in a 'Cultural Day' to celebrate Cultural Diversity Day (Tuesday 21st May). The children had the opportunity to move around the different classrooms for half an hour slots, where they explored a different culture in each room. Here is what they experienced in each classroom:

- In Panda's classroom - Australia - the children took part in a traditional game of 'Toss the Thong' (flip flop throwing competition).
- In the Year 1 classroom - Polynesia - the children spent the session making Lei necklaces.
- In the Year 2 classroom - South Africa - the children learnt a few of the different African language and designed Ndebele wall paintings.
- In the Year 3 classroom - America - the children spent their session designing and making Totem poles.
- In the Year 4 classroom - Germany - in this classroom, the children learnt about and invented their own German Slap Dances.



- In the Year 5 classroom - Greece - the children explored the history of Ancient Greece, including the Olympics, the Gods and their myths and legends.
- In the Year 6 classroom - Northern English culture - the children were introduced to Pontefract cakes and had a go at speaking in Northern dialect.

In the afternoon, the children watched a presentation on areas of Indian culture, designed by a Year 1 parent. The presentation covered facts about India including facts such as:

- Namaste means 'I bow my head to you' - it is a belief that every person represents God. It is a sign for respect of one another.
- India is 13 times the size of the UK
- India has the third largest military in the world
- Most people in India can speak more than 2 languages
- There are 22 official language spoken in India

As a final treat, the whole school attended a workshop run by Olabella (Party Saints Entertainment) a Nigerian entertainer, who spent an hour with each Key Stage. The children had the opportunity to take part in traditional African dances and even the teachers had to get on stage!

