

St Mary's Anti-Bullying Week

11th November—15th November 2019

JUST DIFFERENT

learning about disability and difference

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#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Just Different Workshop

On Tuesday, we had the wonderful Toby and Liz come to visit us to talk about living with a disability and that we should celebrate difference. The children learnt about the four main types of disability and how they impact on people in different ways.

Toby, who has cerebral palsy, taught us how he communicates using his eyes and shared with us all the fantastic things he has achieved in his life. The children got to experience trying to manoeuvre a wheelchair around an obstacle course and shared what is different about them with their class. We learnt that it is okay to be different and that we should celebrate this. We spoke about what we can do to make sure all people feel happy in themselves and how we should treat people as would wish to be treated. What an eye-opening and thought-provoking experience for the children! Thanks to everyone that donated to the charity through buying a wrist band and



ESBAS Anti-Bullying Workshops

We also had the team from ESBAS in to run a workshop with each class. The children explored a range of scenarios to act out and discuss, thinking about whether it is bullying or not. They were encouraged to think about 'power differences' and the roles of each person within a group. The children were introduced to a range of vocabulary to help them express their thoughts and get their points across. It taught the children to identify different strategies to use when they are being treated in an unfriendly way. They reflected on why they should never just ignore bullying if they see it and what they can do to help!



'I learnt that you should never judge someone by their appearance' -
Delia, Year 6

'We learnt that the relationships need to be equal' -
Elouise, Year 6

IMPACT & KNOWLEDGE GAINED: The children have developed their social and moral understanding of the world through taking part in Anti-Bullying week. They have built upon their understanding of respect and tolerance and appreciate that they all play a positive role in creating a school environment in which commonalities are identified and celebrated, difference is valued and nurtured and bullying is never tolerated. They are developing their understanding of how to be respectful active citizens who contribute positively to society.