

Headteacher's Reflections

As salaamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu

I decided to create this additional newsletter to share with you how we spent the day focusing on this important message of respect, acceptance and tolerance for everyone.

It is amazing to see that over the past 22 years of my career, the responsibilities of what teachers need to focus on at school is forever expanding. Within the education sector, there is a great focus on how we can nurture and develop a child's inner core, character, thought process as well as their views and opinions about global matters. The accountability of getting this accurate is immense as we are creating and cultivating the future generation.

So, it is imperative that we work hard on ensuring our children are respectful and tolerant of all mankind. To understand that we may look different but we still cry, laugh and feel pain in the same way. Furthermore, when we stand in front of Allah on the day of judgement, we are all the same and each one of us will be holding our deeds in our hands.

My reason for sharing the reflections from WEAR RED day with everyone is to ensure that parents also contribute by reinforcing our clear message. Please regularly discuss the importance of 'saying no to racism' and linking this to our faith.

Ma shaa Allah the children raised

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Date Valley School WEAR RED Day Friday 23rd October



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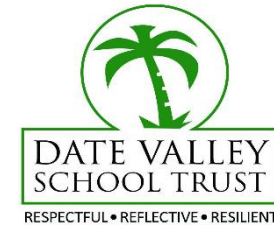
Our Whole School Focus

This year one of our school focus areas is DIVERSITY. We want our children to understand the importance of being respectful to everyone regardless of their background, colour of skin, language or culture.

Our WEAR RED day was the first event we have had to begin our journey in planting the seeds of this important message. The message that everyone is equal and unique.

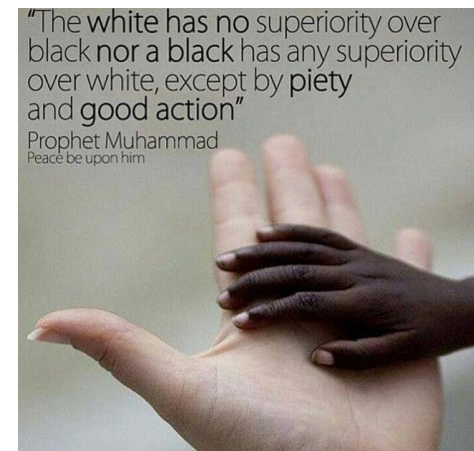
Children are beginning to understand that we need to respect everyone at Date Valley and in our world, because as Muslims this is what we have been taught to do.

Our core value of 'Respect' reinforces this message on a daily basis.



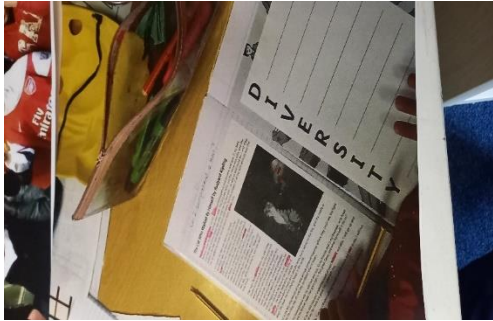
"At Date Valley, we are respectful, resilient and reflective learners."

What did our beloved prophet (PBUH) have to say about this theme in our school?



Year 5 and 6

The children wrote poems linked around this theme.



They also discussed and explored the term 'Racism'



Year 3

Saying 'NO' to racism and understanding how it feels to be singled out for the colour of your skin.



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Year 4

Children in Year 4 conducted drama and role play around how it feels to be someone who has experienced racism



*Here are some of the poems created
by the children in Year 5&6*

What up G?

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Don't be racist
it ain't cool
don't be racist
it aint a rule
don't be racist
it aint nice
don't be racist
you taste like ice
don't be racist
it feel bad
don't be racist
it really aint rad
stay safe

By Onaisa

It shouldn't matter how I speak
It shouldn't matter where I'm from
It shouldn't matter how I pray
It shouldn't matter where I came

It shouldn't matter the colour of my eyes
It shouldn't matter the colour of my skin
It shouldn't matter if I'm wise
It shouldn't matter if I'm dim

We are all different
We are all people
We are from the same kind
We should all be treated equal

By Nurayah, Emaan and Safiyyah

. Year 1

*In year 1 children learnt about
understanding the importance of being
unique!*



Racism is bad
In fact it is sad
It is cruel
black or white don't rule
Don't be lame
or you will get the blame
It is not fun
so, don't act like one (racist)

By Salahuddin

Come here before I disappear
Don't roast before I turn you into toast
Come to the rhythm don't join racism
Life would be despair
if we had the same hair
Even if you're white
Let's all become tight
And if you're black
please come back
cause you're all part of the pack
You know we all have a part to play
So please make racism go away

By Ilyas and Khalil

Year 2

*As usual Year 2 were
learning about this Rascism
through lots of fun games
and practical tasks!*

