



# The Hayfield Herald

## Charity Week 2023

Joy - Integrity - Fellowship

We have had an incredibly busy couple of weeks at Hayfield Cross with so many events and trips and managed to fit in our end of year assessments this week too which the children have been amazing at. Today we are really excited about our annual Year 2 Tie Ceremony later with parents where we will be presenting every child in Year 2 with their new school tie ready for Year 3.

This week has been Charity week. We believe it is important that children develop courageous advocacy (standing up for and supporting others) and so across the school we have been looking at different charities and the work that they do. This will now be an annual event and as they grow will learn about different charity work across the world. In KS1 they are looking at local charities such as the Kettering foodbank who Year 2 have been collecting for. In LKS2 they are looking at national charities such as Mind where Year 3 have been thanked by them on Twitter for helping to raise awareness. In UKS2 they are looking at international charities such as the WWF and doing lots of self-research to find out and share more about them. If you want to find out more please check out the classes Twitter feeds.

Last Friday we hosted Sports Day which was our biggest one ever now we are full! In order to make sure all the children could enjoy and participate (and we could fit all of the parents and families in!) there were different sessions for Reception/Y1/Y2 then Y3/Y4 in the morning and Y5/6 in the afternoon. We also had students from Latimer who were brilliant in leading activities and supporting the children. Thank you for the lovely comments and for such an amazing turnout for the day. Huge thanks to Miss Mulroy who organised the whole event and all the staff who supported.

Last week we also had our Rainbow Day celebrating diversity. The primary focus of the day was about building understanding of blended families and gender identity to support both people in our own community and the wider world. It was a fantastic event, and the children and staff were amazing. Huge thanks to Miss Shrive who organised and championed the event which is so important in our modern world. We have had a lot of feedback about the event, we have had some incredibly positive affirmation (including from the county safeguarding team thanking us for our work) as well as some really helpful constructive feedback about some concerns which we have taken on board and will help shape how we move forwards.

Year 3 had a very interesting and important visit yesterday as they visited the Hindu Mandir in Wellingborough. It is wonderful that they were able to see first hand how Hindu's worship following on from their learning in RE. They were given a tour and impressed all the people there and our staff with their incredibly respectful conduct and thoughtful questions and reflections.

This week Year 5 parents had a special treat as both the Lumineers and Lodestars performed a recorder assembly for them. A few months ago, Mrs Chapman spoke to me about teaching them recorders as part of their music lessons as we have lots of recorders in school. The children have been absolutely brilliant in learning these and Mrs Chapman wanted to share their hard work. It was lovely to see them perform and they were all superb – Well done Year 5 and thank you Mrs Chapman!

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*Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid.  
The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go<sup>3</sup> (Joshua 1:9)*