



Children at Mereside were taught some Spanish dancing to celebrate their school's link-up



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Hello to our new Spanish amigos!

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Pupils at Mereside Primary School are polishing their castanets and putting out the flags in celebration of the launch of their twinning project with a school in Spain.

The school held a Spanish Day to launch the project pairing the school with Colegio Las Cumbres, in Móstoles near Madrid.

Headteacher Sue Diver visited the school in October half term, and said: "The school is a bilingual school, meaning all the children learn English from an early age and a lot of the teaching is in English.



Noah Franklin with the Spanish flag

"I was very impressed with the language skills of the children and how keen they are to learn about life in England.

"Our children will also benefit by finding out about another culture and learning

some of the language'.

On the Spanish Day, held last week, the children learnt how to flamenco dance, tasted Spanish food, and polished their speaking skills. Kitchen staff also made a Spanish meal

for lunchtime.

Head boy Alfie Spence said: "My favourite part of the day was seeing all the children dressed in Spanish costumes.

"It makes learning fun to do interesting things like seeing the Spanish dance demonstration in assembly."

Teacher Jen Copley added: "The children are learning so much about life in a different country.

"Our next step is to exchange videos, posters and leaflets about Blackpool and Madrid.

"In the summer some of the teachers from Las Cumbres will be visiting us and we look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with the school."



Sarah Abreu and Molly Livesey



Tayla Hawes, Keva Hughes, Erin Lambert and Camilla Pve



Bethany Sheehy and Chloe Sheehy



Max Dundavan, Deakon Sanderson and Harvey Sheehy