

Open Sight Assembly

28th April 2015



Wellow
Primary School



Today we had visitors from The Open Sight Charity to our assembly. Terry and Julie both work for the charity and came to school to spread the message of how we should treat adults and children with Visual Impairments and what we can all do to protect and look after our sight.

Terry had limited vision and told us about having to use a stick to help himself work, that he listens to audio books rather than struggling to read words on the page and that he is not able to drive but has Julie to help him with that. When he wants to play football with his friends he uses a ball with a bell in it and for writing a special grid helps him to write straight and focus his letters. This was really interesting for the whole school to hear not least as one of our pupils has a visual impairment. The pupils explored things that were good for their eyesight (vegetables, water, sunglasses, sports) and those that would not be of so much benefit (too much fat, sugar and salt, sunlight).



The whole school was intrigued by the resources that Julie and Terry brought with them and this prompted lots of discussion back in class. Each child was given a booklet with advice from the charity and encouraged to share them with their parents at home. It was a really informative presentation that had the children all talking and thinking about how we can be more aware of our eye health.