Maindee Primary School Newport South Wales

Peace Mala Self Evaluation Evidence for

Silver Accreditation Award

Peace Mala
Accredited Schools

Summer Term 2024

LEARNING AND LIVING IN HARMONY

PEACE

EQUITY, EXCITEMENT & EXCELLENCE

We are a large primary school in the city of Newport. Our school motto is Living and Learning in Harmony which has been our motto since 1993, when we moved into our new school building. We have a core value of Peace which we recognise in everything that we do. This is central to the work that we do in our school. We have children from a wide range of different countries with over 40 different home languages in our school. We celebrate diversity and value the rich cultural influences that our families bring to our school community.

As a school our aim is to provide Equity, Excitement and Excellence in all we do. We are passionate about providing all of our pupils with the best start to their education and believe that creating excitement through real life learning experiences and pupil led learning is crucial in engaging our pupils. We strive for excellence in all that we do at Maindee Primary School and recognise that strong relationships make the foundations for excellent teaching and learning. We work hard to develop positive attitudes to learning that our children will take forward with them throughout their lives

Our school context

- FSM 32% 3yr Average - Actual 40%
- ALN 25%
- Multilingual learners 91%
- Languages spoken 41
- Pupil Mobility 2022-2023 - 19%
- Maindee is an area of extreme deprivation

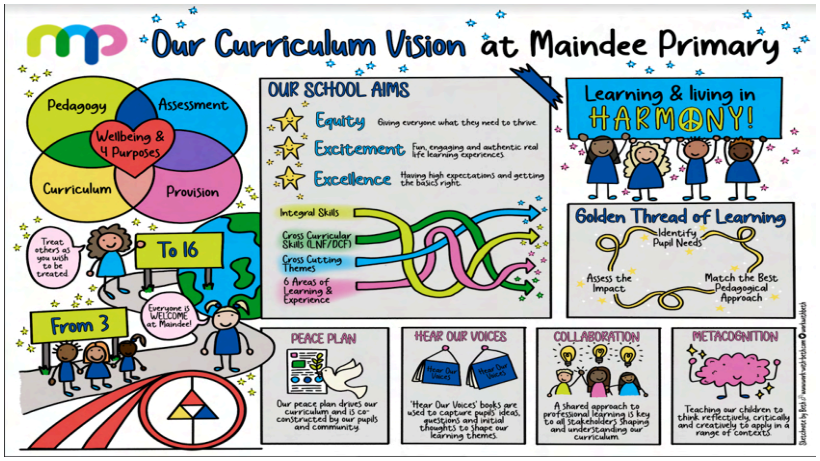
AREA ONE

Becoming a Peace Mala School is part of the whole School Development Plan approved by staff and the Governing Body. This is shared with the whole school community. **During every academic year, a chosen year group will study and explore Peace Mala by using the kits and educational materials. This encourages Peace Mala continuity in the school curriculum and ensures that every pupil will have encountered the message and vision of Peace Mala before they leave the school.** The school will also share good practice with other schools who are members of the global community of Peace Mala.

Curriculum

Peace is now the driver for our curriculum across our whole school community, it is embedded in everything we do, as a result it is no-longer part of the SDP, as it is our core-value. Our curriculum is co-constructed with all stakeholders including children and parents. And external agencies. We started off by developing a 'peace plan' this is a yearly calendar that recognises significant events in different religions and also for those who have non- religious beliefs. This then informs our planning and what we celebrate and recognise throughout the year. Initially this started off as individual peace plans for each year group, however as we progressed it was felt that we needed a whole school peace plan with some non-negotiables and then individual classes could also add to it to reflect the learners in their classes. As part of this process we wanted families to be fully involved, so at the start of the academic year, each year group holds a parental engagement session where we invite parents in, and discuss with them, what they would like the year to look like, what is important to them as a family, what we need to observe and celebrate, and then also what skills they could offer us, and how could they be involved in this. Every parent engagement session throughout the year parents can then input into the Peace Plan.This allows us to focus on what makes people who they are, it enables learners to show an awareness of who they are and that they are similar and different from others, we are able to explore faith and compare the different faiths within our school, celebrating and recognising everyone who forms part of our school. We want to make sure that a child's journey through Maindee consists of a range of experiences and that they are not always recognising or celebrating the same event every year. We decided that we would all always recognise significant events - as set out by the non-negotiables, however this could be something as simple as discussing the event during class reflection time and / or sending a card home. Then individual year groups take responsibility for two events a year, in which parents are invited in for a parental engagement session, whether it be a concert, a workshop, or even activities leading up to a bigger event. For example Year Four celebrated Christmas and International Romani

Day and Year Six recognised Remembrance Day and celebrated Eid Ul Fitr. As we have continued to embed the peace plan, learners are now developing their own awareness of faith identity and how this is similar to or different from their own faith, and also within other faiths.



Peace Pals

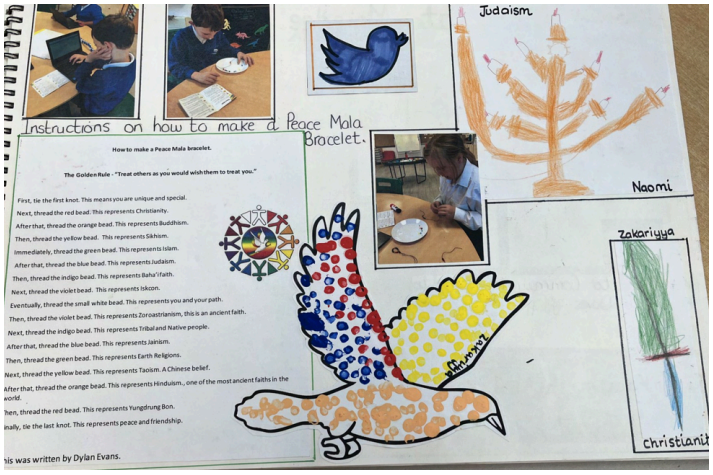
Peace Pals is our pupil voice group whose aim is to share the school's core value of 'PEACE'. Peace pals are pupils from year 5 and 6 who represent some of the many religions we have in our school. They work with outside agencies and faith representatives to share key messages of peace throughout the school and the community. It is important to us that the children and community recognised that every religion and belief all share the same key message as set out by peace mala's golden rule - 'Treat others as you would wish them to treat you.' Peace Pals are an integral part of sharing our schools core value of peace, both within the school and with the wider community. Having studied and explored Peace Mala, they are now supporting the teaching of Year 5 as the dedicated year group who study it each year. By having children from both year 5 and 6 we allow the continuation and development of Peace Pals, by always having some experienced members who can support newer members.















Above are our Peace Pals holding the Peace Mala symbolic dove of peace (No 4 named Lalasa). Lalasa is a Peace Mala symbolic dove of peace who has traveled many miles across the world sharing the Peace Mala message of friendship and compassion.

Website and 'X'

There is a dedicated section on our school website which links to Peace Mala and the work that we do as a school. This links to the school blog on the Peace Mala website which is being updated by the Peace Pals. Although this is still in its infancy there is a much higher presence on our school 'X' in which there are regular tweets using the hashtags #peacemala #peacebeginswithus #peaceplan #peace #commUNITY

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Display

Peace is given a high priority throughout the school and there is a dedicated display in the main hall for all to see to reflect this. This allows anyone who visits our school to reflect, celebrate and share the importance of peace within our school, the community, and the wider world. It also allows us to share what we do and raise awareness for those who do not have access to the internet, thus allowing us to make sure that everyone knows and understands the importance of treating others as you would wish them to treat you.



Collective worship

Collective worship is carried out in different ways, whole school, in phases and in classes. We have worked with The Onyx link Foundation to deliver assemblies that are led by representatives from different faiths and also representatives who do not have a faith, but their own non-religious convictions. This has proved to be really useful as it allows children to explore the interactions between a range of faiths and societies and the contributions they make to our school and our local community. During these assemblies representatives have shared what their religion is about, and their key messages which the children recognise all interlink back to peace, and how we should all recognise and value each other's beliefs. At the end of these assemblies, children are given the opportunity to ask a range of questions to the different representatives. This was really important to us as we felt that they are then able to recognise how different religions impact on human life and shape a person's beliefs whilst remembering that we should respect all religions. We have been fortunate to work with a wide range of representatives, including but not limited to Sikh, Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Ba'hai, Buddhist, Humanist and Wiccan. After reflecting on the sessions, we felt that the children benefited and would continue to benefit from the opportunity to develop their own beliefs and how we could work with others through questioning, we felt that the question and answer sessions during the assemblies are where the children were able to develop their own beliefs further and more importantly the understanding of others. As a result we wanted to develop a more interactive approach to the sessions. It was then decided that the Peace Pals would interview the leaders and that this would be shared across the school via video link, so that all classes could be involved. However after the first session we realised that technology was an issue and that some classes were finding it difficult to engage with, and so the decision was made to record the interviews, they could then be played in the classes at a later date and any questions raised would then be sent to the representatives, who then answer them. In addition to this class reflection areas and books have been set up, which are being utilised throughout the week. Children are able to explore how different religious and non-religious philosophies are linked and use this to form their own opinions whilst respecting those of others. In turn this is allowing children to show an awareness of diversity within the community and that their experiences are similar to and different from others. Whilst keeping the Golden Rule at the forefront of their minds.




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Reflection area

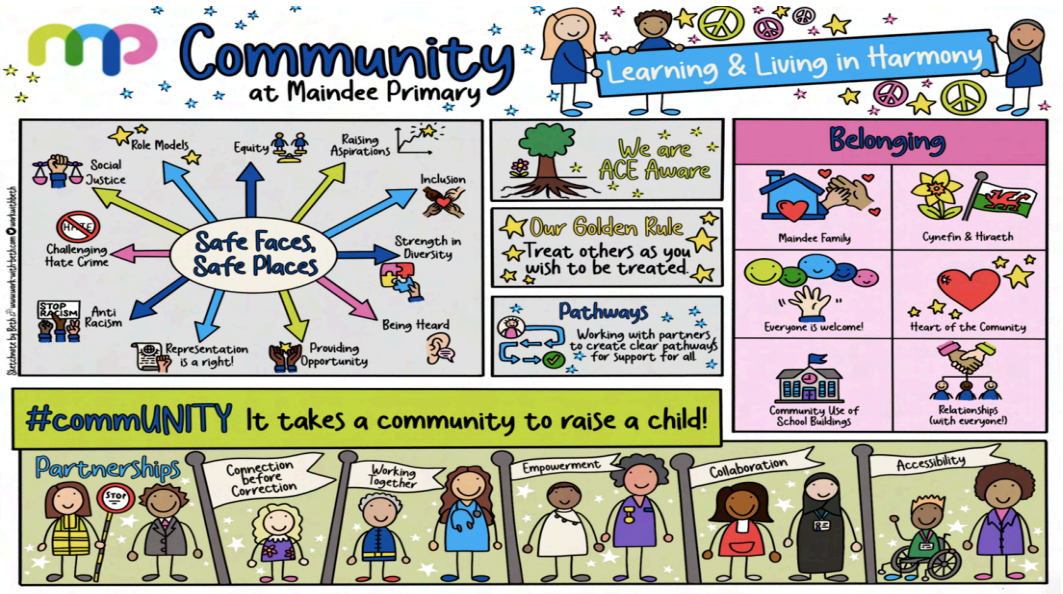

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Sleeping Samir
play with my cousins. Aarie
Having fun with your mum or dad. Lydia
playing Maryam
Chilling Antoni
being Calm Jan
Peace
be helpful and Kind Mahir
Calming music Kamsi
being nice Logan
listening to the birds Nabeeha
think about someone else. Ayomide
Maryam play friend with me. Rebecca
Kind
helping people when they fall down and get hurt. Nabeeha
All fun activities we can do, also dancing. Talia
happy Jessica
playing with my baby. Roberts
respect Hamza
My friends play with me. Ibrahim
peace is to me, like making stuff for my family, teachers and friends. Dua
being alone Azeem
Stay with my family and friends Ariana
playing football Kevin
playing with your friends Hamza
everyone playing Ayyub

AREA TWO

By engaging with Peace Mala the school is committed to **education for global citizenship** through the promotion of understanding, respect, friendship, tolerance and peace between all communities, cultures and enlightened, compassionate faiths. **Peace Mala promotes and encourages community cohesion.**



Community

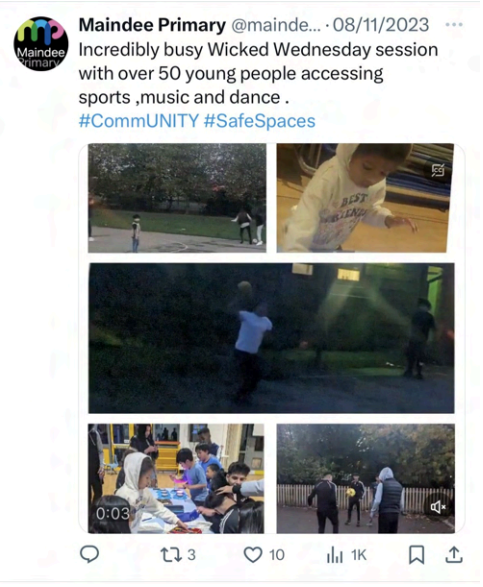
As a community focused school we recognise that community is a vital part in all that we do. We have many links throughout the school which we aim to utilise fully in order to promote and share our core value of Peace.

Wicked Wednesday

Wicked Wednesday is a multi agency open access youth club that is held after school for children in our school, the local community, past pupils and their families. Our aim is to provide a safe place for children to come to, where they can relax, have fun,learn to understand their place in our community and be supported in a familiar and safe environment with trusted adults. It is a partnership formed by school staff ,local youth workers and sport for development organisations for example representatives fromPositive Futures, G-Expressions, Community Youth Project - Newport, Literacy Trust, Gwent Dragons and many more.







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Young Interpreters

Young Interpreters are another pupil voice group who are actively involved in school life, whether it be through helping new arrivals settle into school, through buddying up during break and lunch times, showing parents and visitors around the school. Y.I help pupils who are new to English communicate a problem or difficulty. They will demonstrate school routines to those that need it. They play a crucial role in parental engagement, through welcoming parents to school events, sharing messages in home language on seesaw. They send positive messages to the whole school and community about valuing and respecting all languages. Young Interpreters have also worked with the local health board to share key health messages encouraging families to have the nasal flu spray. Young Interpreters regularly work with the Peace Pals to share these important messages.

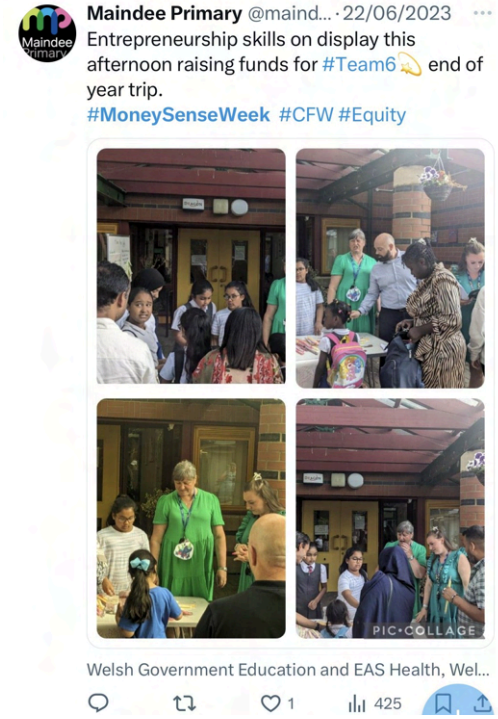




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Money sense week,

Every year we hold a money sense week in which we aim to 'Make a pound grow' . The week culminates in children selling their products at a fair on the final day, as part of the fair we invite local banks and other organisations to talk and offer advice to parents in our community about a wide range of money related issues





International Peace Day

An important part of our peace plan is to recognise International Peace Day, every class recognises the importance of this day and plans activities around it.





Please watch the video created by our Peace Pals that was shared on 'X' and with all parents via our school communication system - Seesaw. International Day of Peace.mov

Toby G MBE

We continue to work with Toby G MBE, a Roma Gypsy and former refugee, who comes to our school to work with the children, allowing them to see their potential whilst understanding the positive impact that they can have within their community, whilst sharing messages of Respect, Love, Unity, Having Fun & Peace. His work is based on the 10 elements of Hip Hop, and through genuine love and a trie trust that every young person, no matter who, has a voice and sound that is worth listening to and amplifying.



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Unity and Peace event

In January we were put in contact with the Chair of the Interfaith Council for Wales, Kate McColgan by Marilyn Priday, one of our links from Community House.Kate wanted to host a celebration of Unity and Peace and asked if we could be part of it. We were asked to showcase some of the things we do as a school to the many different people who had been invited, these included the Mayor, the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, along with members of SACRE and other dignitaries. We were very excited to share a dance called Unity. Peace Pals then talked about our school and why Peace is important to us. We then finished by singing our school song 'You are my brother'.









AREA THREE

By using Peace Mala in the classroom, the school supports **human rights** and helps **prevent bullying and all forms of prejudice.**

Islamophobia workshops

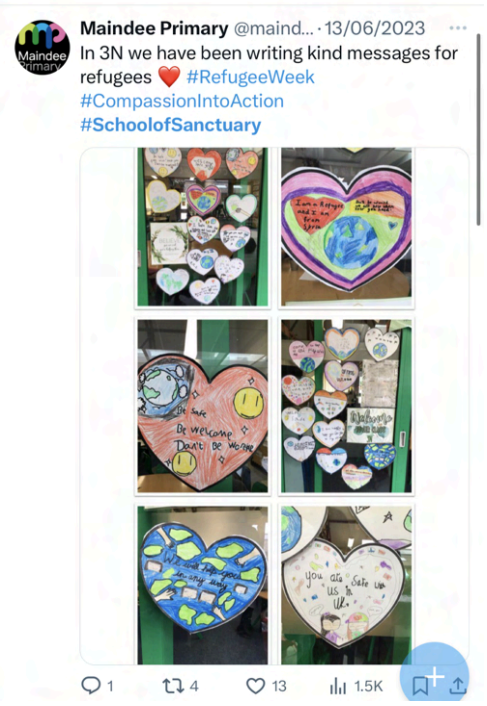
Year 6 have been fortunate to work with Bismha from Educate against Islamophobia about their rights and the impact of discrimination. They took part in workshops and discussions around hate crime. Bismha shared her experiences of hate crime, which many of the children could relate to and had experienced themselves. They were able to discuss ways to overcome and to build tolerance.



School of Sanctuary

By being a School of Sanctuary, we are able to make a positive change in how we and everybody in our community welcomes and provides safety for those seeking sanctuary. Sanctuary means providing a safe place for everybody. In April 2023 we were officially recognised as a school of sanctuary ,the first and only one in Newport. As a result of our good practice in fostering a culture of welcome, belonging and solidarity for those seeking safety.









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Anti-bullying week.

Anti-Bullying week and World kindness day are both on the whole school peace plan as non-negotiables meaning that they must be recognised by every class.

In addition to the whole school approach Peace Pals sent out a message on 'X' reminding everyone to 'Treat others as you would wish them to treat you'.









Please watch our video - [Peace Pals video on twitter]

SRTRC

As a school we recognise the importance of standing up against racism and so we annually observe and reflect on the need to show racism the red card. This is stated in our peace plan as another of our non-negotiables throughout the school. Throughout the day we discuss and carry out various activities ensuring that we have an understanding of what racism is, and what we need to do in our lives to make sure that we are an anti-racist school, through our actions, words, beliefs and thoughts.

Peace Pals video - Srtrc 1.mov





AREA FOUR

Peace Mala encourages the school to raise **awareness of issues of global interdependence** and encourages **active compassion by** learners that will lead to positive changes locally and globally.

Children in need

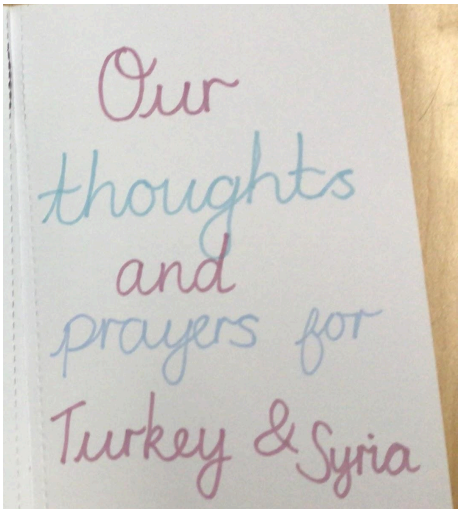
Another important event on our peace plan is 'Children in need' . This is always a fun day in school where we raise money for children and young people, which is then used to support them to overcome their challenges. This includes supporting children & young people living in poverty, providing emergency support to families in crisis, providing comfort to children feeling sad, lost and alone, helping children overcome social injustice and supporting children to feel safe and secure again. Although many of the children in our school may experience these challenges themselves, our children also recognise that it is important to show compassion to everyone, which then leads to positive changes for all.

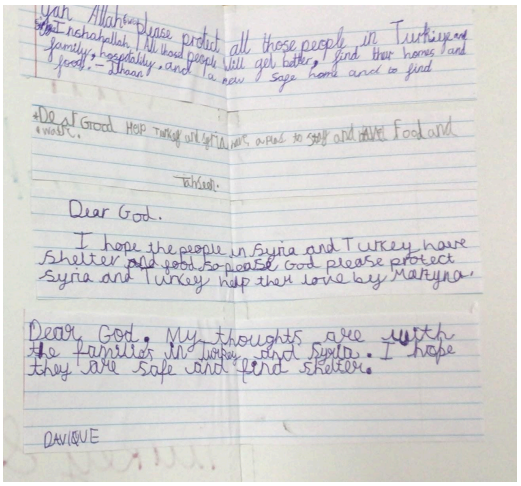




Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal

As a school we had many families who were significantly affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, with many families losing loved ones. We spent time as part of class reflection sharing our thoughts and prayers, but we wanted to do more. Along with our families we organised city wide donations of clothing, toiletries, toys and bedding to be sent to areas in which the need was greatest. The whole of our school community was involved, from bringing in donations, sorting, packing and then loading onto lorries which were driven by members of our local community.



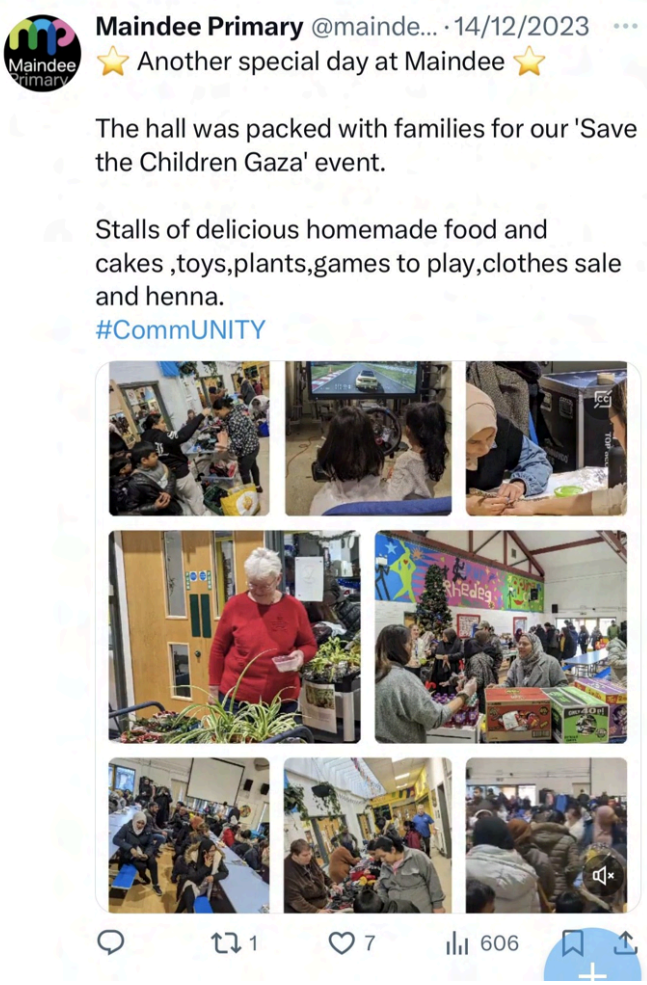




Gaza

Through pupil and parent voices it was evident that our community wanted to support children who are living in Gaza, and as a result a fundraising event was planned - 'Save the Children Gaza'. Our school community worked together to plan, organise and run a fair. We had stalls of delicious homemade food, cakes, toys, plants, games to play, clothes and even had parents and past pupils drawing mehndi designs using henna. We managed to raise a huge amount of money - £2643.41.





Homewards -

In June 2023, HRH Prince William launched 'Homewards' a transformative five-year, locally led programme that will aim to demonstrate that together it's possible to end homelessness – making it rare, brief and unrepeated. There are six flagship locations that are committed to ending all forms of homelessness in their areas. One of these areas is Newport. We were honoured and delighted to welcome HRH Prince William to our school to launch the initiative in Newport and recognise the preventive tools we have created to prevent homelessness.

"Homewards aims to give people across the UK hope that homelessness can be prevented by showing them the progress we can make when we collaborate.





AREA FIVE

Peace Mala encourages the **celebration of cultural, racial and religious diversity** through art, music, drama and dance.

Eid

Eid remains a key fixture on our peace plan and celebrating Eid is one of our favourite days as a school. We come together to celebrate this significant religious event through singing, dancing, and sharing food with our friends. Pupils and staff are encouraged to talk about their own experiences and share their thoughts and ideas for everyone to develop an understanding of Eid and join in the celebrations.





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Iftar

After staff members visited Iqra Mosque, a local mosque for Iftar in March 2023 Year 6 pupils who attended the mosque wanted to organise a community Iftar, a meal held to break the fast held during the holy month of Ramadan. A team of children from year 6 presented their ideas to Mrs Cueto,- Headteacher , Mr Smith - Deputy Head teacher and Mr Ali - Chair of Governors .They then organised our first community Iftar with support from staff, community members and local businesses- . It was a wonderful opportunity which allowed us to come together as a community to embrace the essence of Ramadan: Peace, solidarity, empathy, reflection and giving. Then in March 2024 it was time to hold our second community Iftar. We were delighted to welcome back our Iftar planning committee who are now in secondary school to work with our current year 6 to plan this year's event.





GRT celebration

Another non-negotiable in our peace plan is our Gyspy, Roma, Traveller Month, which culminates in a community celebration to reflect and recognise the contributions that our families bring to our school. We look at the importance of the Gypsy, Roma, Traveller community, the prejudice they have and continue to experience, and also celebrate the contributions the community has made through stories,food ,music, singing and dancing. We also work in partnership with Opersonic and G-Xpressions to create fusion dances incorporating traditional Romani dances with hip hop which were performed at local events such as Maindee Festival and Big Splash.





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Easter

Easter is a significant religious event for many of our families, and as a school it is important that we recognise and celebrate every member of our school community. As part of our Easter celebrations we invited Rev'd Keith to school, to share the Easter story and to give us an Easter blessing. As part of our celebrations Pastor Andy visited our school and as a result will be working closely with us in the future.





World Choir

We collaborate with Operasonic to create a World Choir' which consists of pupils and parents singing a wide range of songs representing the different cultures within our school and wider community.



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Ayoka cymru

In November Peace Pals met with Anica, Thierry and Mick to learn about how we could connect and build relationships with the Divo nursery in Ivory Coast. Peace Pals then created a plan as to how we could collaborate with the nursery and what we wanted to do in the future. Initially this was to make every child a christmas card, as Mick was visiting just before Christmas. Peace Pals created presentations and delivered them to each class throughout the school, asking them to be involved. In December we proudly gave Mick our cards and gifts to take over, then in February Mick came to tell us how his visit went and very kindly brought some beautiful art work back with him from the nursery.









AREA SIX

With Peace Mala the school actively **promotes environmental sustainability, healthy eating, and respect for all animals and wildlife.**

Big Bocs Maindee

As a school we have worked with Big Bocs Bwyd to create our very own Big Bocs Maindee. Big Bocs Bwyd's aim is to ensure that no child is hungry and that every child is able to learn how to make good food choices that enable them to thrive. Children and families are provided with food at 'pay as you feel' prices and are supported with authentic learning experiences through growing and cooking food.
As part of this and part of our work ensuring that we promote sustainability we work with Greening Maindee and have our own allotments that we are currently growing food in, with the aim of being more sustainable and also selling in our shop.
We also work with local supermarkets ensuring that there is little food waste in our local area. Different children work in the shop each week, ensuring that there is stock rotation, we are fully stocked and at the same time they are also developing customer service and financial literacy skills.









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Cluckingham Palace

We are very fortunate to have had our own chickens who were housed in 'Cluckingham Palace'. Our chicken coop has a large area for the chickens to roam, and their very own eglu is situated next to our allotments and near the playground. Children take turns in caring for our chickens, feeding them and collecting the eggs. Unfortunately during one evening a fox was able to access the chickens. So we have had a few months without any. As a result 'operation restore Cluckingham Palace' took place. We are now looking forward to welcoming chickens again to Maindee, and although we will continue to use the eggs in our cooking we would also like to use them in Big Bocs Maindee.







Eco schools platinum award

In January 2023 we were successful in renewing our platinum award, making us a platinum+ school which demonstrates our long- term commitment to environmental education, student involvement and sustainability.



Litter Hub

The Eco council have worked together to become a litter hub for our community enabling us to become a litter free zone in the future.

Litter Hub case study





Uniform

Another way we promote sustainability is through our uniform. When we have new children to our school, they are given a uniform. We also have a uniform shop where we sell pre-loved uniforms and shoes for a minimal amount. This has also been acknowledged by a local newspaper.

https://www.southwalesargus.co.uk/news/24160040.maindee-primary-school-newport-leads-inclusio

AREA SEVEN

With Peace Mala the school encourages **Peace Education** by forming a School Peace Council and engaging in peace activities.

Peace pals - Please see area one for a description of our peace pals and their role within our school. Peace Pals meet regularly and take an active role within the life of the school, evidence can be seen in our Meeting log .