



# International Day of Persons with Disabilities- 3 December



**Nuri Öz Primary School-Izmir/Turkey**



PEOPLE SHOULD BE VALUED BY THEIR WORK  
AND EFFORT NOT BY THEIR PHYSICAL  
DISABILITIES.



## Models of disability

### MEDICAL MODEL

Your impairment is a problem we need to fix.



### SOCIAL MODEL

This barrier is a problem we need to fix.



While some disabilities are visible, many people experience 'hidden' disabilities.

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**#NOTSPECIALNEEDS  
JUST HUMAN NEEDS**

The term 'special needs' is offensive to people with disability. © QUT

# The importance of the day

Disability Day, or the International Day of People with Disability, is a day that has been promoted by the United Nations since 1992. The aim of Disability Day is to encourage a better understanding of people affected by a disability, together with helping to make people more aware of the rights, dignity and welfare of disabled people.

As well as raise awareness about the benefits of integrating disabled persons into every aspect of life, from economic, to political, to social and cultural. Disability Day is not concerned exclusively with either mental or physical disabilities, but rather encompasses all known disabilities, from Autism to Down Syndrome to Multiple Sclerosis.

# Activities for spreading disability awareness and teaching empathy

Disability Day has been created so that we can all think about how we can create a society that is inclusive and caters to everyone's needs. On this day, we are encouraged to think about how we can create a community that is inclusive for everyone. This day also gives us the perfect opportunity to further our knowledge and awareness about disabilities.



We prepared bulletin boards with students and shared them around the school in order to raise awareness about the Disability Day.

# The students read books and drew pictures about the meaning and importance of the day.









Also we support the Blue Lid Campaign of the Spinal Cord Paralytics Association of Turkey (TOFD). In this context, the waste plastic lids we collect turn into wheelchairs for orthopedically handicapped individuals. We collect our plastic lids in a huge box at the entrance of classrooms.



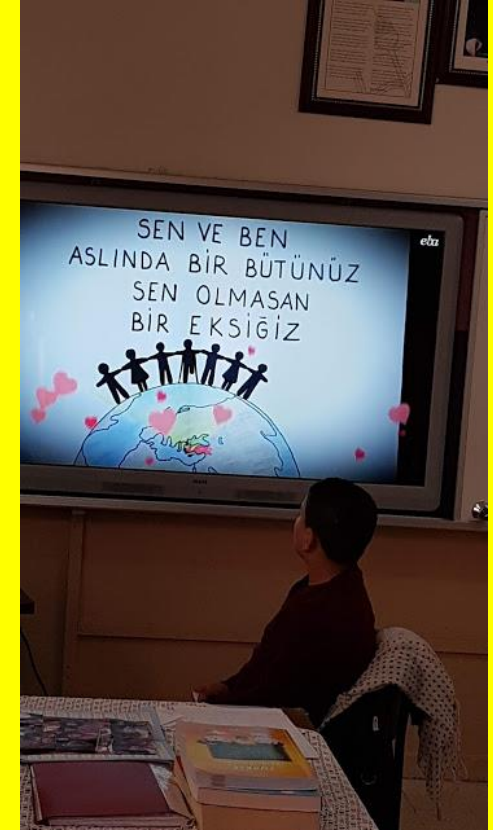
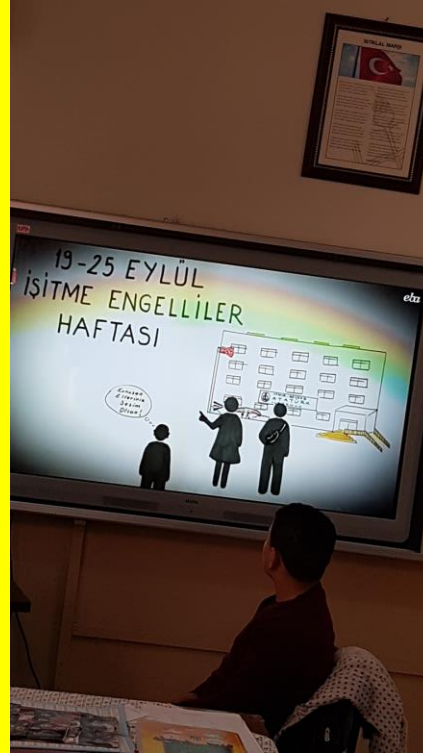
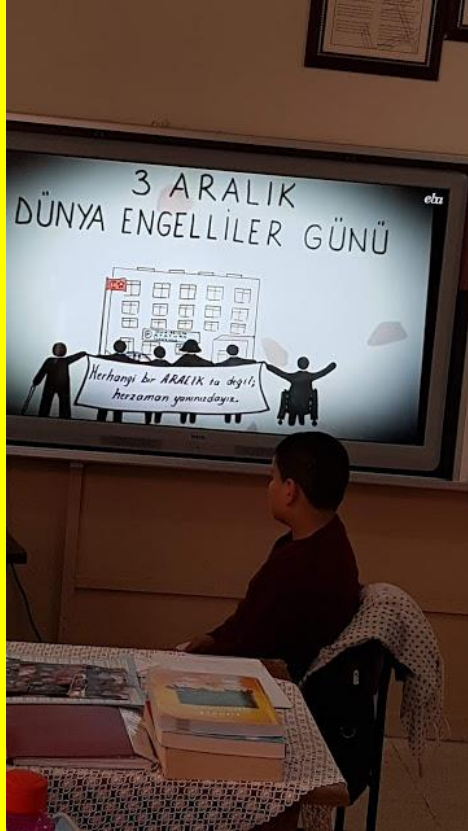
Some examples of the activities we did to raise awareness of this campaign.



**Pre primary class activities**

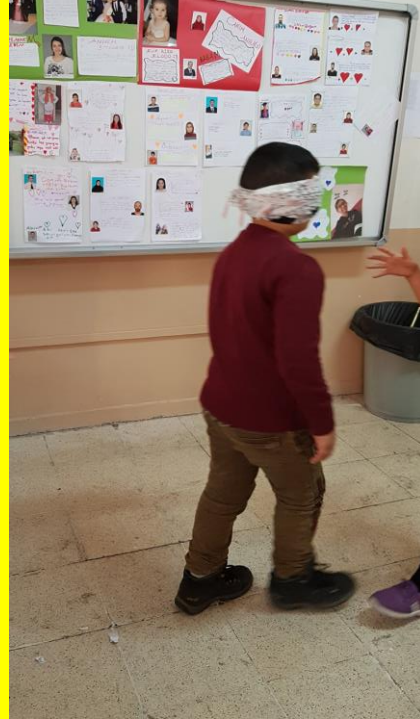


**Another activity was making presentations to point to the importance of Day of Disability.**



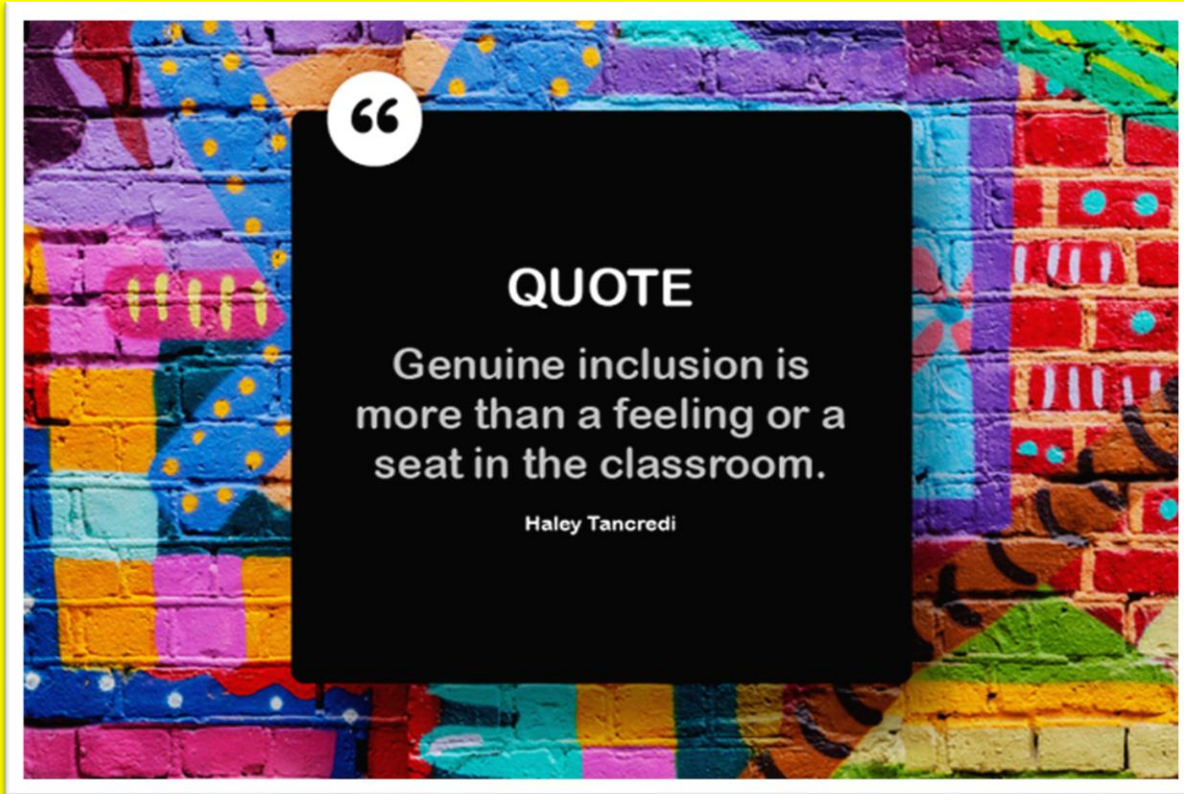
# Teaching empathy through role play

Counting the numbers and moving around blindfolded.



Try to make play dough art works with one arm.





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## QUOTE

Genuine inclusion is  
more than a feeling or a  
seat in the classroom.

Haley Tancredi

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