

On Tuesday 6 November, seven of our Year 5 students travelled to Brunel University to join other Year 5 students from schools across Hillingdon for a day full of R.E. activities. This conference, entitled 'Respect for All', had our students looking at all aspects of respect and how this relates to their identity and to their community.

As soon as the students arrived at facility, they were immediately immersed in their first activity. They had a few pictures on their table and had to look for clues about respect and disrespect as well as ask any questions they had about the images. Our R.E. superstars asked some very insightful questions (including one that was chosen to share with the entire group!).

The day carried on with many more interesting and educational activities for the students. One of their favourites was called 'the snowflake'. In this activity, students were given a variety of statements, such as 'I think it is ok to sometimes tell a lie' and were asked how they felt. After thoughtfully considering the statements, the pupils had a chance to interact with children from other schools and respectfully agree or disagree with them. They learned that it was alright to disagree with others, so long as they did it in a respectful fashion.

Another favourite activity from the morning was the 'respect-ometer'. In this activity, students were given a variety of scenarios and asked to place them on the 'respect-ometer' which had a range of points from 'Total Respect' all the way down to 'Total Disrespect'. The students were engaged in meaningful discussions and were faced with very challenging scenarios.

The afternoon carried on with the children creating their own art pieces considering the theme of respect and disrespect that they had explored throughout the morning. All the children planned out beautiful artwork and produced exceptional work that was shared with the entire group.

Overall, the students had a fantastic day! They came away more knowledgeable about respect and ready to share their learning with their classmates.



