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Dear Parent/Carer

9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Re: Dyslexia Awareness Day**

Today sees us celebrating our uniqueness and differences across school by raising awareness of Dyslexia, what it is, how it affects people and how it is never a barrier to achieving your dreams.

The day began with a whole school collective worship and assembly which focussed on Dyslexia Awareness and how this can be supported by this week's value of 'gentleness'. The whole school also watched a video by a little girl aged 9 who shared her experiences of having Dyslexia. Each Learning Zone have also completed Character Development lessons on this topic.

We have a high number of children across our school who have a formal diagnosis of Dyslexia and others who present with traits which mean they find this area of the curriculum challenging.

Dyslexia is not formally assessed and diagnosed until children are over the age of 7 because up to this age, difficulties could be developmental, but this does not prevent us from putting in place support strategies as soon as the need is identified.

There is more information available for parents on the SEND Info Report section of our website. The following information leaflets are particularly helpful: Literacy Difficulties Information Leaflet for parents and Literacy Difficulties Dyslexia Information for parents. If you think your child is affected by these challenges please speak to their Class Teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs D Cross*

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