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Dear Parents/ Carers,



## October 2021 Awareness Month

October is Down Syndrome Awareness month and we would like to celebrate this on **Friday 22nd October**.

Down syndrome is a condition where a person has an extra chromosome. Chromosomes are packages of genes in the body and they determine how a baby forms and functions as it grows during pregnancy and after birth. Typically, a baby is born with 46 chromosomes. Babies with Down syndrome have an extra copy of one of these chromosomes, chromosome 21. This genetic disorder is associated with physical growth delays, characteristic facial features and developmental and intellectual disability.

We have always celebrated our differences at Rakegate and pride ourselves in supporting and catering for many learning differences. We want all of our children to be aware of the way in which different children learn and to show respect and understanding.

We hope you will join us in dressing up in whatever you want in on the last day of the half term and hope that the children will enjoy our assemblies and activities. If you would like to donate £1 to school fund on the day as we usually do at the end of term we would be very grateful, but we aware we are dressing up for a different reason this time.

Thank you as always for your support,

Mrs N. Kinsey  
Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator