



Although I wasn't at school last week, I was continually updated about the marvellous learning that had been taking place by the children. It's wonderful that Black History Month was kick started by a special assembly by our visitor, Mr Henry.

***"He gave a talk about historical famous black people who had worked hard to ensure that freedom become the norm.***

***He mentioned sporting heroes, civil rights activists and other famous prominent people.***

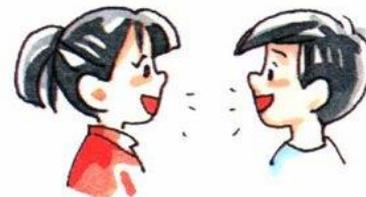
***His talk was interesting, inspiring and informative.***

***He gave Khushil a box. His mission was to solve the problem of trying to open it. It was impossible! The symbolic message was that the box contained freedom. Eventually, Mr Henry showed the children how to do it." (Hem, Pranay, Milan: Year 6)***

We continue to look forward to celebrating this fantastic month and Year 4 performing to us soon.



We hope that you have already begun to encourage your children to answer and speak in fuller detailed sentences. Please look at last week's newsletter for conversation- starter ideas.



**School Council and ECO Elections** The true determination of our prospective representatives will shine through this week. The build up to it is very exciting!

Every year, elected pupils work together to improve the environment and help our school community. Pupils are often involved in organising whole-school charity events to support

local and national charities and gain valuable experience from working with children from a range of different year groups. Elections will take place on Friday 14th October and there will be a nail-biting wait until the results are announced on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. This is a great learning opportunity to develop persuasive, communication and debating skills.





**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** With over a month into term, clubs are now in full swing! I am very grateful to Mrs Gerrald and Ms Samuel for co-ordinating this important aspect of the school's enrichment opportunities. We have an impressive range of activities that is attractive to the majority of the children. Here are some quotes about our clubs:

**"Robotics is really fun, as we get to make robots and programme them. The good thing is that we**

**need to create the robot on our own, and the club leader only helps us if we ask", Dylan**

**"I like chess club because it requires a lot of thinking. The teacher explains the moves carefully so that I can improve my game", Dhruv**

**"I like the games we play in tennis", Prisha K**

**"I like the Science Club very much. I made a sock lion and frog. I learnt about friction", Mourya and Aarush**

**"I like gymnastics, dance and tennis. Sometimes it is tricky to learn all the steps"**

**"I like playing games in French and learning new vocabulary", Aryan**

**"Netball is fun and helps me to stay fit. I also like playing with my friends and get to participate in matches", Mahi**



**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK** After prayers at collect worship time, our school assemblies will focus on different core values of character formation – respect, integrity, courage, empathy, gratitude and self- discipline. They will relate to our SEAL curriculum, Social, Emotional, aspects of learning too. The values will also be discussed during circle times throughout the week in class. It would be useful if you could talk about this at home too.

- **Thinking of Others - Harvest Festival**
- **Democracy - School Council Hustings and Elections**
- **Black History Month learning continues**

## HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION leading up to GORVARDHAN PUJA

Harvest Festivals have been held as long as people have been sowing and gathering food.

It's our special Harvest Assembly on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

**It will be performed by Year 2.** Harvest Assembly is a lovely occasion which encourages the children to think about where our food comes from and how lucky we are to live in a country where food is plentiful. We invite you to send into school, food tins, packets, boxes (**watch the 'use by' dates!**) for the HARROW FOOD BANK.

If you could spare an item or two for your child to bring in, that would be much appreciated. I know that food banks up and down the country are really stretched at the moment and this is a local cause which we are very keen to support. **Please send in items to your child's classroom from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October.**



### Items which would be much appreciated are on the list.

The Trussell Trust Food Banks provide a minimum of three days non-perishable emergency food to local people in crisis. All food given out is donated by the local community.

### Shopping List..... Thank you in advance for your support.

Milk (long life, UHT )	Instant mash potato
Sugar (500g)	Rice
Fruit juice (long life carton)	Tinned fruit
Soup (tinned or dried)	Jam
Vegetables of any kind ( tinned)	Biscuits or snack bars
	Rice pudding (tinned)
	Tea Bags/instant coffee

## A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN

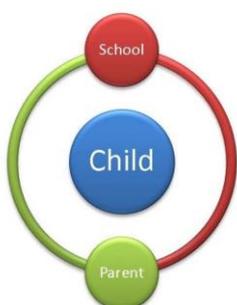
**Please remember that you are invited to the Open Forum coffee morning on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00am.** This will be a good way to get to know each other better, share our School Improvement Plans and more importantly for you to contribute your ideas.

Once you have dropped your child off at their classroom, please come along for a coffee / tea and chat. Please enter via the main entrance.

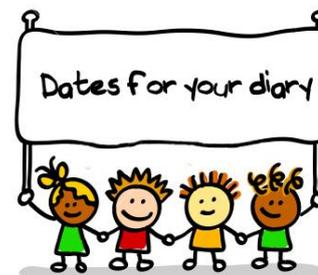
Come to listen and contribute about how we can make our school even better for your children. We always welcome and value your suggestions.

**HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT** If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6, you will have a copy of the Home School Agreement. It is in the Student Planner. Pupils in Reception and Key Stage One; please refer to our website that explains the agreement. However, you were given a paper copy of it when your child joined the school. The agreement simply sets out the terms of our partnership with you to promote the welfare, achievement and development of your child. As we approach half term, it is important to review it with your child. Reference will be made to it when we hold our Parent Consultation evenings.

Home/School Agreement



Wishing you a good week ahead.  
Yours sincerely,  
Bindu Rai  
Principal



**DIARY DATES for the autumn term to help you plan ahead. You'll see from the dates there's plenty to look forward to. There will be some additions of workshops and class trips. However, a separate letter will be sent home.**

12/10/16	Year 2 Harvest Assembly – From Field to Fork
14/10/16	Parent Open Forum Coffee Morning 8.00am
14/10/16	Election for School Council and ECO Committee
19/10/16	Class 4A Black History Month Assembly
21/10/16	Class 5A Diwali Assembly (Gorvadhan Puja 31/10) (Sri Prabhupada disappearance day 3/11)
21/10/16	Break Up Half Term
07/11/16	Pupils Return
07/11/16	Deliver Harvest Food to Harrow Food Bank
08/11/16	Support Anti – Bullying and E-Safety Month Raising awareness
08/11/16	Year 6 visit Westminster Abbey
09/11/16	Class 6A Remembrance Assembly
11/11/16	2 minute Silence – Remembrance Sunday, Royal British Legion & Armistice Day
14/11/16	Sports Challenge Week commences
15/11/16	Announcement of new School Council Representatives Announcement of ECO Committee Announcement of Dream Jar Challenge Winners
16/11/16	Prospective Reception parents Talk and Tour of school 9.30 – 10.45am
16/11/16	Special visitor to talk about Remembrance
16/11/16	Reading Workshop Year 1 and Year 2 at 2.45pm – 3:30 pm
24/11/16	Science Week commences (mid –week)
30/11/16	Prospective Reception parents Talk and Tour of school 9.30 – 10.45am
30/11/16	Reading Workshop Reception at 2.45pm -3:30 pm
30/11/16	Celebration assembly about Science
07/12/16	Prospective Reception parents Talk and Tour of school 9.30 – 10.45am
13/12/16	Parent Consultation 1 evening
14/12/16	Parent Consultation 2 evening
16/12/16	Reception Nativity production for parents/ carers am
16/12/16	End of term
09/01/17	Pupils Return
09/01/17	No After School Clubs this week
10/01/17	RSBP Bird Watch month commences
16/01/17	After School Clubs commence
19/01/17	KAPSH Has Got Talent Show in the evening – details to follow

