

"Doing craft helped me take my mind off my stresses" Y5



"I've showed the different people my singing so now I sing on break and play time" Y1

"You shouldn't laugh when people are different it makes people sad" Y2

Autism Acceptance Day 2023

The children had a fantastic day celebrating and learning for World Autism Acceptance Day. We wore colourful clothes that we find comfortable to transform our school into a spectrum of colour. The children took part in learning sessions where they discovered some of that challenges that face the Autistic community, exploring why and how we can help.

- 1) We can show compassion and respect towards others who may not think or behave exactly as we expect.
- 2) We can show understanding of other people's needs and try to make adjustments to help.
- 3) We can use our own courage to be advocates for change, helping to make our school and community a more accessible and enjoyable environment for Autistic people.

Through our explorations of Autism and talking to Autistic members of our community to we discovered that finding friends can be tricky and we decided that was something we could help with. Staff ran a range of activities through the afternoon, which aligned with special interests to the children. The whole school then were able to choose whichever activity they like best, allowing the children to share their passions with others, hopefully helping to form new friendships



"Noises are scary in the shops so sometimes it is hard." Y4



"I felt really happy that I could choose what I could do" Y6



"It can be scary asking people to play but here we have friends - so it is kind to help people play games" Y3