



THE WEEKLY FLIGHT

Black History Week Special

We have had a very busy but exciting week at school. I have been impressed by the knowledge many of the pupils have shared with their peers during Black History Week.

I found an interesting fact : Did you know Henry VIII had a black trumpeter called John Blanke? He is the earliest black person in British history whose name and face we know.

The Rights Respecting School Council have started to gather the evidence required for our gold award and so I hope that all pupils across school will join with this group as we work towards our goal.

Next week we will take part in Walk to School Week and I hope all pupils from Years 1 to 6 engage in this.

Mrs Campbell
Head Teacher

COOKING UP A STORM

Avon House cooked up a storm, kicking off Black History Month with Year 5 making a French influenced 'Heart of Palm' salad. The children had to prepare their ingredients, mix them together and work as a team to create their salad. The dish originates from the Seychelles, but there are many different variations.



BOOK REVIEW

Year 1 studied the book 'The Mega Magic Hair Swap' this week, which is the TV personality Rochelle Humes' debut book. It looks at two little girls both with different skin and different hair. They wish on a magic coconut to swap hair with each other. In the end they learned that they are special just the way they are! This book got a thumbs up from the Year 1 classes!



FRITTER AWAY

Inspired by the stories and fact books they have been sharing during this week for Black History Month, Foundation 1 made plantain fritters.



THE GOOD AND THE GREAT

Year 3 took part in a fantastic workshop all about Black British history, where they learnt about four people that contributed to society, the arts, politics and sport, such as Sam King (MBE) who founded the Notting Hill Carnival and became the first black mayor and Walter Tull, a famous footballer and soldier during World War I. The children really enjoyed it and it was a great and informative afternoon!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Foundation 1: Jaxsen
 Foundation 2: Malika & Aubrey
 Year 1: Elliot & Isla
 Year 2: Nicole & Evie
 Year 3: Mannat & Tanure
 Year 4: Holly & Niam
 Year 5: Abeeha & Lillian
 Year 6: Araya & Rose

SHE ROCKS!

Hello. I'm Miss Whitestone and I'm delighted to be teaching in Year 2 at Avon House.

I studied at the universities of Birmingham and Siena and then worked at a variety of jobs before travelling the world. Working in schools in Malaysia and Myanmar helped me to decide to settle back in the UK and follow my passion for teaching young children.

Originally from Brighton, I now find myself in Woodford, where I enjoy its buzz and proximity to the City.

In my spare time, I like swimming, cosying up with a good book and watching Scandi Noir on TV. I am also a big Manchester United fan (and can't wait to see them shooting up the table!). I am a bit of a musician and hope to join some musical activities at Avon House when circumstances allow.

I look forward to meeting you all properly in due course.



THIS IS ME

Inspired by Pablo Fanque, the first British Black circus owner, Year 3 spent the afternoon designing their own ringmaster top hats. The children enjoyed having the freedom to be creative and let their imaginations run wild! They also sang along to The Greatest Showman soundtrack.



THE LIFE AND RHYMES

This week Year 6 immersed themselves in the children's poetry of Benjamin Zephaniah. We quickly realised that his poems are always based around a political message of some kind and we enjoyed exploring and performing his poems and then writing our own poetry based on his as a model. Google his Christmas poem 'Talking Turkeys'. It's really funny and will make you question your choices for Christmas dinner!



WEEKLY AWARDS COURTESY

- Foundation 1: & Krish & Myana
- Foundation 2: Yorkshire & Anika
- Year 1: Gabriel & Asher
- Year 2: Jayden & Jia
- Year 3: Daaniya & Martha
- Year 4: Taylor & Krish
- Year 5: Jenny & Rayya
- Year 6: Ayden & Neha

A TALE FROM THE ASHANTI

Year 5 worked hard to write, rehearse and perform some plays based on the traditional Akan 'Anansi' tales. Here you can see some pictures of them in rehearsal! The final plays were recorded and shared with the children in Early Years via Google Classroom, who then gave some feedback on what they'd seen.

F2 loved the characters and were able to relay the story to Mrs Tant. Thank you for all your hard work Year 5.



PUFFINS' SURPRISE

What an exciting week in Foundation One, celebrating Black History Week! Puffins started off the week by reading the very popular story 'Handa's Surprise'. They explored the amazing fruit and animals within the story. Miss Sanyaolu also introduced the children to a fruit called 'plantain'- in which many of the children referenced as banana. The children enjoyed making baked plantain fritters. Additionally the children got to taste sweet hard dough bread commonly eaten in the Caribbean. Puffins also listen to various stories exploring black culture. To the end the week the children in Puffins made African inspired paper necklaces, and handmade Spirit Hand Drum!



CARNIVAL VIBES

Year 4 had great fun trying out an original head dress that would have been worn during a carnival celebration. The children and staff were in awe of this magnificent piece and were attracted to the vibrant colours and the true labour of love that was involved in its making.



Forward – by Araya Marday

We can all go through poverty,
We can all struggle to get money.
We can all go quite hungry,
We can all make choices deemed silly.

Some people live in an unfair place,
Where they struggle because of their race,
Lots of these people have become poor,
And hide when the landlord's at the door.

I think the future will not be good,
Disaster is where the world is stood,

Conspiracies are becoming common,
Accidents are becoming more solemn,

We are destroying all of God's life,
We are putting the world through strife.

It really upsets me to say...
That we. Have destroyed. The way...

Forward.

TREE OF PEACE

Year 4 went on a journey to learn about a true story called 'Wangari's Tree of Peace,' A Black African woman who was an environmentalist. She received the Nobel peace prize in 2004 for the contributions she made towards the Green Belt Movement.

The story came to life as the children retold parts of the story through drama. They were asked to depict scenes from the story and create freeze frames.

Here are examples of their work.

The children were also asked to hot seat as Wangari. They were asked to become reporters, interview Wangari and write up the interview as if it was going to be published in a magazine.

The children enjoyed taking on their role as Reporter and Host.



DON'T WORRY BE HAPPY

Year 1 re-created paintings inspired by Alma Woodsey Thomas in our topic lesson. She was one of the first African-Americans to have her work displayed in the famous Whitney Museum in New York and also she was the first black woman to have her work hung in the White House!

Finally we looked at toys from around the world in Humanities and made our own 'worry dolls' which originate from Guatemala in South America.



WHAT A WONDERFUL WEEK

Foundation 2 have really engaged with the stories and activities in class for Black History Month. We have been writing lots about the story of Handa's Surprise, acting out the story together and exploring the different fruits she carried in her basket.

The workshop on Monday had us all carnival dancing and using our imaginations, we have created African inspired necklaces and enjoyed chicken, rice and peas for lunch during the week.



MATHLETES OF THE WEEK

School Mathlete

Nayan

Classes:

2nd: Herons

1st: 3SG

Class Mathletes

Mallards: Azrael

3GE: Arvin

Kingfishers: Jayaanth

3SG: Sarisha

Pelicans: Achyuth

4JB: Iaisha

Cranes: Harshith

4CSu: Zayan

Herons: Muhammad

5CS: Nayan

Flamingos: Kyran

5NH: Bailey

6HD: Acsa

6JP: Aaron