This week, the focus of our work on anti-bullying, was “Reach Out.” During our assembly, we discussed what bullying is, how we can recognise it and who we can turn to for support. The children gave some fantastic answers and ideas on who and how to reach out to - friends, teachers, school staff, trusted adults, parents and carers. We spoke about the importance of being respectful of one another and treating each other as we would like to be treated. We want to be defenders of the identity and dignity of every individual.

The children have continued to produce some exceptional Geography learning. Each year group had a different topic to explore, as follows:

Year 6: map reading skills

Year 5: the deforestation of the Rainforests

Year 4: Earthquakes

Year 3: changes in Watford over the years

Year 2: route planning

Year 1: Continents and climates.

It was wonderful to have the chance to see some of their work and give deserved ‘Head Teacher’s Awards’. Well done to all!

Thank you to Year 4 for leading us so beautifully in our "Day of the Poor" Collective Worship on Tuesday. You spoke with such compassion and determination to make a difference in the poverty crisis we globally still continue to face today; helping through the power of prayer; offering friendship and solidarity to the poorest of our brothers and sisters and showing love and support. “For your sakes Christ became poor” (2 Cor 8:9.) Year 4 were warmly welcomed by Father Paul to the Friday weekday Mass at Our Lady & St. Michael’s Church. To their credit, they were praised and applauded by him and the congregation for their excellent contributions and behaviour.

We were thrilled to welcome M&M Theatrical Productions to perform Sleeping Beauty for the children. The performance was excellent, bringing such joy and magic to the school. A truly wonderful treat, enjoyed by all! The children were still talking about it when they came in the next day!

Next week, we are celebrating individuality and uniqueness in ‘Unique Week’. Monday will be a non-uniform day. The children are free to express their own personalities through their clothes. Children will be introduced to the Paralympian, Nerys Pearce. They will have the opportunity to complete a range of circuit training exercises, followed by an inspirational talk on Nerys' life. The Electric Umbrella Band, who create amazing live, interactive music experiences with learning disabled people, will perform for our children! A few lucky year groups will also have the opportunity to join the band for an immersive workshop. Alongside these exhilarating events, the children will be partaking in a range of activities around gender, a range of disabilities and discussing all things that make us different and special.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who responded to the consultation regarding the driveway. I will be writing to you separately in a November Update, summarising the feedback and explaining the new procedure.

 Wishing you a wonderful weekend