



Let's Think; Let's Talk





What invention might help you at school?

For example: a pen that always spells words correctly.

What makes us unique?

- To know that every child has the right to their own beliefs and opinions ([CRC Article 12](#)).
- To develop the **Learning Power of Resourcefulness – Questioning**.
- To be curious and playful with ideas and delve beneath the surface.
- To be able to question oneself and others.



What makes us unique?

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Let's look at this week's story



Danielle Webb, who is 23 and lives with dwarfism, recently wrote a book and regularly visits schools to help educate others about her condition in a bid to stamp out prejudice. Danielle said that changing the minds of adults was difficult, so her focus was on educating children. The student, who is 3ft 11.5in (1.2m), said being called names and laughed at "just becomes our norm"; so her new book, 'Mummy, there's a new girl', tells the story of a girl who is picked on for her looks before a brave child looks past her differences and learns that size is no big deal.



Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Assembly [here](#).





Read through the information below about dwarfism and the experience of author, Danielle Webb and Paralympian, Ellie Simmonds.

Who is Danielle Webb?

Danielle Webb, aged 23, has recently published a book about life with dwarfism to help educate children. Danielle, who is 3ft 11.5in (1.2m) tall, said changing the minds of adults was difficult, so her focus was on educating children.

Danielle sadly faces mean comments or laughter from strangers on the street because of her height. Not only this, but she also said she and others like her must navigate a world built for people of average height.

Danielle's book, 'Mummy, there's a new girl', tells the story of a girl who is picked on for her looks before a brave child looks past her differences and learns that size is no big deal. The book is now being developed for the stage by Think-It Theatre in York!



Danielle Webb, pictured above with her book. **Source:** Danielle Webb Twitter

"Whilst my book does focus on dwarfism, everyone can relate to being the new girl, everyone can relate to sometimes feeling like they don't fit in, and everyone can relate to seeing someone, in class, on the street etc. who looks different. Kindness and the message of accepting one another is something that everyone should value, even if you yourself are not impacted by disability or dwarfism."

"I want people to see that, yes, society is different and that's amazing. Let's embrace that. Don't treat anyone differently - we're all human beings."



Paralympian swimmer, Ellie Simmonds.
Source: Shutterstock

What is dwarfism?

Restricted growth, sometimes known as dwarfism, is a condition characterised typically by a height of under 4ft 10in (1.48m) as an adult. There are over 200 types worldwide and around 7,000 people with dwarfism in the UK. **Source:** Little People Charity UK



Share your thoughts on Danielle's campaign and how she is helping to change people's perceptions on dwarfism.

This week's story looks at events related to ...





Look at the resource below, which shares some of the adaptations (changes) to life people with dwarfism can make.

Remote controls can be used for turning lights on and off.



Blocks can be attached to the pedals of tricycles. Once you can drive, pedal extenders can be used in cars and other vehicles.



Cushions or booster seats can be used on chairs. A bar fitted to seats can also be useful to use as a step and a footrest.



Step stools can be used to help reach worktop surface, sinks, cupboards.



Zoe, one of the finalists in the BBC's Young Reporter Competition, using a stool at home.
Source: BBC

Can you think of any other adaptations people living with dwarfism might make?

How does it make me feel?



sad	angry	happy	confused	excited	worried	shocked	afraid
despondent disconsolate dismal doleful downhearted forlorn gloomy melancholic miserable woeful wretched	aggrieved annoyed discontented disgruntled distressed exasperated frustrated indignant offended outraged resentful vexed	beaming buoyant cheery contented delighted enraptured gleeful glowing joyful	addled baffled bemused bewildered disorientated indistinct muddled mystified perplexed puzzled	animated elevated enlivened enthusiastic exhilarated exuberant thrilled	agitated anxious apprehensive concerned disquieted distraught distressed disturbed fretful perturbed troubled uneasy	astonished astounded disconcerted distressed dumbfounded horrified staggered startled stunned surprised	alarmed apprehensive daunted fearful frantic horrified petrified terrified

Reflection



Our differences make us who we are - all of us are unique! Sadly, some people may face challenges and discrimination because of their differences. It is important to celebrate and value the uniqueness of others.





Democracy

Danielle has used her voice to help educate others and stamp out prejudice. It is important that we listen so we can understand, learn about, and celebrate our differences.





UN Rights of a Child



We all have rights and shouldn't be treated unfairly no matter who we are, where we live, what language we speak, what our religion is, what we think, what we look like or what our background is.



Useful vocabulary



Discrimination

Treating one person or a group of people differently and unfairly.

Sadly, some people may face challenges and **discrimination** because of their differences.

Dwarfism

A condition that causes someone to be much shorter.

Danielle lives with **dwarfism**.

Perception

A belief or opinion about how things seem.

Share your thoughts on Danielle's campaign and how she is helping to change people's **perceptions** on dwarfism.

Prejudice

An unfair and unreasonable opinion or feeling, especially when formed without enough thought or knowledge.

Danielle Webb, who is 23 and lives with dwarfism, recently wrote a book and regularly visits schools to help educate others about her condition in a bid to stamp out **prejudice**.

Publish

to make something such as a book, magazine or article available to be read by others.

Author, Danielle Webb, has recently **published** her book to try tackle some of the discrimination and misunderstandings that many people with dwarfism face.

Unique

Being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else.

Our differences make us who we are - all of us are **unique!**

Can you use them in your writing this week?



Knowledge of, and respect for, different people's faiths, feelings and values.

How can we show respect for people's differences?
What kind of features could make a person unique?



Moral Development

Understanding the consequences of behaviour and actions.

If you were to point out someone's differences, how might that make them feel?

Should we ignore differences or celebrate them?



Use of a range of social skills in different contexts, for example working and socialising with other pupils, including those from different religious, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds

We live in a world where people have different cultures, religions, backgrounds etc.

How can we make sure we respect the things that make us all unique?



Respect and attitudes towards different religious, ethnic and socio-economic groups in the local, national and global communities.

Why is it important to respect and celebrate our differences and unique features?



Crab line recycling bins

A crab line recycling scheme in Weymouth harbour has been reported as very popular with tourists and locals, with over 200 items placed into bins in the first fortnight. The Weymouth & Portland Marine Litter Project collects the lines, string, nets and handles in five bins along the seafront. The project then arranges for them to be recycled, with the plastics being turned into furniture and panelling. The bins mean that any crabbing kits that won't be reused, aren't a danger to marine

life and birds in the harbour. Weymouth & Portland Marine Litter Project say on their website, "Crabbing has been a fun traditional activity for all the family for many years on Weymouth harbour. This scheme has been set up to address concerns over its effect on the environment and reduce single use plastics used in crabbing."

Picture: Children fishing for crabs
Source: Dennis



Picture: 'HM Sauce' and 'Salad Queen' sauces announced by Heinz. *Source:* @HeinzUK Twitter page.

'HM Sauce' and 'Salad Queen'

Two of the UK's best-known condiments, Heinz Salad Cream and HP Sauce have had a royal makeover to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. To celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne, the sauces have been temporarily rebranded, 'HM Sauce' and 'Salad Queen', with the new limited-edition bottles being revealed at Windsor castle. Anke von Hanstein, senior brand manager at Heinz, said, "This is an extraordinary moment for the Queen and the great British public, and

we want to celebrate this with two of our most well-loved and historic sauces. We hope our customers enjoy these celebratory designs and that they add a squeeze of fun to the Jubilee celebrations, however one is celebrating. Releasing limited-edition bottles in time for the Jubilee felt like the perfect fit. HP sauce and Heinz Salad Cream have been on the dining tables of Brits throughout all the Queen's reign, bringing delicious and distinctive flavours to our favourite meals."

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Flamingo on the run

A flamingo that escaped from Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita, USA in 2005 has been spotted on the Texas coast. After nearly 17 years on the run, the Coastal Fisheries Division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department tweeted a video, which shows the bird in South Texas. When he and other flamingos arrived at the zoo from Tanzania in the early 2000's, the zookeepers clipped the flamingos' feathers, a process that one staff member described as similar to getting a haircut, to discourage them from flying away. But in 2005, staff missed signs that their feathers needed to be clipped again, and two birds flew the coop. Flamingos are pink, orange, or white depending on what they eat. They have stilt-like legs, a S-shaped neck and can live for up to 50 years!

Did you know, flamingos prefer to stand on one leg and experts can't say for certain why they do that?



Pictured: A Flamingo
Source: Canva

Last week's topic:

Should pets be protected more than other animals?




Pets should be protected more than other animals because they are very important to us and they are part of our family.
Sofia - age 9

I think, they are more special to people because they own them and they have possibly been together for a long time. But all the same, they are still animals that are living and breathing.
Ella - age 10

No, animals should be treated equally, all animals make a difference in the world. The people who have pets always take care of them and look after them, but who look after the animals in zoos, farms and the wild?
Amelia and Livia - age 8

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