



Primary School Welcomes European visitors

From the 16th to the 18th of March Rowan Gate Primary School welcomed visitors from Ireland, Portugal and France as part of a 2 year Comenius project, which links schools across Europe in an art and cultural appreciation.

The 'Smart through Art' project has encouraged pupils to develop their creative skills and has given them an opportunity to share similarities and differences between cultures and countries. The project aims to develop children's understanding of global citizenship and promote European Unity and cooperation, demonstrating to wider communities that children from six different school can work together to achieve common goals. Additionally this project has provided the funding for children from Rowan Gate to visit Portugal, France and Ireland.

The project Co-ordinator Catherine from Ireland said

"Thank you so much for all your hard work that went into making our trip to the UK last week so wonderful. My pupils will indeed treasure the memories for ever, it was fabulous to watch the children share the adventure together"

Patrick, a teacher from Ireland said:

"The boys have been excitedly telling everyone here all about the trip. They have made great friendships also with the children from the other schools and we can't say thank you enough! Well done again!"



The visitors enjoyed a host of exciting and engaging activities that showcased Wellingborough and Northamptonshire.

The Mayor of Wellingborough, Councillor Jim Bass and the Mayoress, Mrs Bass invited the visitors to the council chambers to experience our local council traditions. The visitors then explored the town centre on a guided tour learning about our towns' vast history and historic buildings.



Following this cultural journey the visitors were welcomed into the classes of Rowan Gate Primary School to experience their inclusive Special Needs Education provision and see first-hand how the school enables children of all needs and abilities to achieve their full potential.





Next the visitors visited the picturesque Stanwick Lakes where the staff treated them to a traditional English Meal.

Before they continued their travels the visitors were welcomed to the University of Northampton where they spent the morning exploring practical, digital and outdoor art activities. The University students worked alongside the children to create outdoor art with found objects, drawings, prints and collaborative art. For their digital art activity they used our multisensory light equipment, iPads and the portable darkroom to manipulate photos and create abstract images.

Helen Caldwell from Northampton University said

“The students and ourselves all really enjoyed working with your lovely children this week. They were fabulous fun, impeccably behaved and a real credit to the school all round! We would welcome them back any time.”

