



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Last week at St Francis was very exciting. The Moto of our Diversity Week 'SHARE OUR SIMILARITIES, CELEBRATE OUR DIFFERENCES' provided us with great opportunities to think about ourselves, other people and the way we live together. We thought about our feelings and reflected on the deeper meaning of the school values, as well as explored the words empathy, inclusion, and harmony. We had a number of moving assemblies with various topics to help us share ideas around inclusion.

Like last year, we were totally overwhelmed by the wonderful support of St Francis' families who volunteered to make this week a truly memorable one by visiting the classrooms and sharing their life experiences, culture, talents and hobbies with us. To name a few activities, the children had a unique chance to see and try some Irish, Indian and Spanish dancing; Chinese art and writing, learn about gypsy culture and art or 'visit' a French Café. We also welcomed Paul Smith from the Maidstone Guide dog charity accompanied by his guide dog Pedro. His assembly was followed by a meaningful discussion on disability, tolerance and respect.

On Thursday we had a taste of various countries from around the world with stalls filled to overflowing with information, objects, photos, books, toys, and typical dishes. Big thank you to all the parents for sharing so much about their culture and country.

Those of you who had the opportunity to join us for the International Morning or Celebration Assembly during our 'Diversity Week' would have experienced the children's excitement and rich learning of the week which was simply a wonderful celebration of St Francis diverse community and the uniqueness of each of us.

