

Friday 13th October 2022

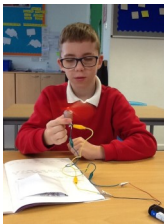
Dear Families,

Harrington Hill pupils have enjoyed getting stuck into Black History Month where they have participated in a range of activities linked to key significant figures from the past. Our 'Shine a Light' assemblies have celebrated important people, from Rosa Parks to Joe Clough. Thank you also to our kitchen team who cooked a delicious international feast including the very popular jollof rice and plantain!

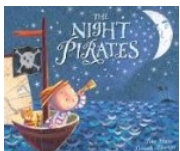
Year 3 have started their new Literacy text 'Ug'. In maths they have been adding and subtracting 1s and 10s using exchanging. For Black History Month, the children have learned about Joe Clough, London's first black bus driver (and likely the U.K's first black ambulance driver). They will be visiting the London Transport Museum to learn more about London Transport's Caribbean workforce at the end of half term.

Year 2 have been comparing this week. They have been able to talk about the differences and similarities between Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. They have also begun reading the book "Look Up" and have drawn some of their own star constellations.

Year 6 are learning about Electricity and have enjoyed making and drawing circuits using scientific symbols this week. Ask a member of Year 6 about circuit components or any top tips on creating your own!



Year One have had an amazing week learning about the four compass points and using directional vocabulary to locate objects on a map. They have also written short stories about their book 'The Night Pirates.'



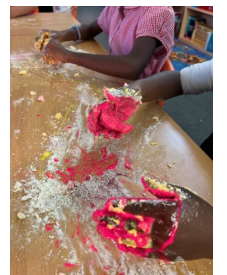
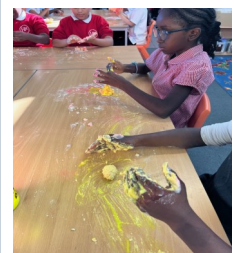
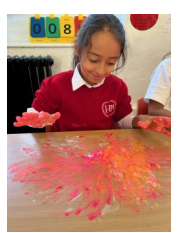
Year 5 have been reading a fantastic book called 'The Goldfish Boy' by Lisa Thompson about a young boy who lives with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. This book has encouraged them to explore and celebrate their differences and, in English, children have enjoyed writing a letter of advice and support to Matthew (the main character in the story).

**Rebecca Kennedy**  
Head of School



### Year 4 learning

Year 4 have been reading the book 'George's marvellous medicine' and writing poetry linked to potions. The children created their own potions using shampoo, flour, washing up liquid, glitter and paint!



### Key Dates

#### AUTUMN TERM

##### Half Term

*Monday 24th—Friday 28th October*

##### Return to School

*Monday 31st October*

##### Year 7 Reunion

*Friday 4th November*

##### School Tour for prospective parents

*Monday 14th November*

*9.30am and 1pm*

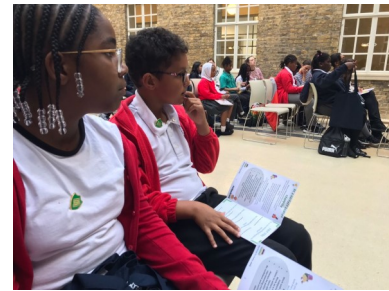
## Black History Month

EYFS enjoyed an afternoon of special activities linked to Black History Month. They have been reading 'Drummer Boy of John John', which is set in Trinidad and tells the story of the invention of the steel pans! The children made playdough rotis, painted the Trinidad flag, explored musical instruments and played limbo dancing whilst listening to calypso music. Later in the week they will have special visitors for a steel pans performance and workshop!



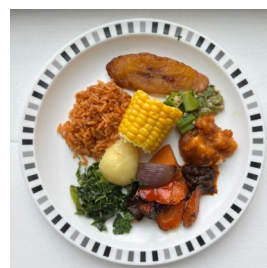
## Reading Champions

Rio (Y6) and Jacob (Y5) attended the Hackney Reading Champions conference at Hackney Town Hall and have come away enthused and full of ideas to further develop our love of reading culture at HH. Well done Rio and Jacob!



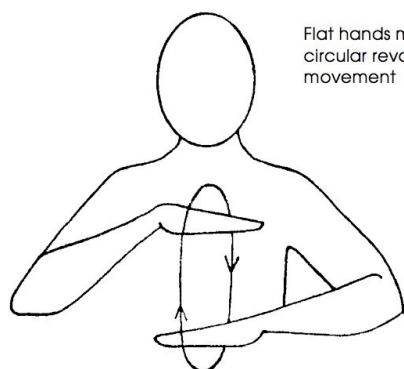
## International Feast!

The children enjoyed a delicious lunch as part of Black History Month. Thank you to the kitchen team for cooking such a tasty feast!



## Ms Williams' Corner!

Learn a new word every week and be inspired to get signing.  
This week's sign is... **Calm**



Flat hands make inward circular revolving movement

Have you engaged in any of the **five ways to wellbeing** recently?



Attending one of the **new coffee mornings** this half term would help us all to **keep learning**. Research shows that learning new skills can improve our mental wellbeing by boosting confidence and raising self-esteem!

## 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 week and 4 days of Learning Missed – **Poor**

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

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

Class	Attendance	Late Marks
Nursery	84.0%	2
Reception	88.8%	3
Year 1	85.1%	6
Year 2	94.0%	4
Year 3	91.4%	11
Year 4	93.4%	4
Year 5	96.8%	1
Year 6	99.3%	8

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



## Excellence Assembly



Syreen – Year 2

Axell - Year 2



Miah-Jay – Year 3

Ruzgar – Year 1

## New Coffee Mornings!

### Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings will now be twice every half term with a special focus for each one. The next one will be on **Tuesday 1st November at 8.45am**. Masha from Little Village (family centre) will be joining us to share what they do to support families in financial difficulty. There will be delicious snacks on offer and all who attend will be automatically entered into a raffle to win a prize! Please join us and spread the word!

<https://littlevillagehq.org/>



### Donations needed!

Do you have 'good as new' clothes that no longer fit your children? Do you have 'good as new' toys that your children no longer play with? If you are able to donate clothes, toys or baby essentials for families in need. Please bring to Harrington Hill on **Monday 31st October**, the first day back after half term!

### Instagram

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