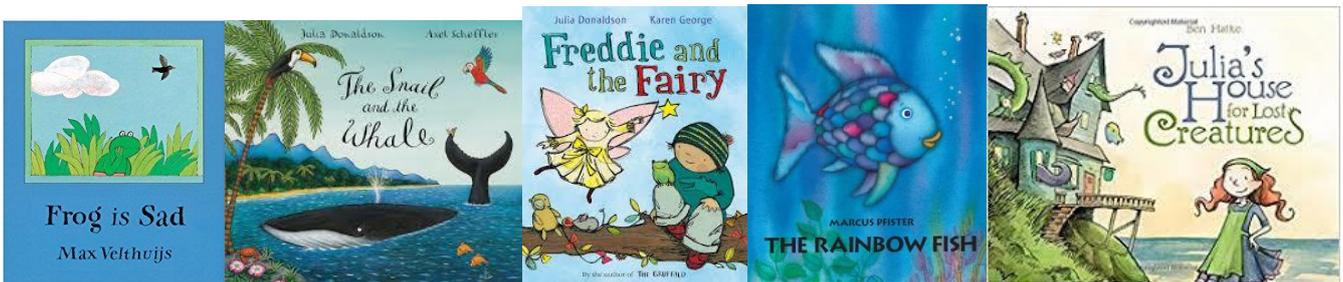


Hospitality Week April 2017

During the final week of the spring term the whole school took part in our second 'Hospitality Week'. All the class were involved and took part on a wide range of activities learning about virtue of hospitality and applying it in a range of situations.

EYFS made planters, bug stones, and bird feeders, thinking about how to be hospitable to the nature world and how God made the world hospitable for us. They also visited a Beechcroft Care Home to sing to the resident and show them their Easter bonnets.

In KS1 on Monday to Thursday each class focused on a different book with a hospitality theme. There was plenty to discuss and to think about and the children loved thinking about how they could help, share and welcome people that are different to them. They also made a range of gifts to give to our visitors later in the week.



On Friday they held a special worship where each class shared a little of what they had learnt, including a song which they could sing and sign. The church community and our fantastic governors were invited to the worship, shared our gifts of cakes, drinks, chicks and Easter baskets and were invited to help us with our creative activities in our classrooms.



We had some amazing comments from our visitors, which was lovely to hear. One example of the feedback we received:

'On behalf of my wife and myself I wish to thank you and all pupils and staff for your kind invitation to the Hospitality Assembly this morning. The presentations by the children were excellent and quite moving. We would particularly like to thank our table hosts who were very shy at first but quickly overcame that to join in some interesting conversations. They were perfect hosts.'

Our visit to the classrooms was enlightening and it was fascinating to see the range of work with which the children were engaged. All the children were open, articulate and very willing to explain their work.

We do realise that the event represented a lot of work for students and staff but they had together achieved a very high standard of hospitality and presentation. We were made to feel most welcome from the moment we arrived in Reception to the moment we left.

It was a great privilege to have been able to attend and thanks again to you all.

Alan Cooper'

In year 3 and 4 we had fun planning a special Welcome to KS2 Party for the year 2s who will be joining us in September. We made welcome cards for each child, shared juice and biscuits whilst chatting about what to expect next year and took part in a treasure hunt, with the older children assisting their young friends. We also made book marks for the children to take home to remind them of their hospitality. All children thoroughly enjoyed the week we spent getting to know each other and, hopefully, the transition to KS2 will be less daunting for year 2, due to the time spent getting to know their future class mates.

The children who were at Edale for part of the week also thought about how they could be hospitable whilst away with the first group deciding to make the beds up ready for the group arriving on Wednesday. Some of the children also chose to make Easter and Thank You cards for the staff at the centre rather than cards to take home.

The year 5/6 classes worked hard to plan and perform a show for EYFS during Hospitality Week. They sang songs, performed a dance and dramatised some of the younger children's favourite books such as The Gruffolo and We're going on a Bearhunt. The EYFS children really enjoyed it and the older children put lots of effort into making props and practising their pieces.

Additionally, the Flamingo class made some artwork for the kitchen staff, the office staff and Mr Poole. We framed a picture for them to put up and the rest of the artwork was given to them too so they can change the picture in the frame as the year goes on. They all seemed to like our creations!