

Headteacher message

Our first half term has come to an end. I was reminded yesterday, when I watched Protea's class assembly, of the sheer volume of learning the children have accessed this half term and the progress they have made. Well done to everyone!

During the half term break, please ensure that your child is reading—it doesn't matter what they read as long as they are reading—comics, newspapers, kindle books, picture books, novels, non-fiction, poems. If you have not joined your local library, this would be a good opportunity to do so to ensure that your child has access to a wide variety of reading material.

Coats and jackets

As the weather becomes more changeable, children are wearing coats and jackets but often like to remove them when playing outside and then forgetting to collect them despite reminders. This often results in lost coats/jackets. Please ensure that:



- You have labelled your child's clothing in more than one place
- You remind your children to look after their items
- You check that your child has not brought home someone else's coat/jacket



Dates for diary

Monday 23rd October– Friday 27th October

Half term

Monday 30th October
School closed Inset day

Tuesday 31st October
Children return to school

Thursday 2nd October
Bonfire School menu

Friday 10th November
Wreath laying - Remembrance Day

Tuesday 14th November
Flu vaccination programme reception to
year 6

Friday 24th November
Mixed years 5/6 football tournament

Attendance Stars



Classes with the best attendance this week:

Poppy: 97.8%

Sunflower: 98.8%

Whole school attendance: 94.6%

We have dipped a little this week.

Our attendance for this half term is 96.1%!!





School Nurse Drop in Session

Are you worried about your child's eating, sleeping,
bedwetting, growth & emotional wellbeing ?

Our School Nurse, Corina Outterside, will be joining us on
Thursday 9th November at 2pm in the School Hall
to offer support and tips.





Black History Month



Bond Black History Month Project

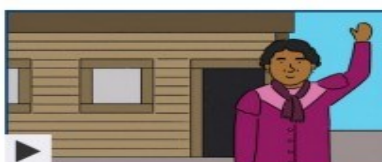
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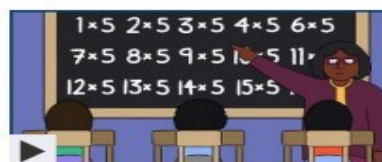
Olaudah Equiano (1745 - 1797)

Celebrating the life of the anti-slavery campaigner Olaudah Equiano, once an enslaved person himself.



Mary Seacole (1805 - 1881)

Celebrating the life of Mary Seacole who journeyed to the Crimean War and cared for British soldiers there.



Betty Campbell (1934 - 2017)

Celebrating the life of Betty Campbell, a pioneering headteacher and campaigner for Black History Month.



Floella Benjamin (born 1949)

Exploring the life and work of actress, writer, TV presenter and politician Baroness Floella Benjamin.



Laurie Cunningham (1956 - 1989)

Celebrating the life of superstar Laurie Cunningham, one of the very first black footballers to play for England.



Malorie Blackman (born 1962)

Exploring the life and work of writer Malorie Blackman, who has published more than 60 books for children.

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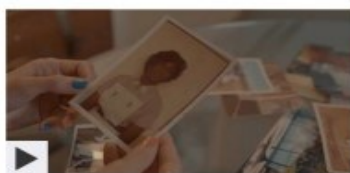
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Mac Williams - Working in the coal mining industry

In this short film Abiodun MacDonald Williams, known to his close friends as Mac, talks to his neighbour, 11-year-old Iris, about what it was like working as a ventilation officer in County Durham in the 1960s.



Alison Bennison - Working as a NHS nurse

This short film for primary schools follows Alison Bennison's journey to Britain from Barbados in 1960, to train as a nurse and work for the National Health Service. The story is told by Alison's granddaughter, Lindsey, and nine-year-old Dontay.



Christina Shingler - Becoming an author of children's literature

In this short film Felix, aged 10, talks to his grandmother Christina (Tina) Shingler, a writer who decided to do something about the lack of black characters in British literature.



David Mwanaka - Becoming a farmer in Britain

In this short film 11-year-old Anashe meets David Mwanaka, and finds out about his journey from Zimbabwe to becoming a farmer in Britain.



Dennis Morris - Becoming a photographer

This short film tells the story of Dennis Morris, a well-known photographer from London, originally from Jamaica, who photographed famous musicians including Bob Marley.



Elsie Owusu - Becoming an architect in Britain

In this short film 11-year-old Kendra meets Elsie Owusu, who moved from Ghana to the UK as a child and became an architect, and dealt with the challenges of working in a white, male-dominated profession.

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Years 5/6 Girls Football



Today our team consisting of girls from years 5 and 6 took part in a football tournament . Would you believe it, they came second and are through to the next round!! That's brilliant!

B-O-N-D! We are Bond Pri-ma-ry!

Well done girls and good luck in the next round.



Science



Year 5 had a great time exploring over 50 work stations at the Science museum in London. The Wonder lab let them test out different forces and experiment in different science zones.

Art



Year 6 have created the most amazing abstract sculptures using clay. We have been studying the lives and works of Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth, looking at their use of shapes to represent the natural world and abstract figures.



Geography

GEOGRAPHERS!

Data Collection: What buildings and spaces do local people value in their community?

After designing a questionnaire, Year 3 interviewed members of the local community to find out what services, spaces and buildings in Mitcham they value.

