



Wednesday 11th September 2024

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last year, the school started a journey of 'Implementing an Anti-Racism Approach' at Parkside. Thank you for participating in the questionnaires and providing valuable comments. We would like to kick start the year with a project we have called 'Celebrating Diversity'. The aim of the project is to help children to have a strong sense of belonging at Parkside Community Primary School by exploring the rich tapestry of cultures, traditions and heritage in our school.

At Parkside Community Primary School, we believe that instilling a profound sense of belonging is essential for our students' personal and academic development. By engaging in discussions around the meaning of diversity, we want to cultivate an environment where each child feels valued and connected to their peers.

To this end, we have planned the following activities:

1. **“What Does Belonging Mean to You?”**: We invite pupils to reflect on their personal experiences and share their thoughts on belonging. Our children need to articulate their feelings and understand what makes them unique.
2. **Communication Box**: Each child is encouraged to bring an object from home that celebrates their identity or culture. This will serve as a conversation starter and provide insights into the rich backgrounds of their classmates.
3. **Dress-Up Day on 11th October**: Students are invited to come to school dressed in clothing that represents their identity. This fun and engaging day will allow pupils to express themselves and celebrate who they are.
4. **Celebrating Our Cultures on 18th October from 1:30pm**: We encourage students to bring a dish representing their family culture. Parents and guardians are warmly invited to a tasting event where we can all enjoy and appreciate the delicious diversity of foods that reflect our community.

We believe these activities will promote understanding and respect for each other's cultures and help instil pride in our identities. Your involvement and support in these initiatives would be greatly appreciated as we realise the significance of a cohesive partnership between home and school.

Thank you for your continued support in nurturing your child's growth and development. If you have any questions or wish to discuss these activities further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Soyka
Head Teacher



