



Whitefriars School Primary Section

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October 2020



Schools for Success



Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London, has again celebrated the outstanding performance of Whitefriars School and Heathland School. Both Schools have been recognised AGAIN for the excellent work they do in promoting and supporting excellent progress for all pupils, whatever their starting points. Schools for Success are invited to share their excellent practice with other London schools.

Executive Headteacher Lucy Caswell said "This is the **fourth year running** that our amazing Federation schools

have been recognised as Schools for Success. I am so very proud of all of our utterly fabulous teachers and support staff who work so hard to promote inclusion and progress for all our learners. This is also a massive WELL DONE! to our brilliant children and of course their families; our schools would not work without their positivity and support.



Article 29 : Your right to become the best that you can be.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month. Our pupils have been learning about the contributions and accomplishments of the Black community and celebrating both current and historical individuals and the positive impact they have made to our society.



The Nursery children are settling in well and have been enjoying all the activities linked to Black History Month. We have been reading some lovely stories and have had great fun painting our hands to make handprints for the display.

Value of the month



Unity

- **Coming together as one**
- **Working together**
- **Thanking people**



Article 13 : Your right to have information.



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Job Vacancies



From time to time we have job opportunities which are advertised on our schools' websites. Please click the 'Staff Vacancies' button on our website for further information on any of our current vacancies or follow this link <http://heathlandwhitefriarsfederation.net>



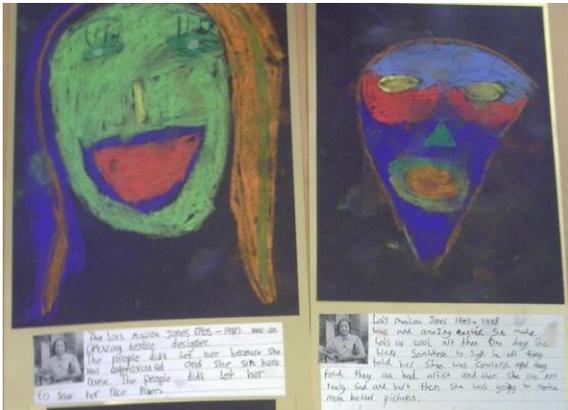
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Reception pupils have been enjoying stories by Tola Okogwu. 'Daddy Do My Hair' and 'Kechi's Hair Goes Every Which Way' were really fun to read and we looked at the similarities and differences we have in our classes. This also supported our topic of 'Who am I?' and the children became artists creating their own self portraits!



Year 1 and 2 have been learning about significant black figures who have changed our world as we know it. We have learned about why they are significant, what impact they have had and the trials and tribulations that they had to go through to get there. Some of our significant figures include; Martin Luther King Jr, Bessie Coleman, Nelson Mandela, Barack Obama, Mary Seacole and Rosa Parks.



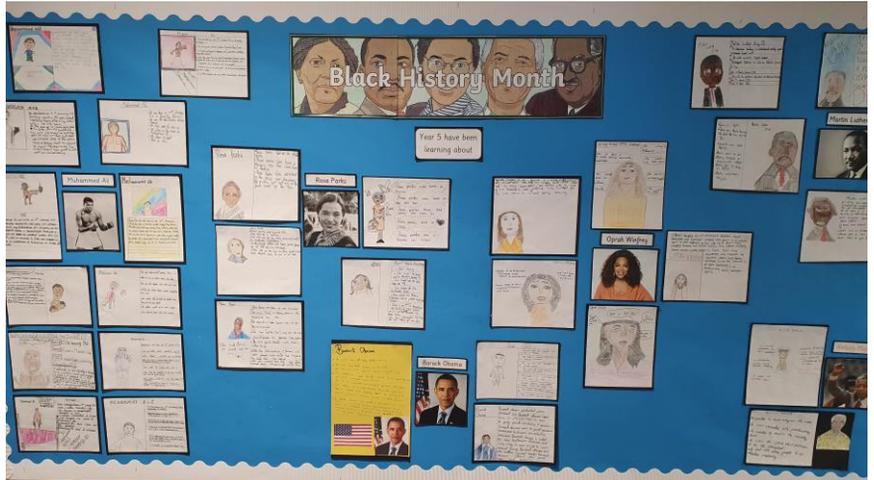
"Black History Month was really interesting. We learned about Lois Mailou Jones, who was a famous textile designer, then she became an artist for the fine arts. We looked at her beautiful art on Africa and the Caribbean. We were happy to learn that she was recognised for her Art, after she put her name to it. She used her art to inspire our art work. We sketched in our sketch books then created our own art pieces using pastels." - Richard Year 3

Year 4 has had a great half term and have done some fantastic learning. This October we celebrated Black History Month by learning all about Nelson Mandela. Lyra class wrote a short biography and illustrated it with some lovely pictures.





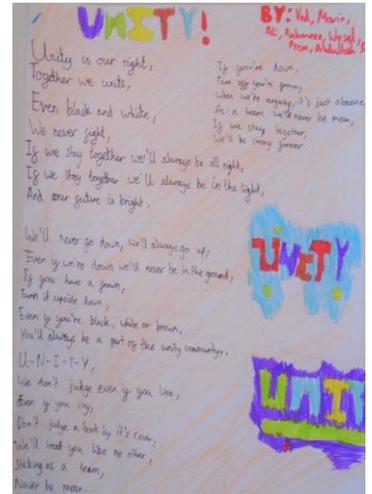
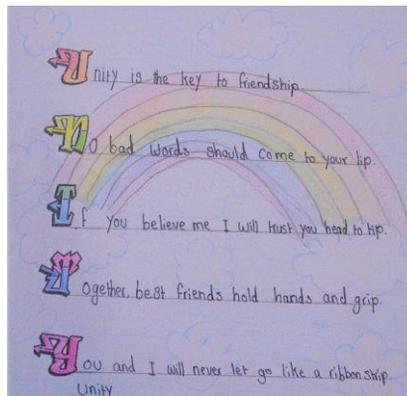
Year 5 have been learning about famous black people such as Barack Obama, Muhammad Ali and many more. For their school display they made their own fact file about famous black people who had inspired them.



Article 28 : Your right to learn and go to school.



Year 6 have focused on 'The influence of Black Culture on Music'. We chose this topic as it links closely to our weekly 'Music's Cool' workshops, where we have been looking at rap music and where it originated from. We have learnt about how West African Griot Tradition, which is known as spoken history, has origins in rap as well as the use of stories, praise of individuals, oral traditions, school yard chants and games and folklore, as well as James Brown talking to the crowd. We have also researched many famous black musicians such as Michael Jackson, Grandmaster Flash as well as more current artists such as Beyoncé. For Black History Month, we have created our very own raps that link to Unity, our value of the month. We have used body percussion skills to perform the raps in class. It looks like we have many budding rap stars!



Article 5: Learn how to use your rights as you grow up.



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Our Rights Respecting Ambassadors

Our RRSA Ambassadors at Whitefriars school, use their voice to actively promote the rights of everyone across our school community. There are two pupils elected from each class, they have been elected because they are passionate about teaching others about the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child) and are knowledgeable about the articles it contains. The RRSA ambassadors encourage and support children throughout the school to learn about their rights. They teach others by leading by example. They empower pupils to take action when they see local, national or the global issues which are affecting different communities.



Keeping in Touch

We know things are very different at the moment and even though our school office is closed to parents there are still ways to contact us.

You can call the school office or send us an email if there is anything you need to let us know. Our contact details are office@whitefriars.harrow.sch.uk or 0208 427 2080

We look forward to hearing from you!

Diary Dates for November...

2nd ~ Pupils return to school

School Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved their Bronze Awards this month.

Bronze Award:

- Alex – 5 Aquila
- Ognyan – 5 Aquila
- Ashaz – 5 Aquila
- Naisha – 5 Aquila
- Abhiram – 5 Aquila



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