



## International Week

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

International Week was celebrated at Darlington ACADEMY. We learnt how we can become Global Citizens and how to be proactive in creating a tolerant, respectful and inclusive world.

There were many activities that went on during the week, such as making flags from different countries, learning traditional stories and assemblies related to our core value of belonging, one of which was the children learning the Mexican song 'La Bamba'. During the week, most lessons were linked to a specific country such as Mexican Secret Codes and Japanese problem solving in Mathematics.



In Nursery and Reception, the children learnt about Mexico, Peru and Spain. Senor Duque Martin, a Spanish parent spoke about Spain and his experiences. The children were interested in the different tapas dishes and showed their preferences to what they liked best!

Another parent spoke about Eid and shared traditional food, which the children enjoyed.

## KS1

In Year One parents from Poland, Slovakia and Hungary shared information and resources about their countries. The children were so excited and engaged listening attentively and enjoying the variety of food.

Year One also enjoyed learning about Spain.

*I enjoyed learning about Spanish artists. I made a mosaic. **Nancy, Puffin class***



Art and Erta's parents came in and showed Kosavan dancing with their children and then the class did some food tasting. (Year One and Year Two)

Rodi (Year One) and his mum came in and shared traditional Turkish food with the class.

Mum of Keyaan (Year Two), Zaki (Year Four) and Deen (Year Five) and discussed Eid and their family traditions and celebrations.



## KS2

Florian's dad (Year Three) came in and made Canadian pancakes, which the children enjoyed and they were delicious.



Hayden (Year 3) dad came in and gave the children an opportunity to try Portuguese food. He also taught the children some Portuguese and compared in to the Spanish language.



Maja's mum, who is from Poland discussed school life and taught the children how to count to ten.

Darian's mum showed the children some traditional Romanian food and discussed geographical features, then compared them to the UK.

Kiera and Stella's mum sent a powerpoint which discussed her Irish background.

'International week was fascinating because we learnt that Mexicans celebrate death at the Day of the Dead festival, however in our culture we celebrate Halloween about the same time, which is seen as scary!' Darian (Year Three)

*I liked that we got to dress up and we found out different things about other people.*  
**Tia-Louise, Pebble Class**

Thank you to all of the parents that made traditional food to share with the classes.

Here are some examples:

Sam's mum made Mexican skull biscuits and guacamole. Natcho's mum made traditional food from Thailand, Georgina and Mariam's mum made traditional Greek food, Ameera's mum made Onion Bhaji for the class to share, (Year Three)

Quinn Sammon's Nan came into Reef Shark (Year Four) and spoke about her international and exotic travels to Peru. The pupils were very interested by where she had been and what she had encountered during her travels. The use of Peruvian objects really helped to bring her travelling to life!

*What I enjoyed personally about international week is the origami, Japanese numbers and doing pointillism,* **Thomas J, Port Jackson class**

In Year 5, TK's mum brought in artefacts from Zimbabwe and explained what life was like in an African village. She also taught the children a traditional song.

*TK is a prince in his village which I thought was a fascinating fact.* **Clara, Susanoo class.**

*I enjoyed parents coming in and saying what countries they came from. Amelie's dad taught us about where he came from,* **Louis, Poseidon class**

In Year Six the children were taught an African dance and drumming. David from Bembridge was interviewed about Nigeria as he went to school there.



*It was fun because David played the Nigerian drums and I found it fascinating to learn about other countries. **Jess, Bembridge class***



International Week was fascinating, exciting and it was another opportunity to demonstrate our Core Values, which are Achievement, Belonging, Confidence, Determination and Excellence, by learning about and respecting other faiths and cultures.

Thank you to all of the children and parents that were able to share their backgrounds with Darlington and we look forward to celebrating this special week with you next year!