

European Day of Languages 2022

The European Day of Languages is celebrated every year on 26th September. Now in its twentieth year, the European Day of Languages was first officially celebrated in 2002 following the success of the

European Year of Languages in 2001.

The day is organised jointly by the European Union and the Council of Europe.

Our pupils celebrated this special day during their Spanish lessons last week. The purpose of the European Day of Languages is to celebrate both the cultural and linguistic diversity within our school and



to encourage and promote language learning at any age.

The children were also encouraged to promote intercultural understanding and to talk about where some of their families come from and to identify the range of languages spoken and learnt within our community. This year we discovered that European Languages come from 3 main roots: Balto-Slavic, Romance and

Germanic, therefore, our children decorated trees with the word "Tree" in many different European Languages this year! We also discovered that many languages are spoken within our school, such as French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Polish, Romanian, Ukrainian, Lithuanian and many other non-European languages too. It was a pleasure to see so many children talking about their home languages and how proud they felt to come from different parts of the world.

