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To the Families of All Pupils

Dear Families

Black History Month October 2018

We are delighted to confirm below details of our Black History month celebrations which will run up until half term.

We started with a launch assembly today to pupils in Reception to Year 6 to explain about the importance of Black History month and to let the pupils know the activities we have arranged.

During the next three weeks, pupils across the school will be participating in the following:

<i>Week 1</i>	<i>Week 2</i>	<i>Week 3</i>
Nursery and Reception		
Read with children, "Handa's Surprise". Create an African necklace.	Make a dove of peace.	To create bunting with the children's handprints on, in the colours of the African flag.
Year 1		
Create a Kente Quilt.	IROKO assembly performance – 9 th October.	Martin Luther King – I have a dream booklet.
Year 2		
Black inventors – fun questioning activity to start. Then children to create their own invention.	IROKO assembly performance – 9 th October.	Artwork inspired by Alma Woodsey.
Year 3		
Listen to the music of Ella Fitzgerald, learn and perform one of her songs. Children to perform this is happy too in last day assembly.	IROKO workshop Drumming and African dance – 9 th October.	Create factual posters about America's first black....

Year 4		
Maya Angelou – create a performance of one of her poems e.g The Caged Bird Sings. Children to pick a verse of their favourite poem, write it out and decorate it.	IROKO workshop Drumming and African dance – 9 th October.	Learn about Nelson Mandela and what he fought for – Nelson Mandela Long Walk to Freedom Pick and design your favourite Nelson Mandela quote.
Year 5		
Underground railway.	IROKO workshop Drumming and African dance – 9 th October.	Martin Luther King – create the American flag from children’s hopes and dreams.
Year 6		
Celebrate the win of Barack Obama – why was it such a big thing? Create an INSPIRE poster	IROKO workshop Drumming and African dance – 9 th October.	Look at media at the time. Create banners and placards and go on a civil rights march around the school.

Alongside the activities, we will also be using the following prayer:

“Thank you Lord for those who have brought light to world with their kindness and courage. Help us never to forget the past and those who have worked to make the lives of others better. Give us the strength that many black people had as they strived to make a difference in the world. Help us to keep their memory alive and to use the stories. Amen.”

We are really looking forward to the programme of events and activities and are sure they will provide cultural enrichment and enjoyment to our pupils.

Yours sincerely

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