

Holywell Primary School

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we are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

8th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Black History Month

It was great to have visitors in school this week to work with children around the theme of Black History Month. Bigfoot Theatre group visited Reception class yesterday and they learnt about being different. It is our vision to ensure children understand the differences between us, and be tolerant of others. Bigfoot Theatre group will be in again on Monday 11th October 2021, to work with the rest of the school.



Parents' Evening

A letter will go out next week inviting parents to book their Parents' Evening appointment. These appointments will take place on line, via Google Classroom. If, after the letter goes out, you require help booking, please contact the school office and they will be happy to help.

Tuesday 19th October 2021

3:30pm to 6:00pm

Thursday 21st October 2021

5:00pm to 7:30pm

Cross Country

Next week some of our pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be tak part in a cross country event at Queens' School in Bushey. This will be our first competition since Coronavirus restrictions have been eased. Good luck to everyone involved!

Year 2 – Aldenham Country Park

Next week, Friday 15th October 2021, Year 2 will be visiting Aldenham Country Park. A letter with information about this trip has gone out to parents. Please ensure you pay via SchoolMoney, and you have given consent for your child to attend the trip.



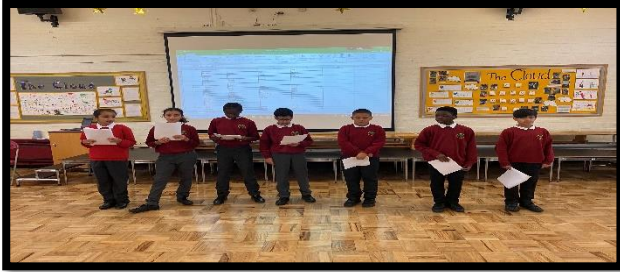
Coronavirus

As we learn to live with Coronavirus, we ask that parents do not come to school or send their children to school if;

- They have a fever (above 37.8C)
- They have a new, continuous cough
- There is a loss or change to their sense of taste or smell
- If you are isolating for any reason in accordance with government guidance

House Captains

Today, some of our Year 6 pupils made a presentation to the children in their Houses to become House Captain. The Houses have voted and I am pleased to announce the House Captains for 2021/2022



Presentations being made by – Adn, Sara, Adaeze, Ibrahim, Humzah, Franklyn and Hassan

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2021/2022		
Brightwell	Green	Bonnie-Lee and Ayman
Cassio	Red	Leira and Terrence
Ebury	Blue	Adaeze and Hassan
Vicarage	Yellow	Megan and Liam





Reception – September 2022

The on-line application system to book a place for Reception class in September 2022 opens on Monday 1st November 2021. We would like to remind parents who have children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 that they must apply for a place in Reception class, they do not automatically transfer from Nursery to Reception.

We will be holding two Open Days, Thursday 4th November 2021 at 11:15am and Thursday 25th November 2021 at 2:00pm.

Nursery – September 2022

Application forms to apply for a place in Nursery, for children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 are available from Thursday 6th January 2022. We plan to hold an Open Day On Thursday 13th January 2022 at 11:15am.

Year 6 Secondary School Transfer – September 2022

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary school is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper before the closing date, Sunday 31st October 2021.

Half Term

Half term is from Monday 25th October 2021 until Friday 29th October when school will be closed. School will close at normal times on Friday 22nd October 2021.

Colours

Colours, colours, oh my colourful
colours!

Rainbow rivers,

Marshmallow clouds.

Colourful colours.

You're so bright and magnificent!

Green, you're so grassy and shimmering.

But surely red is hotter?

Burning bright,

Over night.

And when it goes,

You know it's put out with blue.

And in the flames,

All that remains

Are ashy black and dafodil orange.

But red and blue does make purple

As pure as life and unicorn blood.

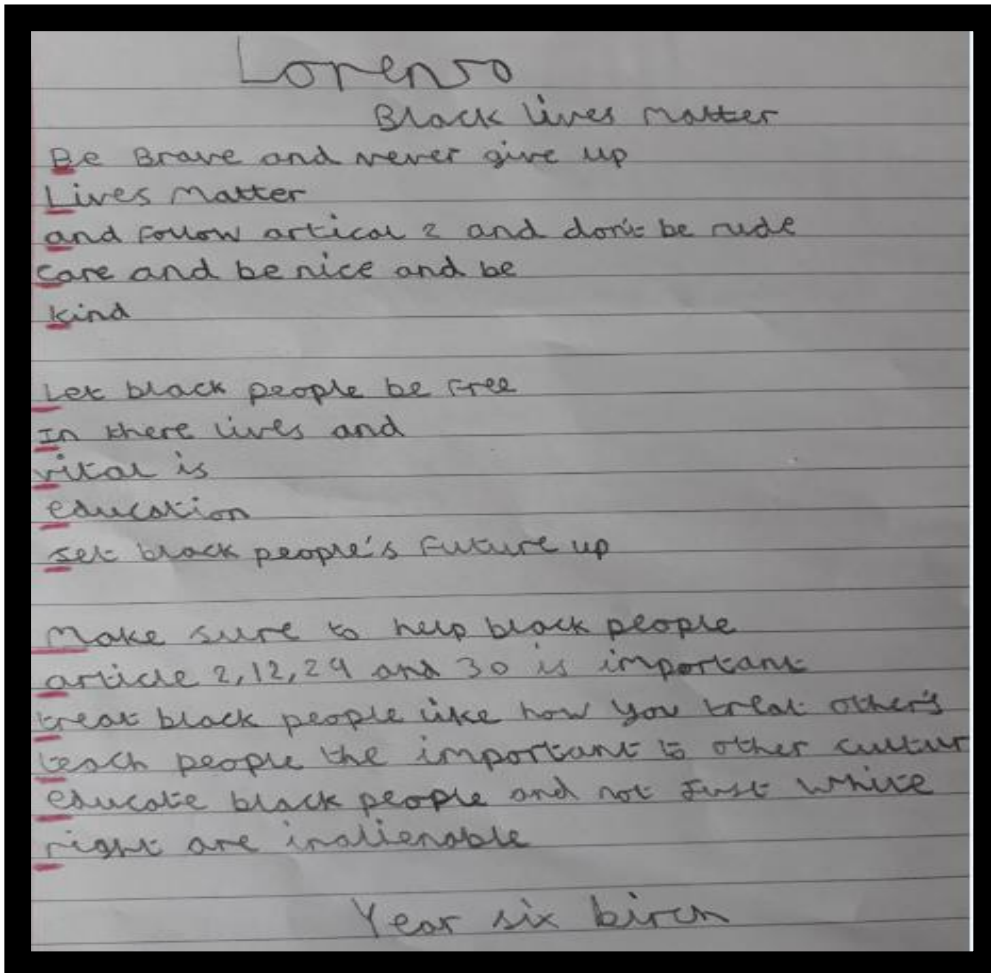
But what is brighter than yellow?

Is it marshmallow?

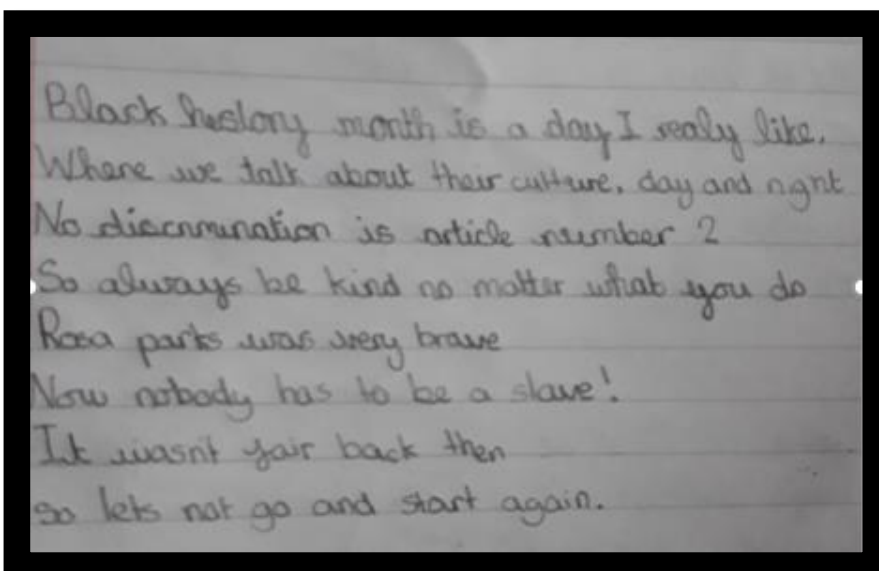
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UNICEF ARTICLE OF THE WEEK – 2, 12, 29 and 30

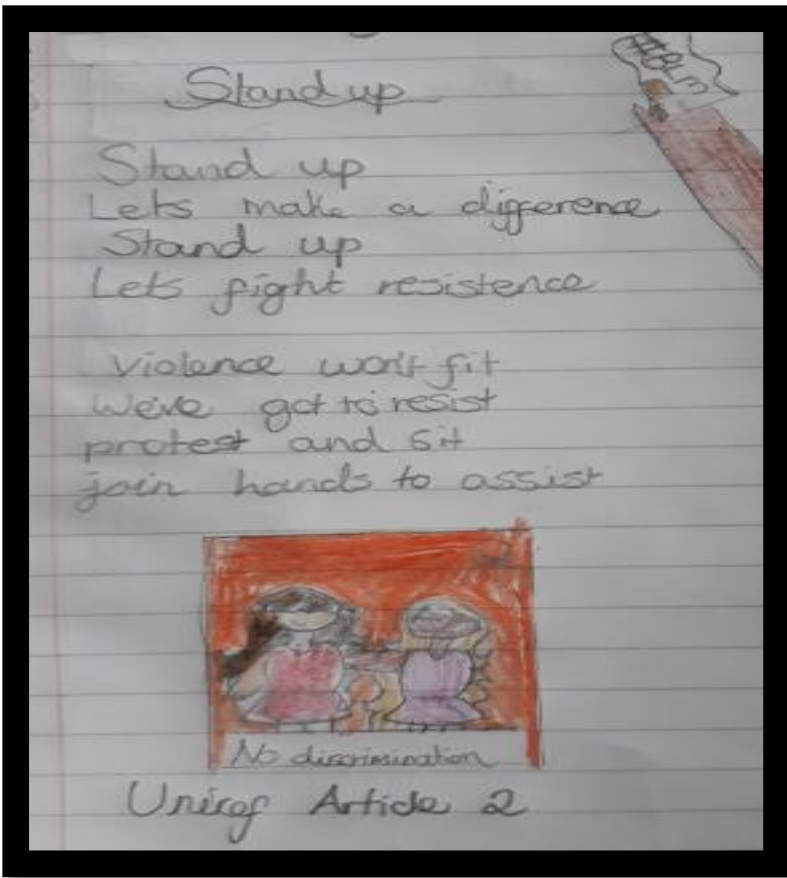
Holywell Primary School is celebrating Black History month, and as part of the activities children poured in their thoughts and feelings in the form of poems. BLACK LIVES MATTER (BLM) is the stimulating slogan to think, reflect and act which connects well with the UNICEF CRC Article 2 (Non-discrimination) and Article 30 (Rights of children from minority and indigenous groups)



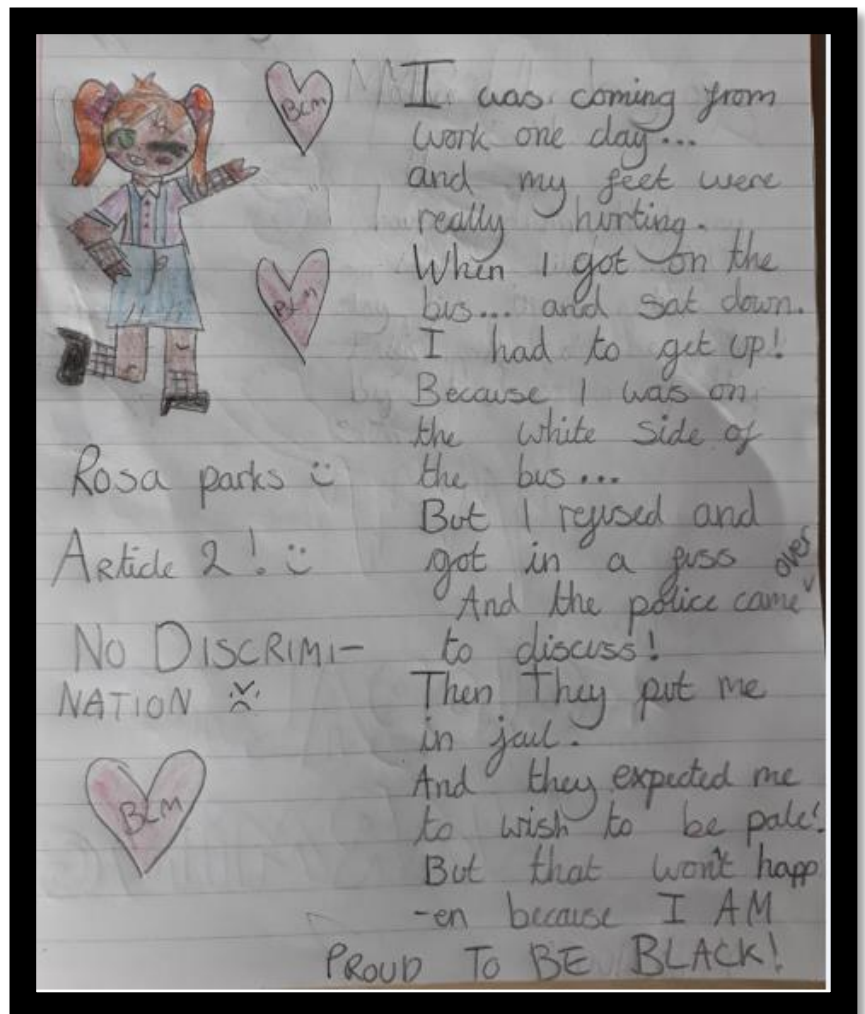
Lorenzo



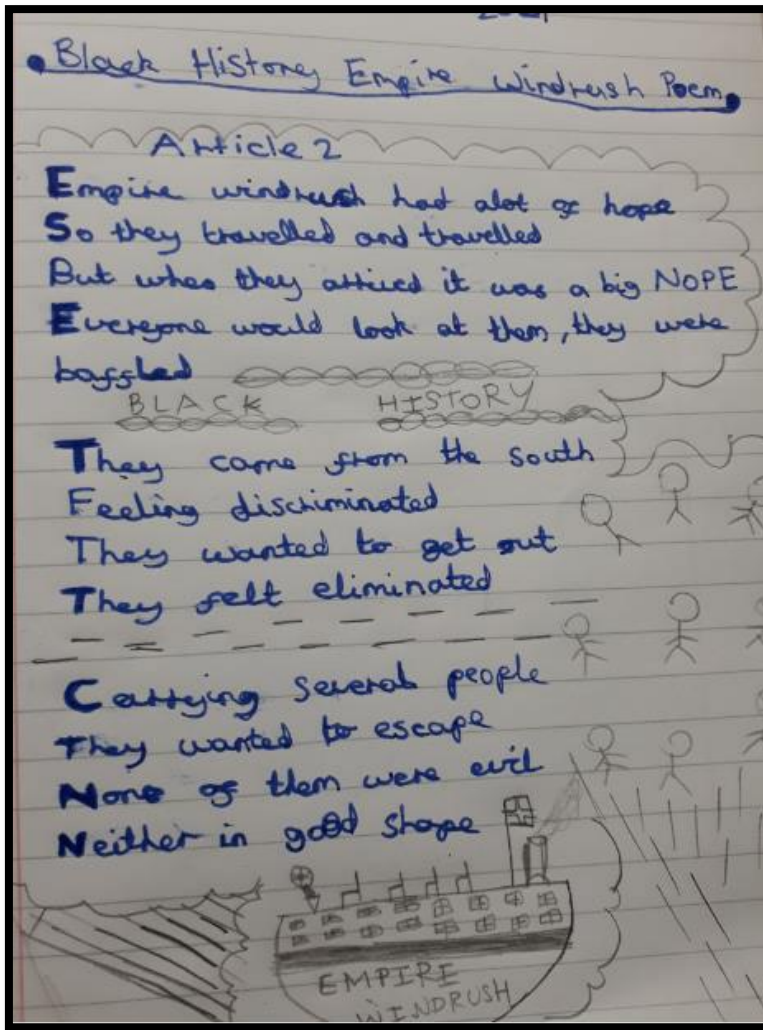
Adaeze



Husnah



Sara K



Haaris

STAR & CHARTER CERTIFICATES

		Star	Charter
Reception	Reception	Freddy	Sky
Year 1	Sycamore	Lina	Godfrey
Year 2	Hawthorn	Mahdi	Medeea
	Hazel	Hila	Bilal
Year 3	Rowan	Maisey	Esther
Year 4	Cedar	Ritesh	Amira
	Mulberry	Aliyah	Adam
Year 5	Chestnut	Malwina	Amadou
	Elder	JJ	Madeline
Year 6	Birch	Adaeze	Tiana
	Elm	Rayan	Bonnie Lee

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Friday 15th October 2021	Cedar	6R Mental Health
Friday 22nd October 2021	Mulberry	World Food Day
Friday 5th November 2021	Rowan	Diwali
Friday 12th November 2021	Hazel	Remembrance Day
Friday 19th November 2021	Hawthorn	Children's Day
Friday 26th November 2021	Sycamore	Hanukkah
Friday 3rd December 2021	Elm	St Andrews Day
Friday 10th December 2021	Birch	Human Rights Day

Week Commencing 27th September 2021

Attendance by Class

Attendance by class:

Nursery	94%	Mulberry	92%
Reception	85%	Cedar	92%
Sycamore	95%	Chestnut	97%
Hawthorn	98%	Elder	92%
Hazel	98%	Elm	95%
Rowan	92%	Birch	94%

**Whole School Attendance from
September 2020
94%**

Attendance

Best classes in the whole school for attendance

Key Stage 1	Hazel
Key Stage 2	Chestnut



AUTUMN TERM

October 2021

Monday 11th October 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 12th October 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Wednesday 13th October 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)
Wednesday 13th October 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)
Wednesday 13th October 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 14th October 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)
Thursday 14th October 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)
Thursday 14th October 2021 - Year 4 Mulberry Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 14th October 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Friday 15th October 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 4 Cedar - Parents invited (9:05)
Friday 15th October 2021 - Year 2 Aldenham Country Park
Friday 15th October 2021 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)
Monday 18th October 2021 - Harvest collection starts
Monday 18th October 2021 - Festival of learning week
Monday 18th October 2021 - Year 3 and Year 4 Watford Central Mosque
Monday 18th October 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 19th October 2021 - Year 1 and 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 19th October 2021 (15:30 - 18:00) - Parents evening
Wednesday 20th October 2021 - Cornet lessons start - Year 4 (9:30 - 10:30)
Wednesday 20th October 2021 - Ukulele lesson - Year 5 (13:30 - 15:00)
Wednesday 20th October 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 21st October 2021 - Year 5 Exploring materials workshop
Thursday 21st October 2021 - Rocksteady lessons (9:00 - 12:00)
Thursday 21st October 2021 - New Entrants meeting (10:00)
Thursday 21st October 2021 - Year 4 Mulberry Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 21st October 2021 - Year 3 and 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 21st October 2021 (17:00 - 19:30) - Parents evening
Friday 22nd October 2021 - Last day for Harvest collection
Friday 22nd October 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 4 Mulberry - Parents invited (9:05)
Friday 22nd October 2021 - Year 4 Cedar Swimming (11:30 - 12:00)
Monday 25th October 2021 - Friday 29th October 2021 - Half term
Sunday 31st October 2021 - Last day to apply for secondary school place for September 2022

November 2021

Monday 1st November 2021 - Year 1 assessment start
Monday 1st November 2021 - Reception 2022 - applications open
Monday 1st November 2021 - Poppy Appeal starts
Thursday 4th November 2021 - Reception Class September 2022 Open Day at 11:15am
Thursday 4th November 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Friday 5th November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 3 Rowan - Parents invited (9:05)
Monday 8th November 2021 - Whole school assessment week
Wednesday 10th November 2021 - Flu vaccinations
Thursday 11th November 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 11th November 2021 - Individual and family photographs taken
Friday 12th November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 2 Hazel - Parents invited (9:05)
Monday 15th November 2021 - Year 3 and Year 4 Stone Age Workshop
Tuesday 16th November 2021 - Governors Meeting
Thursday 18th November 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Friday 19th November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 2 Hawthorn - Parents invited (9:05)
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Reception Class 2022 Open Day at 2pm
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Watford Football Trust to work with Year 6
Friday 26th November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 1 Sycamore - Parents invited (9:05)
Tuesday 30th November 2021 - Christmas Decoration Day

December 2021

Wednesday 1st December 2021 - Applications Open for Reception 2022
Wednesday 1st December 2021 - Christmas tree Decoration Day
Thursday 2nd December 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Friday 3rd December 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 6 Elm - Parents invited (9:05)
Monday 6th December 2021 - Innovation and Enterprise week - DT focus
Tuesday 7th December 2021 - Year 2 St Mary's Church, Christingle Workshop
Thursday 9th December 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Friday 10th December 2021 - Human Rights Day - Year 6 Birch - Parents invited (9:05)
Tuesday 14th December 2021 - Governors meeting
Wednesday 15th December 2021 - Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Presentation Assembly
Tuesday 21st December 2021 - Last day of term - school closes at 1:30pm
Tuesday 21st December 2021 - No PM Nursery class. Nursery closes at midday

Enrichment Days

Monday 11th October 2021 - End of World Space week
Sunday 10th October 2021 - World mental health day
Monday 11th October to Sunday 17th October 2021 - National Braille Week
Saturday 16th October 2021 - World Food Day
Monday 18th October 2021 - Anti Slavery Day
Sunday 31st October 2021 - Halloween
Thursday 4th November 2021 - Diwali
Friday 5th November 2021 - Bonfire Night
Wednesday 10th November 2021 - World Science Day
Thursday 11th November 2021 - Remembrance Day
Monday 15th November to Friday 19th November 2021 - Anti Bullying Week
Monday 15th November to Sunday 21st November 2021 - Road Safety Week
Saturday 20th November 2021 - Universal Children's Day - UN
Monday 29th November 2021 - Hanukah
Tuesday 30th November 2021 - St Andrew's Day
Thursday 2nd December 2021 - International Day for the abolition of slavery
Friday 10th December 2021 - Human Rights Day