

School is keeping Polish youngsters in touch with past



SCHOOL MESSAGE: An assembly explaining Luton in Harmony



ON SHOW: Kids proudly displaying their signing pledge



EVERY Saturday, more than 220 children attend the Polish school in Luton & Dunstable. The Polska Szkola im. Maksymiliana Marii Kolbe w Luton i Dunstable helps young people to learn and develop their native language. They also learn about the Polish culture and history in the context of living in a new country, among different communities, neighbours and friends.

On Saturday, May 29, the Polish school held a special assembly where the Luton In Harmony campaign was explained in Polish and English to the young people.

Teachers talked about their plans and ideas for making Luton a town to be proud of and finally all signed the LIH pledges.

To the call: "Let's dance polonez together!" more than 70 pairs performed this traditional Polish dance for the first time with the aim of bringing it to other communities.

Many Polish children attend local schools, and are friends with people from all kinds of backgrounds in a town as diverse as Luton.

"The Polish School has been a constant in the lives of the Polish community of Bedfordshire and beyond for over 55 years, but Luton In Harmony has given us new ideas and new opportunities to embark on an exciting journey of learning, experiencing and celebrating the diversity of cultures in Luton," said deputy head teacher Bozena.

HIGH Town Methodist Church held its carnival-style worship with steel band performers on Sunday, June 6. The focus of the service was to celebrate Luton's diversity with Luton In Harmony this year supporting the campaign.

Children had face painting and the event ended in a wonderful celebration with non-alcoholic champagne and chocolates.

THOSE who went to see 'Children of Eden' by the St Andrew's Players were in for a treat - a highly talented



Photo by Zuzia Briggs

JOINING UP: Children at the Polish School signing the Luton In Harmony pledge

cast with superb voices. This musical, written by the same composer as Godspell, traces the story from creation to Noah, but resonates with how we risk mistreating relationships between peoples and with the planet today.

As the final song says: 'The choice is in our hands, our hands can choose to drop the knife, our hearts can choose to stop the hating.' May we be inspired to make those choices in Luton!

THE Farley Churches - Methodists, World Wide Church and St John's - are to hold a joint garden fete on Saturday, June 19 starting at 1pm, the first joint social

event between the three churches and hopefully the forerunner of many more.

ST John's and Farley Hill Methodists held their monthly joint service on Sunday, June 13, Rev Diana Sanders officiating. St John's will return the visit on Sunday, July 11 when Rev Julie Bradshaw will preside.

FHM took part in the Luton Methodist Circuit exhibition displaying photographs and documents back as far as the late 1950s and distributed a booklet on the history of FHM. Some June lunch club members much enjoyed spotting photos of themselves and friends at a much earlier age



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