Disability Awareness Day

On the 23rd February the whole school took part in a range of exciting activities for our Disability Awareness Day. The day allowed the children to learn about the needs, challenges and unique abilities of disabled people, helping to build awareness, understanding and empathy for people who are differently abled.



The KS2 children really enjoyed taking part in the Paralympic sport, Boccia, with our guest speaker Chris Jay (from Bascule Training). It got quite competitive! The children also loved learning how Makaton can be used to communicate. Many continued to practise at home! One workshop explored neurodiversity in more depth, both the challenges and strengths that can come with Dyslexia. The children in KS2 took part in talks and debates with Chris, it really opened up some interesting conversations.



All the children learnt the clever code behind Braille and with help from our other guest, Hannah Miles-Mackenzie, were able to Braille their name. Across the school, the children took part in an art challenge and had to create an art picture without using their dominant hand. We looked at some of the incredible work that has been done by mouth painters in the UK. The children then used their elbows, mouth or feet to create their paintings. Lots of them said it was tough and needed a lot of concentration.



On Tuesday, after much deliberation, the seven finalists from the art challenge were announced. Congratulations to Wilf Harrowing who won the KS1 prize and to Sam Brown who won the KS2 prize.

The day ended with a parent workshop. Chris ran an insightful workshop and the parents who attended said it was ‘so valuable and thought-provoking.'

Thank you to our visitors and to everyone at Speldhurst for making the day such a success.

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