



you can sit with me

How to run The Big Picnic at school?

1. Date - The Big Picnic is celebrated in Term 4 on Friday 6th December.
2. Time- school lunch time
3. Aim- To have a whole school/ community inclusive picnic to celebrate the end of the school year and to reconnect and meet peers from other year groups.

What is The Big Picnic?

It is a whole school picnic where the school can choose to invite parents and carers to have a picnic lunch. The children bring their lunch to school as usual and the whole school sits together, reconnecting and making new friends.

It is a simple, fuss free lovely event to promote inclusiveness whilst celebrating the end of the school year.

How have schools celebrated in the past?

In the past schools have asked their students to:

- wear a touch of yellow
- organized games for lunchtime (one school did whole class duck duck goose games)
- hosted a whole school BBQ and cake stall and donated to YOU CAN SIT WITH ME

Why is The Big Picnic important?

It is important to promote inclusivity in our schools and bring our communities together regardless of age, gender, disability, religion or culture to celebrate the year and inclusivity.

How to run The Big Picnic event

1. Save the date in the school calendar.
2. Have a meeting with colleagues to tell them about The Big Picnic.
3. Send a letter to the parents and carers telling them about The Big Picnic.
4. Invite parents and careers (optional) to join in for the day.
5. On the day of the event, talk to the children about YOU CAN SIT WITH ME and the importance of being inclusive.
6. Award the YOU CAN SIT WITH ME ambassadors with an end of year certificate (printable pdf on the website under resources>certificates) Please laminate these if possible so they can be kept.

YOU CAN SIT WITH ME, it's five little words to change a little life