

SJSC WEEKLY

Autumn term Issue 7: 22nd October 2021



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Dear Parents,

This week saw Year 6 visiting the Banksy exhibition, Year 5 enjoyed their Black History Month workshop and the artists started work on the stairwell murals.

Our children and staff have worked incredibly hard this half term and fantastic learning has been taking place each week. We are proud of them all and hope everyone has a great, well deserved, half term break.

Our newsletter this week focusses on the learning that has been taking place over the month of October to celebrate Black History Month.

We are looking forward to next half term when we will be hosting parents' evenings, our first SJSC Art Festival where parents are invited to tour the exhibition spaces and shop in the market place, and (dare we mention it in October) the build up to Christmas events.

Looking forward to seeing all again on the 1st November.

Have a great week.

Alli Crank and Joseph Bell

SJSC Diary

November

1st -5th Nov – Year 6 PGL

9th Nov – School Photos

9th Nov - Parents Evening (virtual)

15th -19th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week – Theme: One Kind Word

15th Nov – Odd Socks Day 2021 – wear your odd socks for Anti-bullying week

17th Nov – Parents Evening (virtual)

17th & 18th Nov – SJSC Art Festival

December

10th Dec – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

17th Dec – Last day of Autumn Term

January

4th Jan – School closed – Jubilee Extra Bank Holiday

5th Jan- Staff Training Day

6th Jan- – First day of the Spring Term

Learning this week...



Reception marked the final day of Black History Month on Thursday by watching 'Anansi the Spider' via The Unicorn Theatre's online digital theatre performance. It was created within the context of the Black Lives Matter movement and explored Anansi's world and the book 'Anansi the Spider' that the children have been fully immersing themselves in via a range of different Literacy activities this half-term. All the children were encouraged to reflect on the importance of these stories as part of our shared culture and history.

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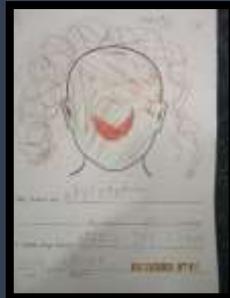
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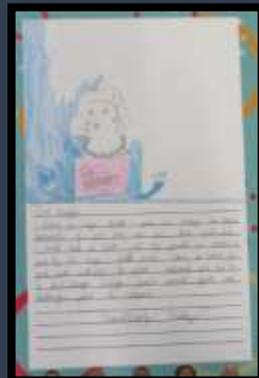


In **Year 1**, we have been learning about the artists Sonia Boyce and Chris Ofili. We looked at, and discussed examples of the artwork they have each created. We then used some of Chris Ofili's pieces as inspiration to produce our own paintings. We have been learning about the paintings of Sonia Boyce and considering their meaning. We labelled with adjectives and wrote what we thought the painting might be about and our own reflections. In art, we were inspired by the artists to make our own pieces. We read the books 'I Love My Hair' and 'Cool Cuts' then created our own hair styles using collage materials. We also wrote what is special about our hair. What a busy end to the term!



Throughout October, **Year 2** have been learning about the stories of Anansi the Spider. First, we hopped in a boat and travelled to Ghana to listen to the story of Anansi and Brother Snake. Then, we sailed to the Caribbean and watched performances of more Anansi stories before travelling back to the UK to share what we had learned and to retell our favourite Anansi stories.

Alongside our learning on Anansi the Spider, in order to celebrate Black History Month, we have also been learning about and celebrating some influential black people from both the UK and other countries in the past and present.



For Black History Month, **Year 3** have been reflecting on our hopes, dreams and fears. We have discussed how conquering our fears and accepting we all have different fears supports the building of resilience, more understanding, and the world a better place. We looked at people who have faced their fears and inspired us. One of our focus people was Ruby Bridges. We thought about the fears that she and her family must have faced and the bravery they showed, which has left a legacy to this day. We wrote to Ruby to express our gratitude. Here are some of our letters.

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As part of Black History Month, **Year 4** have been exploring 'The Undeclared' which is a beautiful poem written by Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson.

Kwame writes that this poem is an ode to "the dreamers and the doers" and we listened to his powerful reading as a class and considered the impact of long pauses in his delivery.

Over the course of several weeks, we have discussed our personal impressions of the poem whilst deepening our knowledge of black history. We've looked closely at the meaning and impact of specific words and images chosen by the poets.



In **year 5**, we read about two black women who had been hidden from the history books: Bessie Coleman, a woman who became a pilot despite a difficult start in life and Madam C.J. Walker, a lady who became a millionaire by setting up a cosmetic company. We celebrated their successes and found inspiration in their determination and resilience.



Throughout October, **Year 6** have been learning about significant black historical figures. Through our learning, we have explored the lives of those who have shaped our local community, as well as the global community.

We have had visits from The New Creative Performing Arts company and participated in drama which celebrated the lives of black individuals who made history in politics and popular culture.

We have also been creating posters as part of our home learning which have helped our classes learn about significant individuals from Black History.

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Inspired by the text 'The Undefeated' some children in year 4 have written their own poem...

This is for the **unafraid**,
The three lions,
Who put themselves forward,
And never gave in,
Standing together against racism.



This is for the **unforgettable**,
Who tried their best,
No matter what,
Competing world wide,
Five rings every four years,
Dashing to victory,
And never stopping,
In the face of adversity.



This is for the **unstoppable**,
Who unlocked the doors of freedom,
Helping soldiers in battles,
Bringing on change,
Through peaceful protest,
The ones who gave up their dreams,
for something better.



This is for the **unexpected**,
Who shared their feelings,
And wrote their words down for all to hear,
Bringing poetry and positivity,
Information and imagination,
Teaching us about our world.



This is for the **undeniable**,
The ones who are *no longer afraid*,
The ones who sang,
And created communities for all,
Dancing, drum beats and happiness,
From Croydon to Notting Hill.



Now we're in a **better place**,

This is for the **undefeated**,
As we march together.
Shoulder to shoulder
Because *Black. Lives. Matter*
This is for You
and You and You.
This is for



Us.



1. Marcus Rashford, Jadon Sancho, Bukayo Saka. 2. Dina Asher-Smith, Sir Mo Farah, Dame Kelly Holmes, Nicola Adams, Katarina Johnson-Thompson. 3. Walter Tull, Mary Seacole, Paul Stephenson. 4. Malorie Blackman, Benjamin Zephaniah, Sir Trevor McDonald. 5. Stormzy, Claudia Jones.