



Wednesday 12th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

**World Down Syndrome Day
Thursday 20th March**

As you are already aware, we pride ourselves on being a fully inclusive school where we meet the needs of all pupils who attend Kingfisher. We are also keen to educate our pupils on disability and how a disability does not define who a person is, developing their skills of acceptance, mutual respect and challenging misconceptions and stereotypes. Previously we have celebrated National Cerebral Palsy Day.

Down Syndrome is a condition in which a baby is born with an extra chromosome number 21. The extra chromosome is associated with delays in the child's mental and physical development, as well as an increased risk for health problems.

On Thursday 20th March we will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day by wearing odd or "crazy" socks. The socks represent the shape of a chromosome when seen from a karyotype (an individual's complete set of chromosomes) while the fun and bright colours grab attention and make it easy to spread the word. We are looking forward to seeing the children in their Kingfisher uniform but with their wackiest most crazy socks on this day.

During the day children will be learning a little more about Down Syndrome and how to sign their own name.

Thank you for your on-going support of the school and its work to educate pupils in all aspects of 21st Century life in Britain.

With best wishes,

Mr Dan Glentworth
Head teacher

