

Most schools get involved with 'Anti-Bullying week' each year. The theme in 2017 was 'All Different, All Equal'

We aim to empower our children to celebrate what makes them unique. Our year 4 class have all created elephants in their art lesson and made a vibrant display titled, 'We are all different and together make an awesome herd'.

Our assemblies across the week used stories and videos to illustrate our focus of 'All Different, All Equal'. Mrs. Henshaw and I showed a couple of videos, one was a barber who had been close to being homeless many times in his life. He went out into the community with a chair and his scissors – offering homeless men a haircut and head massage – we all loved the moment the 'customer' looked in the mirror and saw the 'new me'. He also took a pharmacist, a reformed addict offering advice and a housing officer to work alongside him. How great to give to the homeless a group of people often the victims of bullying such a treat and chance to feel valued. The children discussed the video and joined in with discussions around Trent Vineyard's 'Soup run for the homeless' which some of our staff support.

Anti-Bullying Week 2017 also saw its first ever Odd Socks Day. Pupils and staff across our school in wore odd socks to celebrate that it's important to be yourself.. We had a competition to guess whose legs were on the display wearing their odd socks – the teachers has great fun having their legs photographed!!

The curriculum was planned for the week to help children understand how important it is that every child feels valued and included in school, able to be themselves, without fear of bullying. Two boys came to my office to show me their poems today.....what powerful words Harley and Mason wrote.

Bullying

Bullies can be horrible
Bullies can be mean
They try to act all tough
Deep down they can be kind
Maybe they can become a friend
If we show them how to be kind to others.



Dead Inside

My Dad says;
Stand up for yourself
When you get bullied.
But when you are bullied you feel dead inside.

My Mum says;
Don't be afraid of the bullies
They fade away when you are not afraid.
But when you are bullied you feel dead inside.

My Grandad says;

I got bullied too

I stood up for myself and they left me alone.

But when you are bullied you feel dead inside.