



Early Years Celebrate Playdough Day

Wednesday 16th September







Our Early Year students had great fun while celebrating Playdough Day this week, as part of our involvement with Global Campus Junior. The students demonstrated creativity and imagination, along with developing their fine motor skills.

Our Reception students linked the day to their current IEYC unit, 'To the Rescue'. They started by reading the story "Supertato" and discussed the characters. Some students mixed the primary coloured playdough to create different fruit and vegetable characters featured in the book. Other students made the Supertato character. Mathematics was also incorporated, by making shapes and numbers to sort and count.

Our Nursery students made their own playdough, incorporating mathematics into the activity. They had to carefully measure the ingredients, following the recipe. The students helped to add and mix the ingredients together. They watched with wonder how the ingredients changed to create their own playdough! Some students extended their playdough activities during their Chinese lesson.

Most children find playing with dough great fun. Playdough is also a fun way to develop hand skills as young children poke, pinch, roll and cut it. It helps to develop their strength and skills in their hands and arms, all essential qualities when holding pencils and starting letter formation. Children also learnt about volume and quantity and this is linked to mathematical development as they see the same piece of dough can become several shapes. A lot of adults say that playdough is therapeutic and for children feeling unhappy, playdough can be soothing and help them express their feelings.