



GLEBE

GLEBE PARENT NEWSLETTER



I hope you have all had a good week.

Parent Consultation Evenings

It was lovely to welcome so many of you through the doors at our parent consultation evenings this week. I hope you found the meeting useful and have a clear understanding of how your child is doing and ideas of what their next steps are.

A huge thank you to the Prefects who gave up their time to escort parents around the building. They were exceptional ambassadors for Glebe over the two nights.

Mystery Guest

Last week's mystery guest was.... Chase from Paw Patrol! Well done to everyone who guessed correctly.



Attendance No. of sessions missed this week (SESSION = 0.5 DAY)

4V	3
RW	5
1B	5
1S	6
RP	8
RB	10
4W	11
5I	11
1M	12
5K	12
2F	13
3S	15
4JL	16
5F	21
3D	23
2ME	25
6L	26
3G	29
6K	32
2G	38
6M	39

Whole School

360

sessions missed out of a possible 5790

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025

PROUD PAGE

Dylan S - Year 6

A huge well done to Dylan, who has been making waves this term representing the Hillingdon Swimming Squad! He's competed in several meets, showing fantastic dedication and skill in the pool. This weekend, Dylan capped off a brilliant half-term by winning a silver medal in the 100m backstroke at the Hemel Hempstead Sprint Festival.

Along the way, he's also secured top-three finishes in the 50m freestyle, breaststroke, and backstroke. Congratulations, Dylan — what an amazing achievement! Everyone at Glebe is very proud of you.



2025

Let's come together to

**CELEBRATE
DIWALI**

in Ickenham

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER

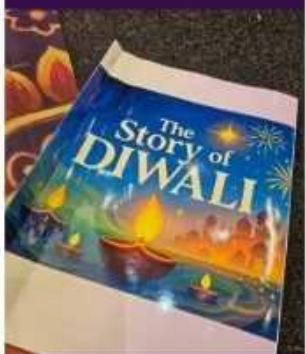
GLEBE PUPILS CELEBRATE DIWALI

This Diwali, the parents of two Glebe School pupils, Rayan (4V) and Kian (2F), organised a vibrant community event at Ickenham Village Hall, the first-ever Diwali celebration in the area. The afternoon brought festive joy to the local community and raised funds for a children's charity.

With around 150 attendees (many from Glebe families) the event was full of colour and creativity. Children and adults enjoyed Diwali-themed crafts like diya decorating, rangoli, card making, and games. Storytime shared the meaning of Diwali, followed by a Bollywood dance and Diwali Bingo that got everyone involved.

Guests also enjoyed henna, face painting, festive food, and a DJ-led dance floor to wrap up the afternoon. Everyone dressed in bright, traditional attire—including Mrs Kataria, who looked stunning in a saree!

It was a joyful celebration of culture and community, with heartfelt thanks to the Chauhan family and all the volunteers for making it such a memorable Diwali.



HIGHLIGHTS

Year 2 Trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum

Over the last 3 Mondays, each year 2 class has visited the Florence Nightingale Museum and we can say all the visits have been a big success! Not only did the children learn a lot of new facts about Florence's life, they also learned about Mary Seacole and her good work. The children got to explore the museum and see some of the objects Florence used in her daily nursing jobs.

They even had a recording of her voice! The children had lots of fun dressing up, trying out toys Florence played with and acting out Florence's life story.





HIGHLIGHTS

5F Class Assembly

On Thursday it was the children of 5F to showcase all they have learned so far this term. They took us on a wonderful tour of South America - where we explored the unique wildlife and culture of each of the countries.

The children were excellent - speaking confidently, with many of them learning their extensive lines by heart.

A huge well done to Miss Finnigan - presenting your first class assembly within weeks of joining a new school is daunting but she took on the challenge and it was a huge success. Thank you to Mrs Verity, Mrs Longhurst and Mrs Lonsbrough who assisted Miss Finnigan in putting the assembly together.



A Special Visitor

Glebe was in for a treat this week! On Tuesday we had a visit from Pantosaurus, the lovely dinosaur from the NSPCC Talk PANTS Campaign. Together with Pantosaurus the children looked at our PANTS rules.

P - Privates are private

A - Always remember your body belongs to you

N - No means no

T - Talk about secrets that upset you

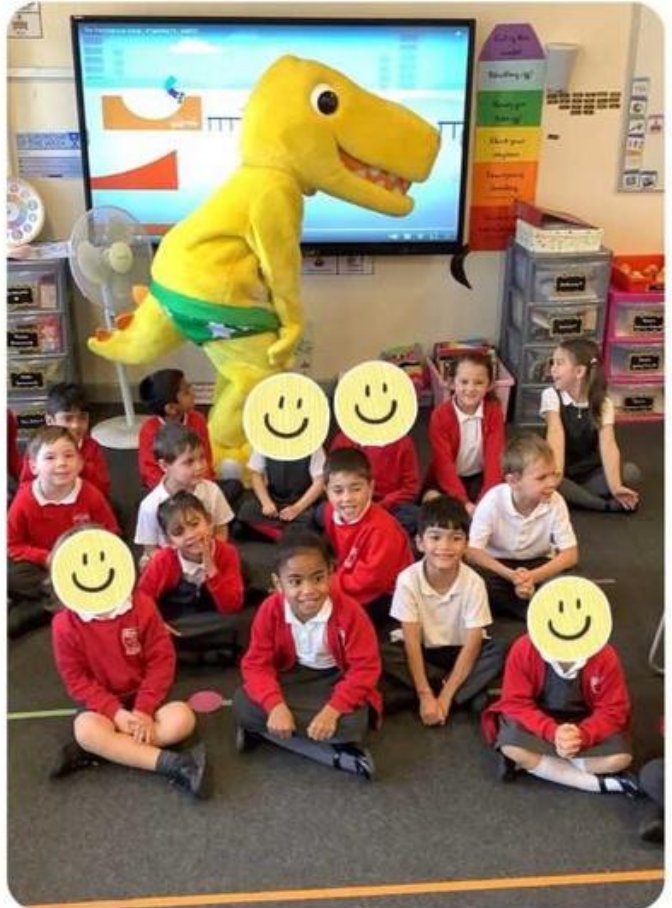
S - Speak up, someone can help

Pantosaurus could not say goodbye to each class without singing his favourite song. You guessed it... it was his very own Pantosaurus Song! He even managed to join the children on the playground for some fun. The children had a great time and we hope he will get to visit us again soon.

Mrs Grant



A Special Visitor



Black History Month is more than a celebration — it's a time for reflection, recognition and learning. By honouring the achievements, resilience, and contributions of Black people, we acknowledge the struggles and triumphs that have shaped our world today. In schools, learning about Black history helps children see the power of courage, creativity and perseverance in the face of injustice. It challenges children to think critically about the past, to question the present, and to work together for a more just and inclusive future — one where every voice is heard and every story is valued.

This year, Glebe's theme for BHM was 'Their Service, Our History.' It recognises the courage, sacrifice and dedication of those who served in order to protect and strengthen our communities. For our school, with its many military families, this theme holds special meaning. It reminds us to honour those who have served and to appreciate their stories. By learning about their service, we gain a deeper understanding of our history.



THEIR SERVICE, OUR HISTORY

For generations, Black men and women have stood at Britain's frontlines — on land, at sea, and in the air — serving with skill, discipline, and pride. The six lives remembered here reflect a far greater story: one of courage, loyalty, and service that strengthened Britain and earned a lasting place in its history.



WALTER TULL
Professional footballer who became a commissioned officer in the British Army during the First World War. He led his men on the Western Front with courage until his death in 1918.



JOHNNY SMYTHE
RAF navigator in the Second World War who flew hazardous missions over Europe, survived being shot down and held prisoner, and later served Britain in distinguished public roles.



ULRIC CROSS
The most decorated West Indian serviceman of the Second World War, whose RAF missions preceded a diplomatic career that shaped newly independent African nations.



DAVID CLEMETSON
Cambridge-educated Jamaican who served as a commissioned officer in the First World War — a rare distinction at the time. He saw front-line service before his death in 1918.



RICHARD (DICKIE) BARR
Royal Navy veteran whose notable career reflects the long-standing tradition of Black sailors safeguarding Britain at sea and proudly serving with gall across the world's oceans.



LILIAN BADER
Among the first Black women in Britain's armed forces, she trained as an instrument repairer in the WAAF during the Second World War, keeping aircraft ready for combat.

SPORTS NEWS



Football



On Wednesday, Glebe hosted an exciting football cluster, welcoming teams from Sacred Heart, Breakspear, and Harefield Primary School. The sun was shining, the crowds were cheering, and it turned out to be a brilliant afternoon of football!

We kicked things off with a great 1-0 win against Breakspear, thanks to a fantastic goal from Harry (Year 5). Next up was a tough game against Harefield, but the team showed amazing teamwork and determination to win 2-1. Saul (Year 6) scored our first, and Jai-veer (Year 6) grabbed a dramatic last-minute winner to seal the victory!

In our final match, we faced Sacred Heart and battled hard for a well-earned draw, keeping our unbeaten run going. With 7 points from three games, Glebe finished the day on top – an amazing result!

Everyone played brilliantly, showed great sportsmanship, and had loads of fun. What a fantastic afternoon of football at Glebe!



Team: Jai-veer, Shaylan, Saul and Tommy (Year 6); Gunnar, Harry, Hector, Huxley and Luke (Year 5).

REMEMBER



Key Information & Reminders



SHOW
RACISM
THE
RED
CARD

Wear Red to School

On Friday 7th November (the first Friday after half term) we will be asking all the children and staff to wear red to school to show that racism will not be tolerated at Glebe. We are not asking you to donate any money – just to wear red clothes for the day.



Poppy Shop

Please don't forget that we will be selling poppies – crochet and paper ones – at our pop-up Poppy Shop straight after half term. Penny's crochet poppies will be sold for £1 and the paper poppies will be sold for a minimum donation of 20p.



Music Update

At the end of the summer term we asked parents to share their music instrument preference in the hope to offer private lessons during the school day. We were planning to work with the Hillingdon Music Hub to offer this and sent them all the necessary information. However, disappointingly, they have just advised us that they are not able to provide this service at the moment. We hope they will have capacity later in the school year and we will keep you updated on developments.

REMEMBER



Autumn Term - 2025

Half term - Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

- Monday 3rd November - Children return to school - NO TRAINING DAY
- Monday 3rd - Friday 7th November - Year 5 swimming (week 1 of 2)
- Year 6 Bikeability
- Tuesday 4th - Friday 7th November - Scholastic Book Fair - timings to be shared nearer the time
- Wednesday 5th November - Year 3 trip to the Science museum
- Thursday 6th November - 5K Class Assembly - parking on playground from 9.05 but not before for health and safety reasons
Outdoor classroom day

Friday 7th November - Show Racism the Red Card - Wear Red to School Day

- Monday 10th - Friday 14th November - Year 5 swimming (week 2 of 2)
- Wednesday 12th November - Cultural Evening - 4pm - 6pm
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- Monday 17th November - Year 4 trip to a Gurdwara
- Wednesday 18th November - 2ME & 4JL trip to the cinema (best attendance award)
- Thursday 20th November - Open morning for prospective Nursery and Reception pupils
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- Wednesday 26th November - Open morning for prospective Nursery and Reception pupils
- Thursday 27th November - Training Day - school closed to all pupils
- Friday 28th November - Training Day - school closed to all pupils
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- Wednesday 3rd December - Nursery Christmas performance - 10am
Year 2 Nativity performance - 2.15pm
- Thursday 4th December - Year 2 Nativity performance - 10am
Nursery Christmas performance - 2.15pm
- Friday 5th December - Nursery Christmas performance - 10am
Year 2 Nativity performance - 2.15pm

Please note: there is no parking available on the school site for any of these performances.

REMEMBER



Key Dates



Christmas Events Dates and Times

Tuesday 9th December

St. Giles Church Visits

Christmas Lunch

EYFS Christmas parties - pm

Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Fayre (children & staff only)

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th December

Year 1 Christmas party - pm

Friday 12th December

Year 5 Christmas party - pm



Monday 15th December

Year 2 Christmas party - pm

Tuesday 16th December

Year 3 Christmas party - pm

Wednesday 17th December

Year 4 Christmas party - pm

Thursday 18th December

Year 6 Christmas party - pm

Friday 19th December

Non-uniform day for House Point winning House

Term ends 1 hour earlier (2.20/2.30)



This week's winners are

Well done to both classes

2G 4V

OPAL REMINDER



As the weather turns wetter and the field becomes muddier, we'd like to remind families that after half term, only children who have brought in wellies will be able to use the field during OPAL playtimes. This helps us keep children safe from slipping and ensures classrooms stay clean and dry after play. Wellies will be stored on the designated wellie racks for each class and we now have benches for children to sit on whilst changing into and out of them. If you feel that your child may need it, please feel free to send in spare clothing that can be kept on their peg, for use if and when needed.

Unfortunately, we do not have enough spare clothes in school for everyone. Thank you for your continued support in helping all children enjoy active and fun outdoor play in all weathers!

Mrs Bhardwaj



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often "gone when they're gone".

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like *The Witcher* and *Halo*.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like *Power Rangers* and *Avatar: The Last Airbender*, to comic book characters including *Batman*. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they *never* ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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Be careful what you wear when you're out to scare

Some fancy dress costumes are highly flammable so they can ignite almost instantly and burn fast.



Try to buy from a reputable store or website. Cheap costumes may not meet UK safety standards.



Look for a costume with a UKCA or CE mark



Look for a label that says: "This garment has undergone additional safety testing for flammability"



Remind children to stay well away from naked flames and other heat sources





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AGM

**MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
6:30PM
SCHOOL HALL**

Friends of Glebe is the school's Parent Teacher Association, we organise fun events and fundraisers throughout the year. All proceeds go towards the school.

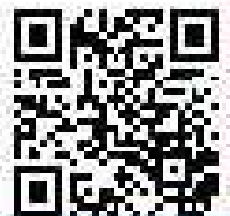
Please come along to find out more about FoG and how you can get involved.

There is no obligation to join by coming to the AGM



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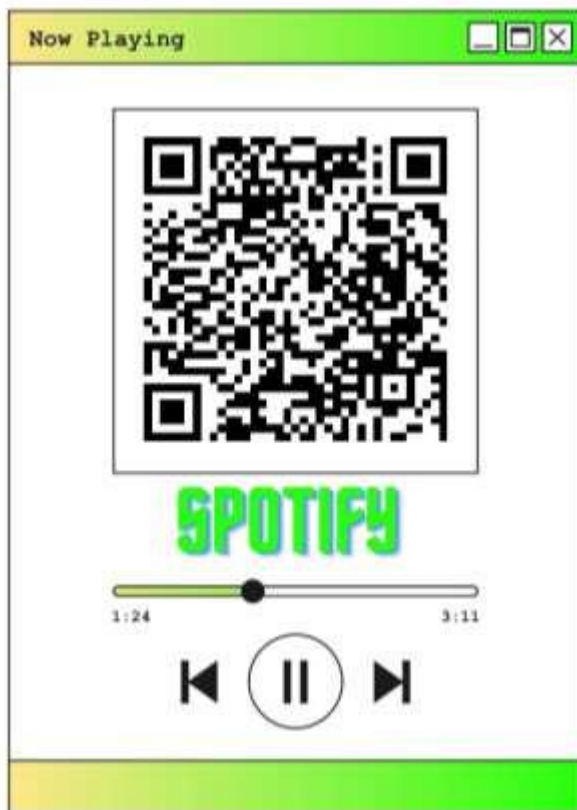
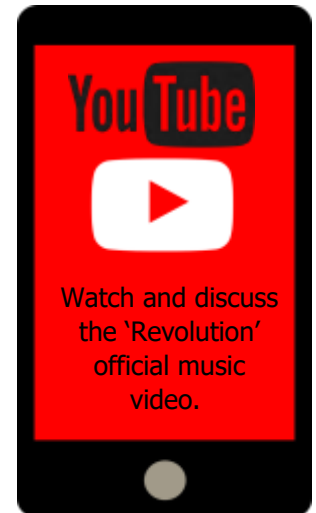


HOME INFORMATION



October's Musician of the Month

Tracy Chapman



About: Tracy Chapman (born in Cleveland, U.S.A. on March 30, 1964) is an American singer-songwriter. Chapman is best known for her hit singles "Fast Car" and "Give Me One Reason". She is politically and socially active and is very passionate about supporting human rights. She has also been involved with Cleveland's elementary schools, producing an educational music video, highlighting achievements in African-American history.

Genres: Folk, Blues, Rock, Pop & Soul

Active from: 1986 - Present

Origin: Cleveland, U.S.A.

Books to read...

If you like Tracy Chapman, try...



- Natalie Merchant
- Eva Cassidy
- Bob Dylan

What's
on...

at Ickenham Library

Half Term
Children's Book Sale!

25th October - 1st November

All children's
books 25p!!

come and grab
a bargain!



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www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries

What's
on...

at Ickenham Library

October Half Term

Tuesday 28th October 2pm- 3pm

LEGO® SPIKE™

Code and build with the LEGO® Learning System - an intuitive, inclusive and highly-adaptable hands-on learning system. Open to 8 to 11-year-olds. Places must be booked in advance.



Thursday 30th October 2pm-3pm

Green Libraries Week: Make Your Own Stamps

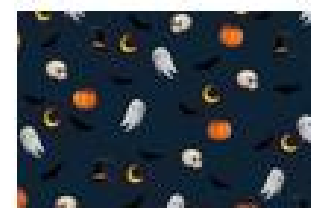
Learn how to reuse and recycle everyday household items to create your very own unique stamps - perfect for decorating cards, wrapping paper, or adding a personal touch to your gifts, all while helping the planet. Open to 5 to 11-year-olds. Places must be booked in advance.



Friday 31st October 10.30am- 11.30am

Spooky Stories and Crafts

Gather round to hear a spooky story - if you dare! Then it's your turn to tell us about your favourite scary stories and create your very own chilling scene or character from your favourite books or your own imagination. Open to 5 to 11-year-olds. Places must be booked in advance



Please note that children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult when visiting the library. Adults must stay in branch while children are taking part in events or activities. Thank you.

Scan the QR code to keep up to date and book for events



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on...

at Ickenham Library

November

We look forward to welcoming you all to Ickenham Library.

Summer Reading Challenge

A huge well done to all of you who completed this year's challenge. At Ickenham Library we had 359 joiners and 175 completed so we beat last year's numbers! Breakspear had 160 joiners with 80 completers while Glebe had 165 joiners and 81 completers!



Story Stars

Thursdays 4pm to 4.45pm (term-time only)

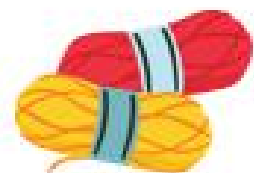
Fire up your imagination by listening to an exciting story followed by a fun activity. For ages 5-7
Places must be booked in advance



Saturdays 10am to 12pm

Lego Club

Build amazing creations with LEGO® bricks.
For ages 5 to 11. No need to book, just drop in



Saturdays 2pm to 3pm

Kids Craft Club

Learn how to crochet your very own bag charm!
For ages 8 to 11, places must be booked in advance



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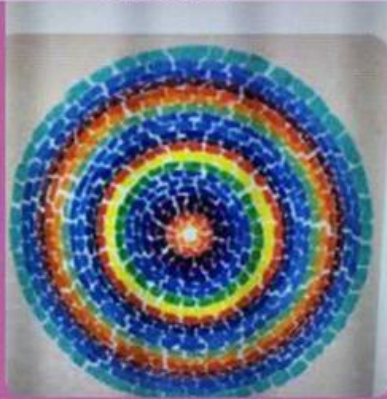
*This week in
Nursery,
Autumn changes,
Diwali and the
diamond shape.*

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HIGHLIGHTS

RECEPTION

For Black history month, in Reception we learnt all about an American artist called Alma Thomas



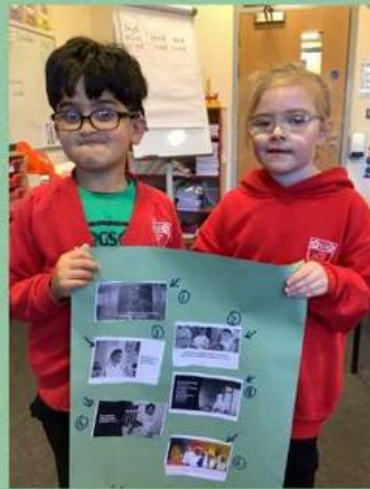
We explored her artwork and created our own work inspired by her paintings.



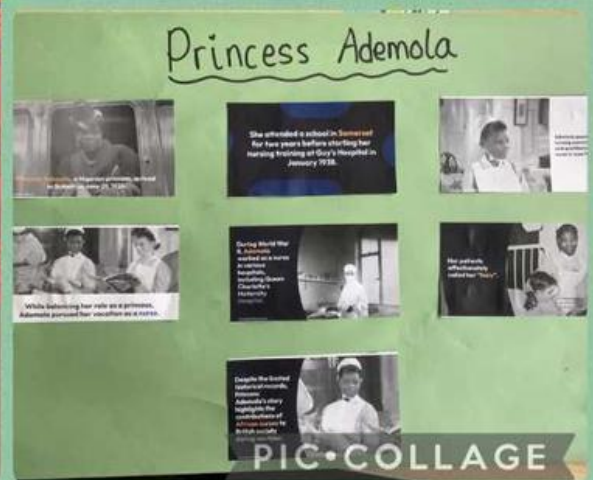
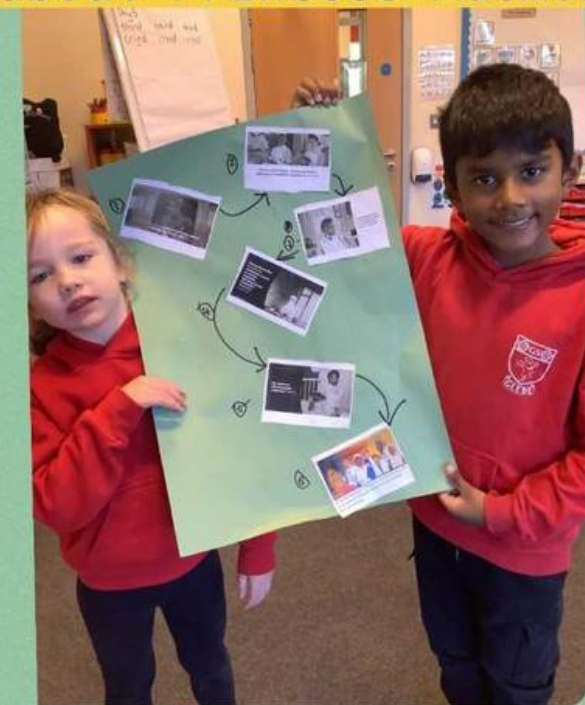
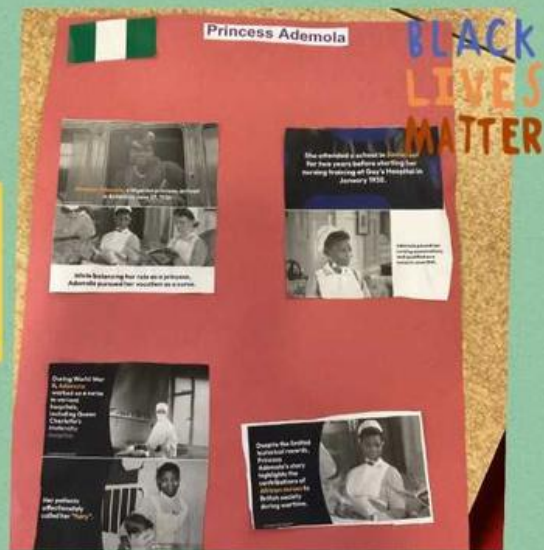
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YEAR 1

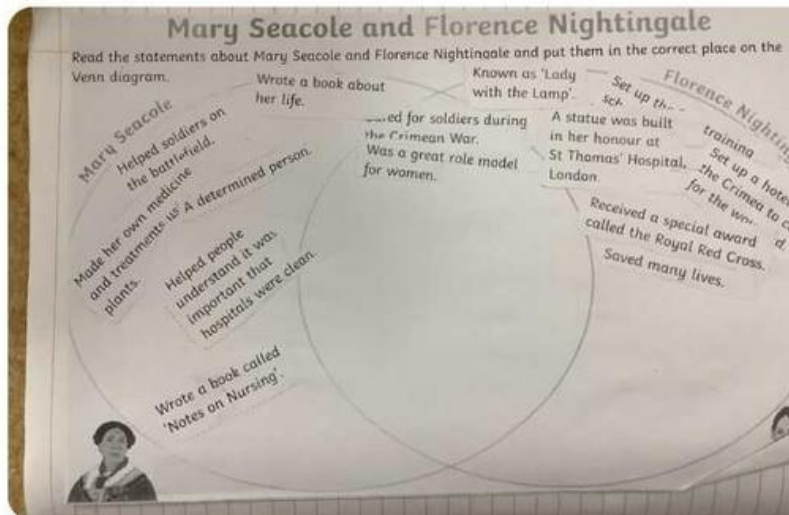


Black History Month
Year 1 learnt all
about Princess Ademola

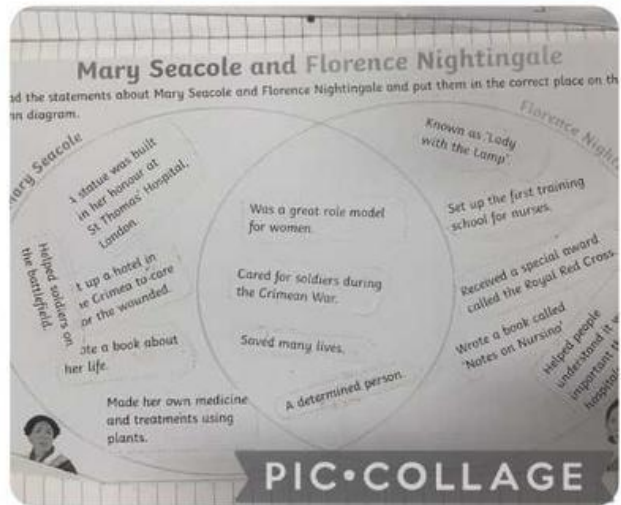


HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 2



Year 2 explored significant people from the past, including Mary Seacole. We explored the important role they played in the Crimean War and their influence on modern nursing.



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YEAR 3



In Year 3, we have been learning all about Lilian Bader for Black History Month.



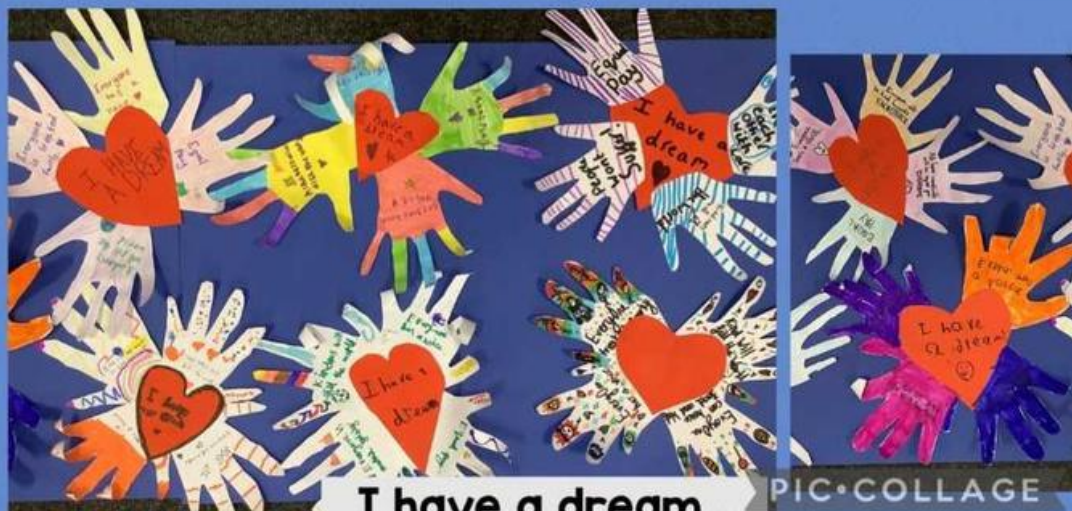
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YEAR 4



Year 4 learnt about Johnny Smythe, an RAF pilot who served for Britain in WW2. The children chose how they wanted to present their ideas. Some made medals for Johnny, created a timeline or made posters.



HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 5

Year 5 explored WW1 hero Walter Tull. They looked at evidence which argued that he should be awarded a posthumous Military Cross.

Source used	What does the source tell us about Walter Tull's character and values?	Is it a primary or secondary source? Why does that matter?	Do you think the evidence shows that Walter Tull deserved a Military Cross? Why?
a	He was courageous and he wanted to carry out any work he had done thoroughly.	Primary source	I think it shows that he wanted to go the extra mile for the British Army, despite being discriminated against.
b	He was well known and liked amongst his Battalion.	Primary source	I think he deserves the Military Cross because of how much he was respected for the Military Cross.
c	He played for football clubs: military clubs and should be awarded the Military Cross.	Secondary Source	I think he deserves it, because it shows evidence that he has military abilities.
d	There were evidence that he was dangerous & during war.	Secondary Source	I think he deserves it because he has been dangerous...

Source used	What does the source tell us about Walter Tull's character and values?	Is it a primary or secondary source? Why does that matter?	Do you think the evidence shows that Walter Tull deserved a Military Cross? Why?
e	At this time the Army when only allowed the men's effort.	Secondary Source	I think he does because he made lots of effort.
f	He made a peril mission in Italy.	Secondary Source	I think he does because he made a dangerous mission.

Do you think Walter Tull deserves to be awarded with the Military Cross? Why?
 I think he does because he made effort in the British Army and he made dangerous missions.

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a	He was courageous and he wanted to carry out any work he had done thoroughly.	Primary source	I think he deserves the Military Cross because he was well known and popular.
b	He was well known and liked amongst his Battalion.	Primary source	I think he deserves it because he was well known and popular.
c	He played for football clubs: military clubs and should be awarded the Military Cross.	Secondary source	I think he deserves it because he was well known and popular.
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Do you think Walter Tull deserves to be awarded with the Military Cross? Why?
 Yes because he was courageous and made a great leader.



HIGHLIGHTS



Wishing you all a lovely half
term break.

See you all on Monday 3rd

November

Mrs Penney

Mystery Guest

Clue 1: I am the longest serving presenter
on Cbeebies (I started in 2007).

Clue 2: I am 6' 4" which is very tall.

Clue 3: I love dinosaurs.

Clue 4: I have even written a series of
books called Dino Dad.



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