



# The Hayfield Herald

## RAINBOW DAY

Last Thursday we had a very significant first for Hayfield Cross as we had our Rainbow Day as part of Pride Month 2021. Each year group was given a colour representing the pride flag and everyone was encouraged on that day to wear that colour to create our own school rainbow. Throughout the school the children spent the day learning about what each colour represents and different aspects of relationships at an age appropriate level. In Reception, they celebrated 'love' thinking about their families and what makes each family unique. In year 2 their colour yellow represents sunlight and they created a collaborative art project looking at what all the different colours are for. In year 4, they created rainbow bracelets along with self-portraits to show why each and every one of them is proud of themselves. The older children in Year 6 found out what it means to be LGBTQ, the history behind it and the meaning of the colours on the rainbow flag. They created silhouette pictures to represent how great and equal we all are.

At Hayfield Cross we think the word 'tolerance' does not have the right connotations. We prefer to teach the children 'acceptance' of others and to celebrate the differences between us. This is so important for them as they grow and interact with different people across the world. Over recent years the Church of England Education Office has published two very important documents in their 'Vision for Education' and 'All God's Children'. They highlight that 'central to Christian theology is the truth that every single one of us is made in the image of God. Every one of us is loved unconditionally by God. We must avoid, at all costs, diminishing the dignity of any individual to a stereotype or a problem. Church of England schools offer a community where everyone is a person known and loved by God, supported to know their intrinsic value.' Huge thanks to Miss Rose who organised and coordinated the whole of Rainbow Day. It was a great success and it was wonderful visiting all of the classes and seeing this in action. Also thanks to the teachers who worked hard to plan amazing and enjoyable activities for the children.

This week we were treated to an online concert by NMPAT (who provide much of our peripatetic music tuition). They showed the children the different elements of a band and performed for them. We had hoped that this would have been live in school but with the delays to restrictions lifting decided to keep it online.

Year 4 have been super busy over the last week completing the national Multiplication Tables Check. Although, like SATs, these are not statutory this year but our Year 4's have worked so hard on learning their tables we felt it was important for them to have the experience of taking the checks. These are still submitted online and we will get the results shortly.

Last Friday our Year 6 girls took part in a Football Tournament at Tresham College although they may as well have been playing under the sea with the amount of rain there was. Well done girls for braving the elements and still playing so well. Also thanks to Mrs Bellamy and Mrs Smith who supported and got equally as wet!

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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)*

Joy - Integrity - Fellowship