



The Hayfield Herald

Understanding Others



*An interesting couple of weeks where we closed because of the snow,
We learned about Judaism and Islam from our special visitors
and celebrated World Book Day.*

As the big freeze hit the UK last week we were badly affected on the Thursday and Friday and had to close for safety reasons. We appreciate this is sometimes difficult for parents but on the Thursday most schools in Kettering ended up closing and sending children home during the day so we know we made the right call! We hope that you all had the chance to enjoy the snow.

On World Book Day itself we had a very special day. The children were put in mixed groups with children from all different classes and visited all of the classes where each teacher shared a different book or extract of a story. The children then did activities related to that story. It was a really successful day and really engaged the children who really enjoyed the many varied activities.

As a school we are committed to promoting the five 'British Values' as defined by the DfE which are Democracy, Individual Liberty, Rule of Law, Mutual Respect and Tolerance (although we prefer 'Acceptance'). As part of our class reflections and through the curriculum the children explore these values. As part of our R.E. learning which supports the values of Acceptance and Mutual Respect have been very lucky to be joined by two visitors this week who shared about their different faiths.

Owl class and Year 4 were lucky enough to spend some time learning from an interesting visitor meeting the fantastic Jo Elijah who came to share her Jewish faith with us. Owls and Year 4 are both learning about Judaism as part of their Religious Education lessons with Miss Priestley. In Owls, Jo captivated their curiosity by speaking to them about the importance of Shabbat. The children got to see real artefacts and Jo talked to them about the importance of each one. They learnt lots of new information and vocabulary and even got to try some kosher Challah bread for ourselves! In Year 4, Jo spoke to the children about the importance of prayer and the children got a chance to ask some questions to further their understanding. It was lovely to meet someone who was willing to share such important aspects of their daily life with us and it has helped the children to appreciate another aspect of the world around them.

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 4 had the pleasure of welcoming the wonderful Inam Khan (from the Kettering Muslim Centre). He came in to our school to further enrich the children's understanding of Islamic Prayer as part of the work with Miss Priestley in RE. The children found it very interesting and he was able to answer lots of their well thought out questions. He said he was *"really impressed with the children's behaviour and level of interest which is a credit to yourselves"*. Harrison in Y4 said about the visit *"I respected him for coming in to talk to us. I felt something warm in my heart"*.

Our incredible parents association TOPs have been hard at work again this week organising the very special Mother's Day event. They have organised and run all of the work with children to create some lovely gifts for some very lucky mums on Sunday. We cannot thank the TOPs committee enough and are sure you are all as grateful for all they do and appreciate how lucky we are to have such a group who really are very very special.

Reception parents had a lovely chance to join us this afternoon for their own Mother's Day craft afternoon. It was a lovely event organised by the Reception team and so nice to see so many of you with us.

Due to unforeseen circumstances of snow and illness we have had to postpone our Year 4 and Squirrel Class Hubshare's. These have been rescheduled to:

Thursday 22nd March (2:15pm): Squirrel Hubshare

Friday 23rd March (2:15pm): Year 4 Hubshare

Year 3's Hubshare will still be next Friday as planned. We are really pleased at how popular our Hubshare's are and look forward to continuing these in the future.

In other news we are now connected to mains sewage! The cess pit has finally been removed which has opened up the compound more for parking. Although we are not allowed to do anything to the compound as it is owned by the developer we have done our best to set out a safe pathway into school and provide more parking including an area for disabled parking next to the school entrance.

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