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CELEBRATE
BLACK
HISTORY MONTH
2023

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

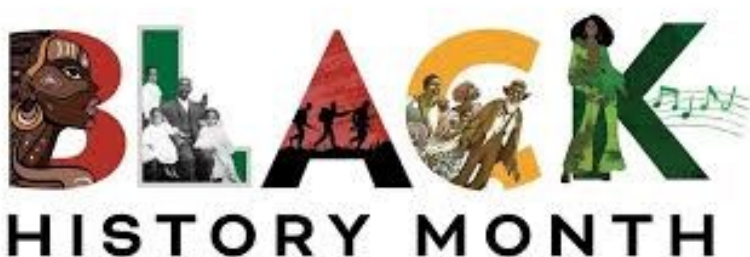
This week, we launched Black History month with this year's theme, "Celebrating Our Sisters." In our assembly, the children were introduced to some of the Black and Mixed Heritage British women who have shaped our history. They learnt about their achievements and accomplishments in a range of fields including: sports, politics, music, science and medicine.

Following on from last week, I received lots of creative entries for the European Day of Languages poster competition. Every child who took part and named their work received a certificate for their efforts with book voucher prizes being awarded to: Kinga, Nishika, Swadha and Reyansh. These children's posters will be mounted and displayed in school for everyone to admire. Well done to all of our winners.

At the end of the week, we enjoyed further celebrations with a special assembly linked to the summer library reading challenge. Mrs Allen led a reading-themed assembly where we acknowledged the efforts of all our pupils who completed the library challenge – they were all reading superstars! Within school, we continue to promote the daily reads on Boom Reader with our class competition and newsletter updates. We urge pupils and parents alike to pick up a book, get lost in a story and develop that love of reading.

Have a restful weekend.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher



Say Cheese



School Individual Photos

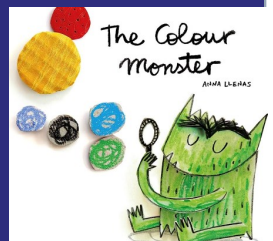
Our school photographer will be visiting on
Wednesday 11th October
to carry out individual portraits and also
school sibling photos.

If you would like a family photo taken to include
younger siblings not at Speenhamland,
please arrive between 8.30 am and 9.00 am.
**Please note that school uniform, including
cardigans or sweatshirts, is required.**

News from Reception

This week, Harlow brought in some pumpkins that she's grown in her family's allotment. We had lots of fun exploring what was inside and using words like 'bumpy', 'sticky', 'heavy' and 'seeds'. We have also been practicing counting objects one at a time, which you can practice at home when counting apples in the fruit basket or foods on a plate, for example.

We've also read 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas, which explores feelings, relating them to different colours. Theekshika drew her own colour monster and coloured it green, as she felt 'calm'.



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AWARDS—CONGRAULATIONS!

AND THE
WINNERS
ARE...



Achievement and PSHE Awards

Wisteria

Willow

Cherry

Oak

Ash

Hawthorn

Juniper

Maple

Acer

Redwood

Cedar

Maths/English Group

SCHOOL

Rosie Davies

Thea Fuell

Lukas Fisher

Jimmy Bodin-House

Alexandru Dascalu

Isla Hooper

Fae Prins

Harrison Chalk

Michael Abu

Isabella Eshiet

Lizzy Mildenhall

Matthew Tucker

PSHE

Layla Bartholomew

Willow Callaway

Harvey Lawrence

Mirabel Iboje

Isaac Walton

Elaina Curtis

Sham Alharbat

Aaliyah Proctor

Navil Kanagasabapathi

Alex Feltham

Swadha Tyagi



HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Azul 261

2nd Verde 188

3rd Zolty 141

4th Laal 120

Congratulations to Azul!

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 94.71%

Last week's attendance was 91.91%

There was also 470 learning minutes lost this week through late arrivals. **This is a big increase.**

Please ensure your child is in class for 8.30 am.

EVERY DAY REALLY DOES MATTER!

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



Keep reading!

Lower for our upper juniors due to their residential last week! Hopefully we will be able to include EYFS soon too!

READING LOGGED 25-09-23 to 01-10-23

Class	Number of children	Percentage
Acer	7	20%
Ash	9	35%
Cedar	9	30%
Cherry	17	70%
Hawthorn	14	55%
Juniper	11	40%
Maple	15	50%
Oak	19	75%
Redwood	11	35%

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Y6's AMAZING WEEK AT KINGSWOOD

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Isle of Wight. They pushed themselves and learnt new skills through a range of challenging and exhilarating activities. All of our pupils showed amazing resilience and confidence when facing new challenges. We are immensely proud of all the children for their behaviour and positive attitude throughout the week. Well done year 6!

"I enjoyed the nightline because we were blindfolded and we relied on each other to work as a team". **Christina**

"My favourite activity was the zip line because I loved racing my friends".
Caleb

"My favourite activity was the climbing wall because I love climbing and we got to help each other out by pulling the ropes". **Kiaan**



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FOREST SCHOOL



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Maple, Hawthorn, Juniper and Redwood Classes collected and counted conkers before using the conkers and other natural materials to make pictures. Each class collected more than 1,300 conkers from our woodland.



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