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Black History Month

Black History Month this year was another huge success! Lots of friends and families attended our exhibition, and took part in the many quizzes and activities which the children had developed to test the parent's/carer's knowledge. The children also shared lots of information about their displays and spoke with eloquence and confidence!

It was wonderful to have friends and family back in school, even though we had to split the exhibition into two sessions, to enable greater social distancing. Below are some pictures from our exhibition.....



Bonfire Night.....

Earlier this week I led a whole school assembly about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Bonfire Night. The children listened carefully to the story, as usual some children came to speak to me after the assembly to either ask me further questions or to share their thoughts about the assembly. A young man in yr 6 was fascinated to learn that not only were the plotters crazy to write a letter to a member of Parliament warning him not to go to parliament on the 5th November, but also that gunpowder was invented by the Chinese!

I also reminded children how to keep safe if they are attending any fireworks displays. I hope you all enjoy this special evening, but also stay safe!



Gold Class....

Our topic for this half term is 'people who help us'. We have been learning about farmers who help us to grow food. They plant seeds and look after the land and they grow vegetables for us, such as, potatoes, carrots, parsnips and onions. Then they harvest them in the Autumn. They also look after the farm animals. In the Construction area we have been making farms for the animals. Farhad has constructed a building for the horses and cows, whilst Nafiz has made a house for the farmer to live in.



School Council Update.....

At the end of October, the School Council organised our first event. We had a 'Colourfest' Day to raise money for Southwark Foodbank's Autumn Appeal. Thanks to your support, we raised an amazing £101.82!

The money will go to a very good cause that supports families and children in our area.



Diwali

During our assembly on Wednesday, Ms Bonsu shared the story of Diwali with children and explained why this special festival is celebrated every year. She also explained how the festival is celebrated. Each class has spent some time during this week celebrating Diwali, my favourite celebration was in Emerald Class, as not only did Ms Blake have the children making beautiful designs, she also had some bhangra music playing in the background!

To all our friends and families who celebrate Diwali, Happy Diwali!



School Uniform Checks.....

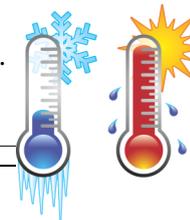
Our school uniform shows that we are a proud member of Victory Primary school, therefore it is important that all pupils wear the correct uniform every school day. By agreeing for your child to attend our school, you have accepted that you will ensure that your child always wears the correct school uniform. Parents whose children are wearing incorrect uniform will be receiving a letter shortly. If you receive a uniform letter, please can you make sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact our school office, we have lots of good quality school uniforms in our lost property box.

Also to support the return of any lost / misplaced clothing, please could parents / carers ensure that all of your child's clothing is labelled, as staff cannot be held responsible for any clothing which has been lost by children.



Temperature Checks....

In my previous email, I asked parents to contact me if they wanted the return of temperature checks. I have not received any responses, so we will not be checking children's temperatures. However, if the situation changes, I will write to you all.



Sapphire Class....

Research on Benin Bronze Plaques by Ainoha

The kingdom of Benin was one of the oldest and most developed kingdoms on the west African coast and it lasted until it was annexed by the British Empire in 1897.

We know a lot of information about the Benin Kingdom, because they left behind the famous Benin Bronze plaques. The Benin Plaques were and are important because they show different things about Benin's court life in the sixteenth century and some of the plaques even show the people of Benin receiving and greeting the Portuguese explores, traders and soldiers.

These Plaques were cast in bronze and made into different shapes and sizes. The plaques were created by specialized guilds, who created these art pieces and worked only for the Oba.

My design of a Benin Bronze plaque



My design of a benin bronze plaque



Ruby Class....

For Black History Month, Ruby class met an entrepreneur called Dario Blake whose business is renting gazebos. We watched as he set up the gazebo and a projector, so we could watch a video inside. It was very exciting!

In class, we then designed our own gazebos and talked about what we could do inside.



Emerald Class....

In Emerald class, for Black History Month we celebrated the life of John La Rose, an entrepreneur who opened a bookshop in North London called New Beacon Books - <https://www.newbeaconbooks.com/>. We had a visitor called Nadia who knew John La Rose, she was impressed by our work and said she would display some of our work online or in the shop ... And she DID!! You can also find us on - Instagram: educationthroughculture.

"I was interested in listening to our visitor Nadia, when she spoke about John La Rose. She also brought in some books to share with us, I liked the Ruby Bridge story. Arlinne shared with us."

"I enjoyed learning about John La Rose's past and his inspirations for reading and for being truthful, caring and kind." Regina enlightened us.

Here are a couple of the letters that we wrote to John La Rose (sadly who is now deceased).

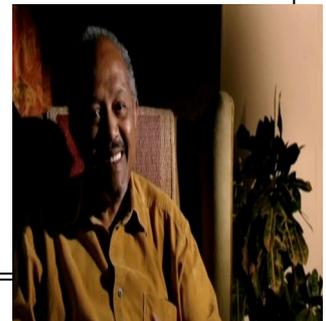
Dear John La Rose,

Your kindness and caring nature was very lovely. Thank you for creating and owning the book store with Sarah White. Also, for the pioneering of the museum called George Padmore Institute, for so many years and for loving Black people. Your legacy is unstoppable. Every man and woman around the world love and thank you for changing our lives, to be a better version.

Yours sincerely,
Samy

Dear John La Rose,

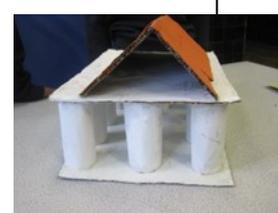
I know that you are not still here, but I do know that you have saved so many Black people and that they miss you. I know that your shop is still open and you put lots of books in your shop for all of us to read. Thankfully, we had a good person like you, who cared for Black people and you have changed the world. It is truly amazing that your shop is still there after fifty years, after you and Sarah White created it.



Topaz Class...

Topaz Class designed and made our own Greek temples.....

Temples were the most common type of public buildings in ancient Greece. The purpose of a temple was to store a religious statue. Some temples were very large, but others could be very small, depending on the size of the statue and how many people wanted to visit it. Perhaps one of the most famous of Greek temples is The Parthenon. As part of the Year 6 Ancient Greek studies, we designed and built model Greek temples. The six models were shown in an exhibition and years 4 & 5 voted for their favourite one. Congratulations to Jessica, Raya, Aileen and Hidaya.



Dates for your diary

Children's Christmas dinner - 14.12.21

EYFS + KS1 performance - 15.12.21 times TBC

KS2 performance — 16.12.21 at times TBC

Parent's evening - 15/12/21

Further details of the above events will be sent to parents nearer the time



Class Assemblies

All assemblies start at 10.30am. Please remember to wear a face mask.

12 th November 2021	Yr1
19 th November 2021	EYFS

