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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is amazing to see a sea of colour in school today with children and staff dressing up in their national costume or colours. We had an array of outfits flood into the playground this morning with children adorning costumes including Spanish and Ethiopian dresses, kimonos, international football and rugby kits, saris, Polish embroidered trousers and floral skirts and we even had some Welsh red dragons and Scottish Highlanders.



Our international week has given us the perfect **opportunity** to **celebrate** the different cultures and languages across the school. Amazingly the school community speaks 60 different languages and children have learnt how to say 'hello' and 'thank you' in many different ways.

The children have also listened and sung some traditional songs and practiced arts and crafts from across the globe. It has been a feast of international learning this week and the children, staff and school community should congratulate and thank Mrs Qadir and Mrs Sharief for organising the events.

We also welcomed a religious speaker to talk about Diwali and this inspired class 3A to perform the story of Rama and Sita in assembly.

The class explained that Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights, which is celebrated every autumn in the northern hemisphere.



Diwali is one of the most popular festivals of Hinduism and symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance".

During the celebration, temples, homes and shops are brightly illuminated and Class 3A showed us their Diwali lamps that they had made.



On the same international theme, but originating from a different continent, Mrs Godden led the school in singing some African themed songs. The children were expertly accompanied by a group of children playing on African drums. It was a true spectacle of music and a lovely way to end this Half Term.

RECEPTIONS' GRANDPARENTS' TEA PARTY

The week has finished with an international theme and started with one too. Grandparents from near and far were invited to join their grandchildren at our well renowned Grandparents' tea party. We had grandparents from different parts of the United Kingdom and other parts of Europe and some even flew in from Australia and New Zealand.



It was a true delight to see the wonderful smiling faces of the grandparents who sampled teas, coffees and cakes whilst the children sang some funny songs. It was the bringing together of two different generations and the pride in each other was clear to see. The grandparents loved the opportunity to talk to one another, sharing stories and memories about their grandchildren. We must thank the reception team and volunteers for hosting such a treasured event.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Year 6 pupils have recently been studying 'classification' in science, where they have been identifying the similarities and differences in some of the world's creatures.

They had the **opportunity** during home learning to be creative in showing their **knowledge**, **skills** and **understanding** of their current topic.

Emilia and Eva (both from 6B) went the extra mile, each making a model of their learning. The girls clearly have been inspired by their science topic and have created some exceptionally detailed and informative learning resources. They should be very proud!



AND FINALLY

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at the Friends and consultation meetings this week. During the latter, I know the teachers appreciated your time (and you appreciated theirs!) to be able to share your child's learning and successes, as well as to discuss how you can support them at home.

There will be further opportunities to 'share their learning' across the year and we look forward to welcoming you into school and celebrating your child's progress.

We hope you all have a wonderful and restful Half Term break and look forward to seeing you on 29th October.

Mr B. Foley
Headteacher