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KNOX ACADEMY'S DIVERSITY SHOW AND INTERNATIONAL MARKET PLACE AND FOOD COURT THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2023

Diversity Show, International Marketplace and Food Court – Open to all in community

Workshops - Open to Pupils, Parents/Carers and Staff only

Diversity Show (by ticket only £5/£3 (concessions)) – starts at 7pm (seated by 6.50pm)

On Thursday 9 February pupils, staff, parents/carers and members of the local and wider community are invited to attend our school show featuring a variety of acts which focus on diversity and inclusion. Acts will include the Chinese Lion (and drums) – celebrating Chinese New Year and Year of the Rabbit. Other acts will include our very own Gospel Choir, Jazz Band, a number of other acts with diverse themes and an act from each of our associated primary schools. Our guest speakers for the evening will be Jamie Andrew and Sir Geoff Palmer, OBE.

<u>Jamie Andrew</u> is the incredible Scottish mountaineer who, despite having no hands and feet, has made some amazing ascents all over the world. Jamie's book will be available to purchase at the end of the show if you wish to (£10).

<u>Sir Geoff Palmer</u> is the Professor Emeritus at Heriot-Watt University, Scientist and Human Rights activist... Sir Geoff Palmer also does a lot of work in supporting charities.

Tickets for the evening show will go on sale on Thursday 19 January and parents/carers, friends and members of the local community will be able to purchase these from the School Office, at a cost of £5 (£3 concessions/school pupils). If you wish tickets put aside for collection please phone the school and we can do this for you too (Tel: 01620 823387). The evening show will commence at 7pm.









Workshops (5-5.45pm and 6-6.45pm)

On the evening we will be running eleven workshops – all of these will be free but **places are limited**, so if you do book on one, please ensure you can be there - thanks. These will be Chinese Calligraphy, Samba Drumming, Italian Pasta Making, Willowing, Yoga, British Sign Language, Laser Cutting, CERN (European Organisation for Nuclear Research and other big science experiments), Aromatherapy, Mindfulness, and Unconscious Bias. A Google Form for signing up will be sent to pupils and parents/carers this week.

<u>International Market Place and Food Court (open to all – 5-6.45pm)</u>

Prior to the start of the evening show there will be an opportunity to visit our International Market Place. Many of our local businesses will support this venture and we are expecting Caffe Luca (Italian) and East Lothian Deli Box (local delights) to be present, along with other varied eateries, and we will also be serving curries and our famous Scottish dish of haggis, neeps and tatties. Love Ice Cream will also be present for those with a sweet tooth! This will allow everyone to taste a variety of foods from countries around the world and also to come and enjoy your evening meal.

There will also be an opportunity to buy products from some of the stalls (jewellery, nature oils and other produce grown or developed locally etc.), take part in games and purchase raffle tickets to win fantastic prizes.

A number of charities will also be present to talk about their work, such as Water Aid and Guide Dogs for the Blind (and chance to meet some of the puppies and dogs who are being trained/are trained for this role).

It will be **cash only** on the evening (please also bring some loose change) for any purchases at the various stalls and/or if you wish to purchase your dinner. Any money we do raise will go towards a variety of charitable causes and the school's inclusion fund.

Thank you for your support in making our first ever diversity evening a great success and celebrating the diversity that we have in our local and wider community. It will be great to have as many of you along as possible to the whole evening or to any aspect of it – it is going to be a memorable evening.

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