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Newsletter No. 123

St Dunstan's, Cheam, C of E Primary School

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our last Newsletter of this half term! It is wonderful to be sending the children off in glorious Autumn sunshine rather than our usual 3pm rain. (I think I spoke too soon!) We have so much to celebrate after a very successful return to school in September. The children have been an absolute credit to the school and to you, their parents/carers and I am so very proud of all that they have achieved.

I would also like to thank all of our parents and carers for your support in keeping our school safe this half term. It is of the utmost importance that we do not become complacent in our drive to stay healthy and safe in order to keep the whole school open. Unfortunately there have been an increasing number of families touched by the pandemic in our local area and I am thrilled that, so far, we have been able to avoid any closures—we all pray that this continues to be the case.

I am delighted that our virtual parent/carers' evenings have been such a success—a huge thank you to all staff and families for helping this new venture to run so smoothly. A special mention to our wonderful office team for sorting out any technical hitches and thank you to all those affected for your patience; it has been a learning experience for all!

We were delighted with the generosity you showed in our Harvest giving this year which will be hugely appreciated by Sutton residents over the coming days and weeks.

I hope you enjoy reading below about some of the learning opportunities which the children have explored during Black History Month and would like to share a prayer with you as we close for the Autumn break:

Virtual Tour of Nursery and Reception

To see a virtual tour of Nursery and Reception on the school's website under Admissions, Introduction.



God of Justice,
You teach us that it is good to pray for people in need, but that prayer on its own is not enough. Inspire us to take our hopes and cares and kind thoughts and turn them into action.

Show us how we can make a difference in our schools, our neighbourhoods and in the world community.

Help us to become one body,
where we all work together
and matter to one another. **Amen**

Harvest 2020



Calendar fundraiser:

Thank you to those of you who have put in an order for the school calendar. Please note if you haven't sent in your order form but wish to still order, the final date for them to be returned to school is Wednesday November 4th.

Design the front cover competition:

You will have received a parent mail seeking designs from children for the school calendar being printed. We really welcome as many entries as possible and the flyer circulated outlines the design brief. Entries to be received by November 4th.

Fencing:

As per the parent mail sent out earlier in the week we are seeking contact from any parent who might be in the building or construction trade who might be able to assist with sourcing materials and assembling some fencing at the school. If you are able to assist then please email Ally at allycarnie@hotmail.com

Fundraising ideas:

Thank you to those parents who emailed us with fundraising ideas for the coming year. We had our first PTFA meeting last week and have pulled together a schedule of events, taking into account your feedback and further information will follow.

Hope you have a safe and happy half-term.

PTFA



Friday 23rd
October
&
Monday 2nd
November.
Children
return to
school
Tuesday 3rd
November

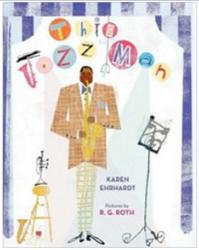


In Nursery we have been celebrating Black History Month. We have been reading the story 'Handa's Surprise', a story set in Africa. We talked about the different animals in the story and the fruit they took from Handa's basket. We acted out the story and listened to African music. We also used African instruments to make music. We tried very hard to carry a basket with fruit on our heads! It was not easy!

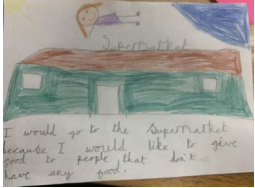
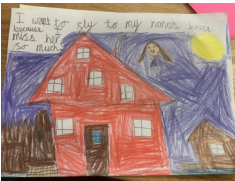


BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In Year 1 we read and listened to the story 'The Jazz Man.' We learnt about influential musicians including Stevie Wonder and Charlie Parker. We listened to some of their music and described how the music made us feel. We discussed which piece of music we preferred.



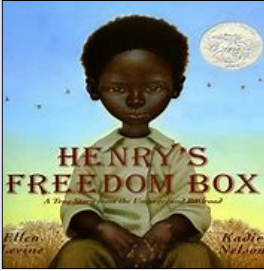
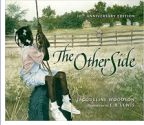
In Year 2 we have been reading Tar Beach, a book about an 8 year old girl who dreams about a kinder world where everyone has the same opportunities and are treated fairly. Lucy used her imagination to fly around New York and decide how she would change the world for the better! We thought about where we would go if we could fly like Lucy and



"Every day all over the world, children are laughing and crying, playing and learning, eating and sleeping. They may not look the same. They may not speak the same language. Their lives may be quite different. But inside, they are just like you." – 'Whoever You Are' – Mem Fox

In Reception Class we have been talking about our similarities and differences. We know that we are all unique and special.

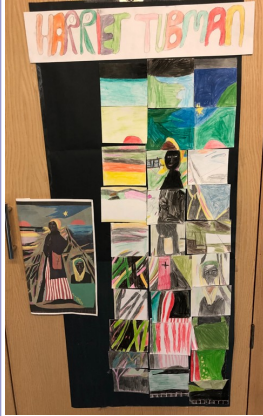
In Year 3, we have been talking about Black History Month in PHSE and Worship. We have listened to stories from different people who are famous for their amazing deeds and roles in Black History. We have also shared the story 'The other side' and discussed equality. We have really reflected on what makes us different and what makes us the same.



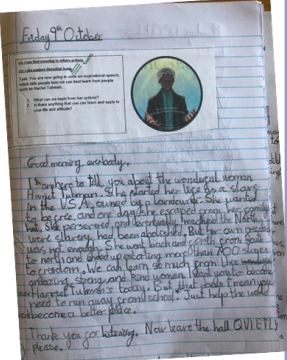
Year 4 read the book 'Henry's Freedom Box'. We discussed how Henry 'Box' Brown lost everything, including his family, through slavery. He decided to mail himself in a wooden box to Philadelphia, where he would be free. We thought about the most important

things to us and put them in our own box. Our precious boxes included; love, God, family and friends etc.

The picture attached is of Harriet Tubman. The children in Year 5 worked as a team to recreate a picture of Harriet Tubman, proving that although we are all different, have different pieces and tones, we can join together to form an amazing picture.



Letter to all by *Miranda, Hercules*



During Black History Month, Year 6 shared the book 'What Color is My World?'. In it, we meet Ella and Herbie who are taken on a journey around their new home discovering how African-American inventors and innovators shaped the world around them.

Dr Henry T. Samson

Henry was born on the 22nd April 1934 in Jackson, Mississippi and later died on the 4th June 2015. This incredible man was most famous (and is still now!) for inventing the gamma electric cell. A gamma electric cell is used to find radiation in the ground through stable high-voltage output. Samson wasn't just an inventor though he was also engineer and film historian (he really was an amazing man!).



He has and always will be an inspiration to all.



Did you know that... Dr Henry T. Samson was the first Black person to earn a Ph.D (Doctor of philosophy).

by Olivia

George Crum

The Inventor of Potato Chips



GEORGE CRUM FACTS!!!

- He was born in 1822!
- He was born in New York.
- His dad was an African American!
- His mum was a Native American for the tribe Huron!
- He loved to do two things and they were to cook and travel!
- He went to school at Harvard University!
- He also went to school at Rhode Island.
- One of his jobs was a mountain guide
- He invented the potato chip also known as a crisp in the UK.



by Jake

Prayer of Thanks
Thank you for the heroes on our planet, like Nelson Mandela and Harriet Tubman. Help is to include children in our games, and have the courage to stand up and make this world a peaceful planet.

B by Joshua, Unicorn Class

Thank you so much to all of the children who expressed an interest in becoming a School Council member. I am pleased to announce the following children will represent their class this year as School Council members. I look forward to working with them all.



Mrs Mollet

Mercury - Samuel	Neptune - Cora
Jupiter - Florence	Saturn - Louise
Delphinus - Alice	Phoenix - Oscar
Orion - Amy	Pegasus - Elisabeth
Hercules - Kaynen	Unicorn - Maya
Aquila - Bella	Cygnus - Jacob

House Points

St Andrew 366	St George 349
St David 405	St Patrick 374

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 12/10/2020 was:

97.8%

Our target is **96.4%**

'Stars' of the last two weeks.....

Nursery	Harlyn	Sophia S
Venus	Miller	Emmanuel
Pluto	John	Molly
Neptune	Nicole RM	Alfie
Mercury	Alfred	Lily
Jupiter	Toby	Sophia D
Saturn	Aarin	Efrem
Delphinus	Ellie	Charlie
Phoenix	Anumithra	Dolly
Orion	Olivia C	Scarlett B
Pegasus	Elisabeth	Luca C
Unicorn	Sophie T	CJ
Hercules	Julia	Kaynen
Aquila	Seiji	Amelia
Cygnus	Olivia F	Sophie

ROMAN DAY

at St Dunstan's

Year 4 had a fantastic Roman day on Tuesday! We were joined by Titus, a Roman soldier, who showed us Roman artefacts some of which 2,000 years old! We learnt a mathematical Roman numeral game called Delta and completed a Roman fact finder quiz. In the afternoon, we learnt how to move in formation in a Roman Legion and follow

Latin



commands, which was quite tricky! We were also able to recreate a battle between the Romans and the Celt, with Boudica too!

Poppy Collection

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

Like so many things this year, the Appeal has had to adapt to the threat of Covid-19 and as a result a supply of poppies will be placed in each class from **Tuesday 3rd November to Friday 6th November**.

We hope you will join us in donating to this worthy cause.

Thank you



We are consulting on proposed changes to our **Admissions Policy and Supplementary Information Form for 2022/23**. Full details can be viewed on our website under Admission / Policy.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

October

Mon 26th—Fri 30th **Half Term**

November

Mon 2nd **School Closed—INSET Day**

Tues 3rd **Children return to school**

December

Fri 18th **Break Up for Christmas at 1.30pm**

January

Tues 5th Jan **Children Return to School**