



It's October! Which means it's Black History Month and we have begun celebrating around school with our very own Black History Week. Kicked off with a whole-school assembly where we looked at a range of influential black women (Mary Prince, Claudia Jones, Eniola Aluko), we are looking throughout the month at this year's theme: Celebrating Our Sisters!



Back in classrooms, children have been exploring this important occasion in more detail in their PSHE lessons, as part of our Being Me In My World topic, in which children are looking at themes such as identity and becoming global citizens. It has been great to see the beginnings of some wonderful pieces of writing and artwork on this topic! Watch this space for more Black History Month events and celebrations around school!

Read on for this week's news...

Chris Butler
Headteacher

Guess The Teacher!

Did you guess? Last week's teacher was **Miss Jolly**, our Year 6 teacher; English, PSHE and Educational Trips Co-ordinator; and Assistant Headteacher, who loves walks, Korfbal and dogs but is not the biggest fan of birds! Here are this week's clues:



My Mum and Dad owned their own dance school when I was younger.

Except Year 3, I have taught in every year group from Reception to Year 6.

I have a secret stash of sweets which I always feed the teachers with at our weekly staff meetings!

Read next week's newsletter to see if you've guessed correctly!

Author of the Month

Back by popular demand, our Author of the Month October has been chosen by Mr Holt and is children's author and poet, **Joseph Coelho**, who features on our awesome mural of favourite authors in the school library!

Fitting with our Black History Month theme, Mr Holt chose this British author because he writes relatable and entertaining poetry for children of all ages and Mr Holt wanted to share the joy of poetry as well as story-telling this month! Joseph Coelho was elected Children's Laureate in 2022 and is inspirational to children because, despite thinking as a child that "writers were special people who existed elsewhere in far-off places", he pursued and achieved his ambition!

Head to our Open Library sessions from 3.20pm every Thursday to see Joseph Coelho's portrait on the wall, as well as view our previous Authors of The Month and nominate your favourite author for November!





Happy Harvest (and a BIG thank you!)

Last week, we welcomed all new parents of Girton Glebe to a Harvest Celebration in which each class performed harvest-themed songs and poetry before a whole-school performance of one of our all-time favourites: The Harvest Rock 'n' Roll. It was great to hear the whole school singing together once again (after a few technical issues!), showing gratitude for all that we have at this time of year.

Following the assembly, Year 6 packed up the school's foodbank donations and delivered these to St Andrew's Church. These will now be distributed to local foodbanks to help those in need. Thank you to everyone that joined us and for all of your generous donations!

Celebration Assembly

Celebration certificates are back! This week's assembly was jam-packed with certificates and great things to celebrate from around school: as well as our usual certificates to celebrate a range of core values (chosen by the children themselves), we also handed out a whole stack of Athletics certificates to children who have been working hard at home, AND our brand-new Reader of The Week certificates to two members of each class, too! Well done to everybody who was celebrated in assembly today. Here are each class's winners:

Maple: Eleanor & Joseph

Birch: Bella & Rex

Lime: Guy & Melina

Cherry: Liam & Shiri

Willow: Dorothy & Selim

Oak: Anna & Michael





It may be a little early to be thinking about your own Christmas just yet, but when it comes to helping others, it's always the right time!

This year, we are doing our bit to be global citizens by taking part in Operation Christmas Child to bring joy to children in need across the world! Taking part is really simple:

- Choose whether to create a box for a boy or girl, aged 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.
- Fill a standard-sized adult shoe box with goodies. You can find suggestions and exemptions here: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebbox/
- Donate £5 here: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/follow-your-box-donation/ to cover transport costs and track your box to see where in the world it ends up!
- Wrap or decorate the box to make it look festive, if you wish.
- Bring your finished box to school to be delivered to Operation Christmas Child by Friday 10th November.
- **Please note:** if you would like to make a donation but are not able to fill a box, individual items can be donated and will be used to fill additional boxes. Alternatively, monetary donations are always welcome. These can be made online.

Please collect a leaflet from your class teacher or visit the website for more information on how to create your shoebox: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ We look forward to seeing lots of festive boxes in school soon!

Black History Month Competition – Get Involved!

In an exciting mid-week assembly this week, we were joined in school by special guest, **Selena Scott**, who spoke about the creation of her new colouring book, Cambridge Black History, which can be bought at the Fitzwilliam Museum where she works. This book, which took two months to research and put together, features 12 Black figures from Cambridge past and present.

During this assembly, Selena launched an exciting colouring page competition at school, in which all children are invited to choose a person who they look up to and create their very own colouring page containing information about that person. The winning entries will be put into our own Girton Glebe colouring book for children to share. The closing date for entries is Friday 13th October, so get sketching; you don't have long to enter!

When asked in assembly, *“Who is your idol?”*, Selena replied: *“My Mum is my idol. She was the person that sparked my love of art and drawing - if it wasn't for her, I wouldn't be standing here today.”* Selena's Mum, Sandra, runs our afterschool Art Clubs, continuing to inspire young people to this day!

Christmas Fair – Change of Date

Please note the change of date for the FOGG Christmas Fair. **This will take place on Saturday 18th November.**



Sports Round-Up

A Wheely Good Time!



On Tuesday, we were super lucky to be visited by inline skating World Champion Danny Aldridge, who led skating workshops for Years 5 and 6 as well as performing lots of tricks and wowing the whole school by jumping over Miss Tweddle and Mrs Howlett in an end of the day assembly! Danny told the school about his fears as a child and how having the courage to try something new, and believing in himself, has made him a World Champion today.

In workshops all about resilience and having the courage to try new things, Upper Key Stage 2 donned their safety equipment, learnt the basics of skating and built their confidence in moving around the hall and playground before trying some tricks for themselves. The Year 6 children commented that this was *“a great lesson in perseverance and getting back up when you fall down!”* The children particularly enjoyed tag-on-skates, learning a range of stopping techniques, weaving through obstacles and attempting jumping whilst in motion.

Here’s what some of our children had to say after their workshop:

“I liked that everybody was having a really good time and laughing when they fell over!” - **Alex**

“I really enjoyed the morning; it was a lot of fun to be out of the classroom and doing something enjoyable!” - **Jasmine**

Swim for free in October Half-Term!

Throughout October Half-Term, LA Academy are giving away nearly 200 swimming lessons for free around Cambridge (in Waterbeach, at The Cambridge Country Club, and The Cambridge Belfry).

This offer is applicable to any children aged 4 years and over who are new to the LA Academy. The offer runs from 23rd - 27th October.

For more information, please call 01223 650 348.





House Points

This week's House of The Week are **Green House!** A huge well done to **Green House** for earning the most Dojos in and out of class this week! You should feel very proud of yourselves!



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182



159



149



Upcoming Dates

19th October, 13:30 - 15:00

Open Afternoon

20th October

Last Day of Term

23rd - 27th October

Half Term

30th October

Term starts

2nd November, 15:30 - 17:30

Parents' Evening

6th November

Flu Jabs

7th November, 15:30 - 19:00

Parents' Evening

9th November, 09:00

Oak Class Assembly

12th November

FOGG Sunday Afternoon Film

13th - 17th November

Anti-Bullying week

14th November, 13:30 - 15:00

Open Afternoon

17th November

Children in Need Day

18th November, 14:00 - 16:00

FOGG Christmas Fair

23rd November, 09.00

Cherry Class Assembly

24th November

Inset Day

5th December, 14:00

KS1 Production

7th December, 09:00

KS1 Production

11th December

Christmas Church visit

14th December, 09:00

Ash Class Nativity

18th December, 18:00

Christmas Carol Concert

19th December

Last Day of Term