

A CELEBRATION OF OUR CULTURAL DIVERSITY

We would like to say a very big Thank You to all the parents who made such a great contribution to our Cultural Diversity Day.

On Monday morning, a number of parents spent time with their own child's class, sharing their personal experiences of growing up in another country with distinct cultural traditions. Many parents had gone to a great deal of effort to cook traditional foods for children to taste, as well as showing their own photos and artefacts which really helped to bring the children's learning and understanding of other cultures to life. In addition there was teaching of a range of languages, supported by songs, fun quizzes and games. There was a real buzz around the school and the feedback from the children and teachers alike was that they had an amazing experience.

During the afternoon, it was great to see so many parents attend the 'Learning Together' event, which began with a short 30 minute talk in the hall about how we teach 'Intercultural Understanding' at Sandgate Primary School. Parents then had an opportunity to visit classes to see a range of activities taking place, each of which focused on cultural elements of specific countries that the children in our school community have parents from.

Throughout the week, many of the classes have continued their learning on this theme and each class has taken part in a music/ dance workshop led by our visiting artists from Music For Change, who have included: Tea Hodzic (from Bosnia and Herzegovina), Jorge Santo (from Argentina), MeiMei (from China) and Alex D.Great (from Trinidad).



Many of our parents clearly found the 'Learning Together' session valuable, giving feedback such as:

'An enjoyable and informative afternoon. If only my school life had been so enjoyable'.

'Year 1 was so creative and diverse. The children were so engaged.

Fantastic!'

'Very inventive learning, great to see children enjoying their Cultural Diversity'.