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NEWSLETTER

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Black History Celebrations

'We were learning about famous black people. We learnt about Lewis Hamilton, the first black racing driver to win Formula One. We had to design a new car for him. It was fun.' - Tait (1J)

'Black History Day was very, very good and I really enjoyed it. We learnt lots of facts about Serena Williams and we made a poster all about her.' - Bree (2H)

'This week we celebrated black history. Earlier in the week we made a leaflet about Mary Seacole. Did you know that Mary Seacole died at the age of 76? Mary Seacole was married to Edward Seacole and she did some amazing things.' - Mario (3B)

'On Black History Day we learnt about Martin Luther King. Did you know he had four kids? Plus, he wanted black people and white people to play together. Martin Luther was married to a teacher and he went to prison for doing nothing! I really enjoyed learning about black history.' - Kemissa (4P)

In a special assembly we focused on the fact that we are a rich and diverse school, steeped in difference, but at the same time being equal. Arayah in 4M reminded me that, 'We are all different fish, but we are swimming in the same pool!' I would like to thank Miss Harris (Year 2) for organising the celebrations.

Reducing Plastic

As a school, we want to do all that we can to reduce the amount of single-use plastic which we use. As a result of this, after half term, rather than selling the cartons of squash/cordial at morning play, if children buy a drink, it will be served in a re-usable plastic cup. The cost of the drink will remain unchanged (20p) and the children will be expected to drink it in the dining room before they leave. This will completely eradicate the significant waste of plastic containers which we currently have (literally 100s every week!)

Reception and Nursery Open Days

The Reception and Nursery Open Days for prospective pupils for September 2019 are being held on Tuesday 6th November 2018 (9:30am - 10:30am) and Wednesday 7th November 2018 (4:30pm - 5:30pm). Please ring the school to confirm your attendance.

Year 5 - Blakesley Hall

'On Friday, we went to Blakesley Hall. At the start we all went inside the Tudor barn and we did four activities. After that we went to the gift shop and then we had lunch. In the afternoon, we went into the Tudor house and I had to dress up as Richard Smallbrook and Katie-May had to dress up as Jane Smallbrook. Later in the afternoon, we went to Jane's room, which was in the attic and it was very cold. I hope to visit Blakesley Hall again, it was wonderful!' - Le'naye (5H)

'Finally, the day arrived when we got to go on our first Year 5 trip. The trip was to Blakesley Hall. When we arrived we went into the huge Tudor house, which was made from wood and dung! (Yuck) At least the smell wasn't bad. When we went in, there were a lot of rooms: a living room, a kitchen, an attic and all of the bedrooms. After exploring the house, we went and had lunch and then we went into the classroom. Ahh! A spider! It was huge, but it didn't move! In the classroom, there was: quill writing, Tudor stuff, a Tudor house built out of wood and brass rubbings of Tudor people. Finally, we went to the gift shop and had a look around the herb garden.' - Artis (5B)

Secondary School Places - Sept 2019

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2019, please remember to apply online by 31st October 2018 by visiting www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions If you have any questions, please contact Children's Services on 0121 303 1888.

Reception Applications - Sept 2019

To apply for Reception places for September 2019, parents must visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an online application by 15th January 2019 (final closing date). If you have any questions, please contact Children's Services on 0121 303 1888. Please note, **all parents** need to apply, even if your child is currently in our Nursery.

School Fund

This week £8.00 was collected in School Fund. May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid, some of whom have paid for the whole half term, as this means we can buy those 'extra' things for the children.

Caring Children

Last week, Aset, Sabrin, Molly, Lillie and Omarion raised £34 for School Fund by organising a raffle completely independently. Kemissa, Amara, Mariah, Anisah, Zoey and Isobel also raised £3.90 for School Fund through fundraising. Well done children, I am really proud of you.

W.Simner

(Head Teacher)

