



On Friday 16 June 2023 Horsford Primary School took part in A Day of Welcome.

A Day of Welcome is a day of solidarity and learning in schools that aims to build a culture of welcome and understanding for refugees and asylum seekers.

The celebration is designed to support schools and families in marking Refugee Week (19-25th June) and to send a clear message that for those in need of sanctuary, our communities are welcoming places.

Live webcasts

Our children at Mill Lane took part in live webcasts. Years 3 and 4 met a refugee from Iran. Dina is now an adult and lives in America but she shared her experiences with the children and inspired them with ways they could greet people in a similar situation.

Years 5 and 6 met a refugee from Somalia. He is now an adult and helps at a refugee resettling hub in the USA.

Ukraine refugee hub, Norwich

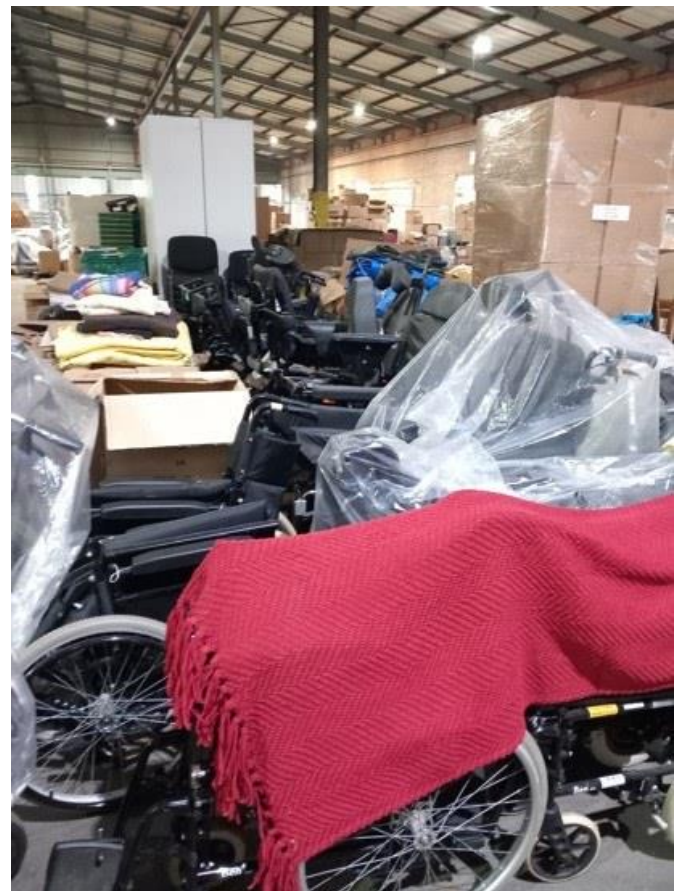
Another activity the children at Mill Lane embraced was led by Reverend Margaret. The children are all too aware of the devastating situation in Ukraine with the war and recent flooding. With this in mind, Reverend Margaret has been in contact with Norfolk supporting Ukraine organised by Norfolk Polonia CIC who are supporting people who are still living in Ukraine and dealing with the floods, but also who have been displaced and are now living in Norwich. Reverend Margaret talked to the children about the large refugee hub in Norwich being used to collect much needed resources for the families in need (see photos).

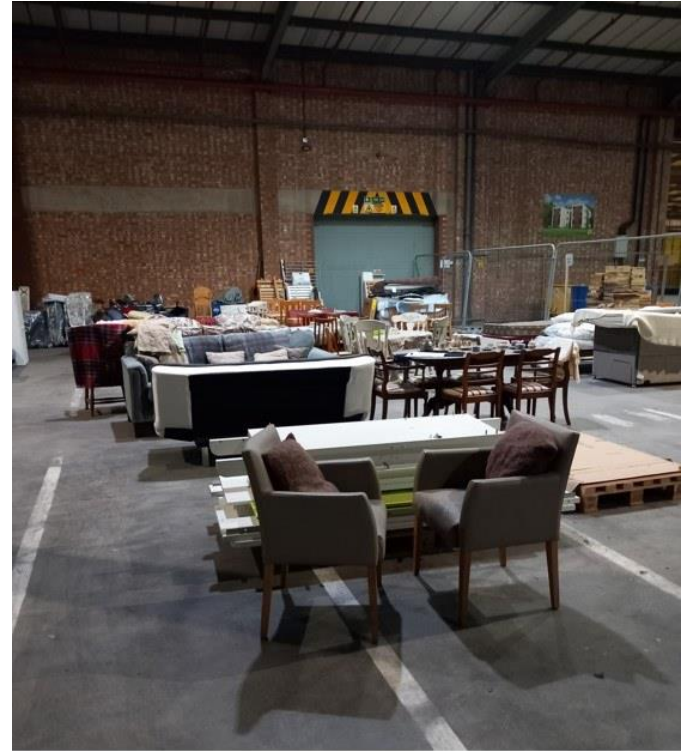
As this is our Day of Welcome, we have asked if the children and families of Horsford would show their kindness and generosity to support the charity by donating something from the list below. If the children would like to include a welcome picture or note with their donation, they are more than welcome to do so.

List of donations required:

Non-perishable food (tinned food, dry food etc)
sanitary products, sleeping bags, tents, batteries,
candles, power banks

Children or parents can drop these items off at the office from next week. If we have enough donations, we are hoping some of our school council/school values ambassadors can deliver them to the hub with Reverend Margaret in a few weeks' time.





What the Bible says about Refugees

“When a refugee resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress them. The refugee who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the refugee as yourself, for you were refugees in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”

Leviticus 19:33 & 34

“You shall have one law for the refugee and for the citizen”

Leviticus 24:22

i.e. all people treated the same