



# Harrington Hill Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 08th October 2021

Dear Families,

I can't believe it is already October—it certainly feels a lot more autumnal outside! October is Black History Month so each class has begun a series of lessons and activities 'shining a light' on a particular personality or event associated with black history.

Our assembly on Wednesday was led by 1H and 2M—they shone a light on Mae Jamieson (first Black female astronaut) and Mary Seacole (a nurse in the Crimean war). We were all inspired by their incredible stories.

EYFS celebrated the start of Black History Month with a special assembly and an afternoon of themed activities. They had a delivery of Ghanaian food from local black business 'Accra Palace' (restaurant on Upper Clapton Road) and enjoyed tasting plantain, jollof rice and beans.

Meanwhile, there has been lots of other exciting learning going on! 6P took part in a P4C session (Philosophy for Children) in which they engaged in a philosophical enquiry and came up with some big, engaging questions which were open to examination, further questioning and enquiry in response to a stimulus of an image of Ancient Greek enslaved people.

2M are reading a book called 'Look Up!' and have enjoyed writing activities linked to the story. They have been learning to use verbs and have even created their own star constellation pictures too.

This week 4B were learning how to write using alliteration, onomatopoeia, and similes to create their own magical poems about potions. They also made their very own slime potions!

In literacy, 1H have been studying a book linked to their topic called 'The Night Pirates'. In science they have been using their classifying skills to group animals based on what they eat.

Meanwhile, as part of their humanities topic, 3T have been learning about Stonehenge and enjoyed building their own versions of Stonehenge out of clay.

It was great to see a number of our parents/carers at the PTFA (Parent's Teacher's and Friends Association) AGM meeting on Thursday. If you missed the meeting but would like to support the school in this way, please do get in touch.

Finally, we want to say a big well done to Miss Pilkington who is going to take on the role of literacy subject leader while Miss King is on maternity leave.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Pete Brodie  
Acting Head of School



### Cooking Club



In cooking club, the children prepared delicious fruit salads whilst learning the importance of knife safety and improving their chopping skills.

### Flamenco Dancing



Ms Prado, our Spanish teacher, has been running a lunchtime club for our Year 3 and 4s. The children have been learning to dance the Flamenco whilst improving their Spanish speaking skills.

### Key Dates

#### AUTUMN TERM

**Topic Homework Projects Due In**  
Monday 11th October

#### **Half term:**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Children Start Date:**

Monday 1st November

#### **Y4 swimming lessons begin:**

Thursday 4th November

#### **Phonics Parent Meeting**

Tuesday 9th November

#### **Parents Evening (Virtual)**

Thursday 18th November (school closes at 1.30pm)

#### **End of Term Finish Date:**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

## Attendance

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How quickly another week has flown by!  
This year we are aiming for an attendance target of 97%

Please note the following

100% Attendance – 0 Days Missed – **Excellent**

95% Attendance – 9 Days of Absence, 1 week and 4 days of Learning Missed – **Satisfactory**

90% Attendance – 19 Days of Absence, 3 weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed – **Poor**

85% Attendance – 28 Days of Absence, 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed – **Poor**

80% Attendance – 38 Days of Absence, 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed – **Unacceptable**

Class	Attendance	Punctuality - Number of Lates
Nursery FT	97.3%	2
Reception	83.8%	7
Class 1H	94.1%	12
Class 2M	93.7%	15
Class 3T	97.9%	9
Class 4B	98.5%	8
Class 5L	93.5%	8
Class 6E	83.8%	5
Class 6P	95.4%	11

If you need to report your child's absence, please call the school office and press option 2 to leave a message.



## Year 4 Historians



In Humanities, our school curriculum focus this term, Year 4 have been learning about the Indus Valley and studying the work of pioneering archaeologist, Charles Masson. The children have been learning to think like a Historian and, in order to 'dig deeper' into the topic, took on the role of archaeologists by doing their own archaeological investigation!



## Excellence Assembly Winners

Every Friday, each teacher awards certificates to children who have shown excellence in class throughout the week. Here are just a few of our winners this week!



**Keyan in 3T**



**Maryam & Nathan  
in 5L**



**Zain in 1H**



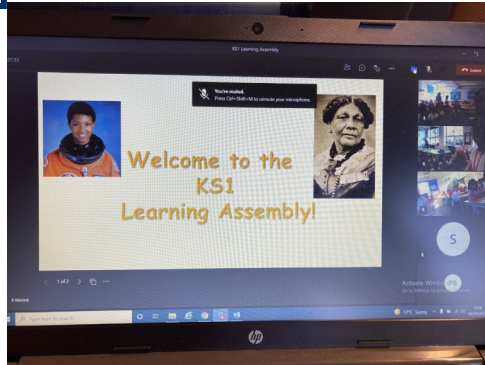


## Black History Month (Week 1)



EYFS enjoyed a delivery of Ghanaian food from local black business 'Accra Palace' (restaurant on Upper Clapton Road) and enjoyed tasting plantain, jollof rice and beans.

6P watched an interview with Betty Campbell (the first black Head teacher in Wales)



Year 1 and Year 2 led the first of our Black History Month assemblies this week. 1H 'shone a light' on Mae Jemison, the first black female astronaut, while 2M 'shone a light' on Mary Seacole, a British nurse who looked after wounded soldiers during the Crimean War.

## Free Gardening Equipment



Anyone that shops at Morrisons can collect Grow Tokens and donate them to Harrington Hill Primary to be redeemed against **FREE gardening equipment**. Please ask the cashier in Morrisons for more information.

## Recycle4Charity



Our PTFA has signed Harrington Hill Primary up to Recycle4Charity. This is a free and easy to use ink recycling programme, that helps us raise funds for the school. Please bring your old printer cartridges to the school and dispose of them in the recycling box (see below) in the school office.

