

Cultural Day 2023 Wednesday 19th July 2023

The school council meets regularly throughout the year and this is an opportunity for the children to voice their opinions and have a real influence on the structure of each term. At the most recent meeting, the council invited a guest speaker, Shlok, who wished to discuss his ideas for a Cultural Celebratory Day towards the end of term.

Shlok explained that, “Many of his peers were from different countries of origin and that Dudley House welcomed children of all nationalities and faiths.” He continued by saying that he felt, “Dudley House School was brilliant at encouraging uniqueness and teaching pupils to understand and respect one another.” He concluded by suggesting that there was a special day where everyone could be celebrated.

Steven went on to suggest that this celebratory day could be combined with a fundraising event for the Charity UNICEF. The plight of refugees had been highlighted when, on the 20th June, Class 3 and 4 joined 600 schools in the UK for a ‘Great Big Refugee Assembly’ streamed live from the camp in Jordan and an English Unit they had recently studied on refugees reading books such as ‘Boy at the back of the class.’ Steven explained that “the camp is funded by charities like UNICEF who have a goal to help fund shelters for refugees displaced by war, natural disasters and violence.”

School council members voted to pursue this avenue and discussed the idea with Mrs Johnson and the staff. Needless to say, the venture was approved.

In light of this, school council members wish to invite pupils to:

- Wear traditional dress for school on culture day or bring this with them to show other pupils.

- Speak about their heritage, family traditions, faiths, beliefs or their experience of living in other countries.
- Bring any 'show and tell' items relevant to their culture to show others school members.
- Bring tasters of different foods for other pupils to try – please bring small amounts in labelled containers with ingredients clearly visible. Only vegetarian food please.
- Take part in question and answer sessions.
- Donate £1 for the charity UNICEF and come in play clothes.