

Questions for the School Council about

Diversity

Did you know that the school has been celebrating diversity this year?

J: Yes, we talked about the refugees in our assembly.

I: Yes, we celebrate that we have teachers speaking different languages, they read stories in different languages.

What do you think of the display in the entrance area?

I: It's in a great place, because everyone entering the school can see what a diverse school we are.

A: The display makes me feel curious about different people.

F: We covered diversity in different subjects this year.

J: The display shows me all the learning we did this year. It was nice to look at it and remember all the things.

Has your teacher read some of the multicultural stories from the box?

Some teachers let children choose the book to read from the box. Some did not read it this year. Some teachers read different books this year that celebrated diversity (e.g. Splash, Ana Hibiscus in EYFS). L said that she liked that story and the sea.

What other countries have you learnt about this year?

I: Windrush countries.

A: Cuba, Panama, Belize, Nicaragua, Guatemala, St. Kitts and Nevis, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica (Impressive knowledge!)

F: Denmark

Have you learnt about artists and other famous people from non-white backgrounds?
Can you name some of them?

I: Rosa Parks

A: Frida Kahlo

M: Synthia Saint James

Did you enjoy the **Little People Big Dreams** assemblies at the start of the year?

I: Yes, we learnt about lots of different people.

A: There is a new book about the Queen Elizabeth. I recommend.

Did you enjoy hearing staff share stories in assembly in their own language?

I: Yes, but we did not understand their language.

M: It was nice to hear Portugese.

I: All the people in my class were looking at K. as he could understand the story in Polish.

What do you think about the fact that St Matthew's is a diverse school with children whose families come from lots of different backgrounds?

We agreed it has lots of advantages.

A: You can make friends with people from different countries.

I: I love it. It is nice. Even though people look different we accept everyone in our school.

F: It is a good thing because we can learn about different cultures and religions from our friends by just asking them a question or talking to them.

Do you remember Mr Gates talking about The Great Worldwide Food Challenge?
Have you looked at the pictures at the back of the hall?

We all remember this. Some food looked very tasty.

I: Many people made food from their own country.

Have you got a world map in your classroom with labels added to it?

Most of the classes have the map. The Reps will ask the teachers who didn't put it up yet.

Anything else you want to share about diversity or multiculturalism?

We are all very pleased to be in such a diverse school.

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Little People Big Dreams

