

# Welcome



**“A smile is the universal welcome.”** Max Eastman

- What says ‘welcome’ to you? A warm smile? Eye contact? A cold drink? Feeling listened to? Or something else?
- Think about the times and places where you have felt positively affirmed and accepted for who you are. What was it that made the difference?
- 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June is Refugee Week, a time when we’re encouraged to welcome others into our communities, those who are rebuilding their lives and who depend on the kindness of strangers to start feeling at home.
- How can we make our school, or street, or community a place where people feel genuinely welcome? Smiles and greetings are a good start, but what can we do to go further?

**“We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: Black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor... All, all, all. We all belong.”** Desmond Tutu.



