

Richard Cobden Primary schools

Monday 31st March 2025 2:15pm Present: Claire Clinton (RE advisor to SACRE)

The assembly started with the pupils saying good afternoon to Ms Cookson and to everyone in the hall.

Today we are having an assembly about a celebration – clue on the board

What do we do when we celebrate? Pupils asked to talk with a partner and share what they do when they have celebrations. The pupils immediately are purposefully talking about what they do.

Pupils come back when lead Ms Cookson asks them to. A few pupils share what they do at a celebration (fruit and chocolate – food, prayers, Muslims celebrate Eid and Christians celebrate Christmas, clothing is part of celebrating – wearing your most special clothing, presents are part of celebrations too.

Celebrations are about having fun and food and coming together as a community because of something that is important.

This is what has happened this weekend. Many of our friends have been celebrating Eid – let's have a moment to catch up on what we have seen or what we have done or know about Eid. The pupils immediately are back into purposeful discussions about Eid.

Ms Cookson took feedback from pupils of what happened this weekend:

- Going to the mosque to prayer
- The pitch in our school was used for Muslims to gather to pray
- Not everyone was celebrating Eid
- Ate some delicious food – cakes and snacks
- Got a new game – some presents

Ms Cookson asked pupils to re-settle our bodies – when pupils were a bit fidgety. Really great control and direction.

There are some important words I want us to focus on: **Eid** - there are 2 Eid's celebrated every year for Muslims people. What does it mean to break your fast? It means having something to eat – we break the fast. Pupils answers it is adults fast – they do it for a month – they fast to understand what it is like if you don't have enough as well as learn to be self-disciplined. The month of Ramadan is part of the 5 pillars.

I know lots of you are hearing the word **Eid Mubarak** – does anyone know what it means? Pupils says – happy Eid or happy celebrations.

What were adult Muslim people doing in **Ramadan**? Pupils talk with a partner purposely. Ms Cookson brings pupils back from discussion effectively. Pupils answer: - adults are trying to be the best version of themselves? Why do they wake up so early when it is Ramadan? There is a rule around fasting in Ramadan – the rule says you can eat before sunrise and after sunset. Ms Cookson – when the sun is out Muslim adults do eat or drink when there is sunlight. They are thinking about charity and how to connect to God.

We have spoken a lot about what goes on in Ramadan – they read the Qur'an, do prayers, focus on God and fast. This happens for a month. The time we do Ramadan and Eid is linked to the moon, so it is a different day every year – does any pupil know when Muslims know it is time to celebrate Eid. Pupil – need to see a new moon.

Wearing best clothes and often decorating our homes – sharing food and gathering together. Getting and giving gifts and reading the Quran. It is also a time of reflection. It is a day of forgiveness and on Eid Muslim people are thinking about how they can forgive people who have upset or hurt them.

In our reflection I am going to go back to this idea of forgiveness. Is there something you have a little thing (a crossword, or a game that didn't go well) that has upset you. We are going to have 2 minutes to think about this thing and think about letting it go – not holding onto it anymore. All pupils are silent – many of them with eyes closed.

Music is played in the background and the pupils gradually leave very quietly. (Time 2:37pm)