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To all Parents/Carers,

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It's been all about 'Stand Up Derbyshire' today – whereby we are doing our best to ensure that all children in school are active for 50% of the day! Thankfully the rain managed to hold off and we were able to get them outside and exercising as much as possible, plus a few skipping workshops in the hall and yoga with Miss Hughes! Well done to everyone who took part, I think we reached our target!!

It was also International Day of Languages (see middle photo) yesterday and each class spent some time learning something simple like 1-10 in a different language or a common greeting. The final photo is a piece of artwork from a Y6 child; who has spent the week finishing their chiaroscuro artwork inspired by Joseph Wright, and Greg Moore. This finished piece is a mixed media composition, created with chalk, paint and collage. Amazing don't you think!

In other news I wanted to let you know that we have decided upon our whole school targets for this year. As a school we are continually evaluating where the school's strengths are and where we need to improve. This involves consultation with all stakeholders, including children, staff, parents/carers and members of the local community. This process enables us to create our School Improvement Plan, whereby we focus on four or five key targets and establish, as a team, how best to meet them and move the school forward:

- 1. To broaden the children's understanding of Global Citizenship and Diversity
- 2. To implement a research based approach to improving aspects of writing across the curriculum
- 3. To further enhance the connectivity of the curriculum through our Curriculum Families
- 4. To further improve the physical and mental wellbeing of children and staff

And finally, two quick reminders...the first one is our MacMillan Coffee morning on the 11th Oct at 9:00am and the other is World Mental Health Day on the 10th October (remember to wear yellow!).

Have a lovely weekend

Mr I. Johnson