

Celebrating Refugee Week with Special Guests

A Day of Welcome - Bobble and The Power of Welcome

Last Friday, in preparation for celebrating Refugee Week, our school welcomed two inspiring figures online: Gulwali Passarlay, author and refugee rights campaigner, and award-winning children's author and illustrator Nadine Kadaan. Their stories helped our pupils understand the experiences of refugees and the importance of creating a welcoming community.

Our pupils in Class 2 were enchanted by Gulwali's storytelling of "Bobble." They learned about refugees, shared ideas on making their classroom more inclusive, and were thrilled to meet a real live Bobble! *Arlo suggested, "We could smile to make children feel happy and welcome."*



Classes 3 and 4 joined Gulwali for an engaging session. They discussed the challenges refugees face and the importance of kindness and acceptance. Meeting Bobble in person reinforced the message of creating a safe, welcoming environment for all. *Bethan from Class 3 said, "It must feel really worrying and scary on this journey to a new place. Leaving your home country would be hard."*

Later that day, pupils in Class 5 participated in "The Power of Welcome" with Nadine Kadaan. They explored her work, learned about Syria, and heard Nadine's personal story of leaving her homeland and settling in the UK. *Leo commented, "I found Nadine Kadaan really inspiring. She shared her story in a really positive way about her home country Syria, and I liked it when she shared humor about her cat."*



All sessions were a great success, inspiring our pupils to embrace compassion and inclusivity. We thank Gulwali Passarlay and Nadine Kadaan for their impactful online sessions and look forward to more enriching experiences in the future.

We look forward to receiving your postcard and pictures by Monday, June 24th, so we can send them to children seeking sanctuary!