

## Disability Awareness Day

January 2019

John McCorkell, from Disability Awareness, came to talk to the whole school about being disabled.

He talked with us about how he is disabled but still manages to live a full and exciting life.

He showed us pictures of disabled athletes that have won medals for their sports that included basketball, cycling, horse riding and swimming.

His message was that anything is possible if you try and have a little help.

This linked with the Gospel Virtues "Loving and Compassionate" and about remembering that everyone is perfect in God's image.

The British Values of Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Others also linked well to the day.

Throughout this day, the pupils were taught the importance of respecting others, even when they are very different from them (for example, physically, in character, personality or backgrounds), make different choices, or have different preferences or beliefs.

In classes, we all took part in tasks to make us aware of how disabilities, such as deafness, blindness and not being able to walk, can feel like.



## **Pupil Voice**

### **Reception**

- If you are in a wheelchair, you can still do lots of sport - you can play tennis too!
- You can use actions if you can not speak
- You can use your hands to make the wheelchair move.
- If you are blind you need to trust someone to help you.
- Even if you are in a wheel chair you can do lots of things.
- You have to be kind to disabled people.
- Not everyone is the same some, people use wheelchairs others don't
- You can have a car specially made for you if you are in a wheelchair.

### **Year 1**

- When we see someone in a wheelchair we can talk to them
- We have to be patient if someone is in a wheelchair and give them time and space.
- Everyone is special - God made us all!
- We have to show people with disability respect, we can help people if they are disabled.
- We can all do anything , we just need to keep trying and change things a little if it is hard.

### **Year 2**

- Disabled people can do things that I can do if I help.
- Nothing is impossible
- We should help people who are disabled
- If you are disabled you can still do sports and drive.

### **Year 3**

- Don't be unkind to disabled people
- Don't leave them out, help them.
- Be compassionate ( co- suffer) if disabled people need help.
- Disabled people can do just what we do , just a little differently.
- Use emotional intelligence - don't exclude disabled people - treat them equally.
- If you want to know something about their disability , ask, but don't be rude.
- Don't be unkind - help disabled people.

- Treat everyone with respect.
- Give disabled people a chance to talk, give them time to do things.
- Blind people can play sports, some have won gold medals - just need to put mind to it and be persistent.
- People with disabilities can be active, it just takes them longer - be patient.
- People with disabilities need friends to help them.

### **Year 5**

- Disabled people can still do things we do.
- Just because people walk with sticks we need to still treat them kindly and bully them.
- You can play sports in a wheelchair.
- It is difficult to move around on sticks especially going down stairs - we need to help
- We have to show everyone respect.