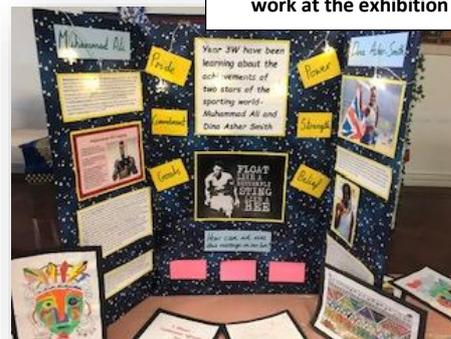


A busy hall during the Black History Month Exhibition



A Class share their BHM work at the exhibition



Weekly Newsletter
25th November 2019

Headteacher's News

The **Black History Month Exhibition** on Friday was a great way to end the week and to bring a finale to the ongoing work the children had undertaken across the month in celebration of diversity. As part of the event, our excellent **30-strong school choir** performed as they sung songs with African and Jamaican origins to an appreciative audience. As you can see from the pictures, we were joined on Friday by two **visiting African drummers and singers** who performed for those in attendance as well as leading drumming workshops for those inspired by their performance. Towards the end, children, parents and staff joined in a dance - Mr Ali was particularly enjoying this as you'll see from the photos! All of the classes showed off their work for the exhibition using a curved display backboard - some are captured on the next page. Their work on Black History covered many themes and personalities from across the world, including Muhammed Ali (the boxer), Esther Mahlangy (South African artist), Neil Tyson (scientist), Connie Mark (2nd World War veteran), Dina Asher-Smith (athlete), and Kehinde Wiley (US artist), amongst many others. **Delicious food** from around the world, particularly the Caribbean, was given out for free and the remainder of the Children In Need cakes were sold (taking the total raised for it to over £1,000). It was a fabulous event and for those not able to attend, hopefully the pictures below give a flavour of what went on.

St Mary's PFA Christmas Fair

Sat 7th Dec, 12-3pm



There is a **sign-up sheet for volunteers** pinned up on the door by the school office. If you can give any assistance to help set up, or to supervise a stall during the event itself, or perhaps to clear up after, please do come in and **put your name on the list**. All assistance greatly appreciated! Last year's Xmas fair raised nearly £4,00, but we need offers of help to ensure the event is as fantastic as last year's.

For anyone who can't get to reception to sign up, they can email us directly:

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Thank you,
PFA Chairs

The PFA Need your Cakes and Tombola Prizes (not raffle) for the Xmas Fair!!!

Please donate your cakes on the day before or on the day of the **Xmas Fair** for the **Cake Stall**, and also donate prizes for the **tombola** if you are able to. Thank you!

The Junior Panto at Hackney Empire

The older classes go to the theatre on Friday to enjoy the performance at the famous **Hackney Empire**. The children, many of whom may not have been in a theatre before, will have a wonderful time. So that we can do this again next year, if you have not paid the **contribution** yet please do so. Trips of this nature need to be financially viable and the costs need to be covered. Thank you.

Pictures from Friday's Black History Month Exhibition



School Nurse Drop-in 2nd Tuesday of every Month - 3pm to 4.30pm

The School Nurse will do the next of her monthly drop-ins to St Mary's on **Tuesday 10th December** from 3pm to 4.30pm. She is available to talk about any physical or mental health issues. Come to the office if you would like to meet with her, no appointment required.

Star of the Week



Congratulations to the following children who were awarded Star of the Week in assembly on Friday:

1 Attlee	Angus	1 Morris	Asher	1 Wilson	Freddie
2 Attlee	Molly	2 Morris	Sofia	2 Wilson	Amari
3 Attlee	Julia	3 Morris	Lottie	3 Wilson	Gideon
4 Attlee	Scott	4 Morris	Robert	4 Wilson	Beau
5 Attlee	Whole Class	5 Morris	Dante	5 Wilson	Ida
6 Attlee	Naya	6 Morris	Jada-Marie	6 Wilson	Rae

Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5% and last week we achieved 95.93%. No class achieved 100% attendance, but 5M came close with 95.93%, and although no class had everyone here on time, Wilson Houses were the early birds of the school with just one late mark in 2W, 3W and 5W. Attendance overall this year has been **96.59%**.

Reception Intake September 2020

Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 will need to apply this year between October and 15th January 2020 for admission in September 2020. We have a series of Open Days/Evenings as follows:

Monday 9th December at 6pm
Monday 13th January 2020 at 10am.

Please share with any interested parties.

Flu Vaccination

Flu vaccinations take place this week on Wednesday. It is not too late to return your form if you have not yet done so, and spares are available at the office if you require one.

Parent Workshops

During the course of the year we will be running a series of Parent Workshops on a number of subjects that parents may find useful. The workshop will begin at 3.45 and will last between 30 minutes and an hour. There will be a crèche for your child, should you wish to attend.

Tuesday 26 th November	EYFS Phonics, Reading and Homework
Tuesday 3 rd December	Homework
Tuesday 10 th December	Christmas Stories
Tuesday 14 th January	Fabulous Phonics
Tuesday 21 st January	Magic Maths
Tuesday 28 th January	Calculation Workshop
Tuesday 4 th February	Free Online Learning
Tuesday 11 th February	Science
Tuesday 3 rd March	Gifted and Talented
Tuesday 10 th March	History Projects
Tuesday 17 th March	Handsome Handwriting
Tuesday 24 rd March	RE Curriculum
Tuesday 28 th April	Sharing Age Related Expectations
Tuesday 12 th May	Writing
Tuesday 19 th May	Developing Your Child's Creativity
Tuesday 2 nd June	SRE Workshop
Tuesday 9 th June	Creative Curriculum
Tuesday 16 th June	SEND (By Invitation only)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Values and Growth Mindset

Dates for your Diary

<i>Wednesday 27th November</i>	<i>Flu Vaccination in school – Years R to Year 6</i>
<i>Thursday 28th November</i>	<i>Class Assembly 5 Wilson at 9.00am</i>
<i>Friday 29th November</i>	<i>KS2 Panto at Hackney Empire</i>
<i>Saturday 7th December, 12-3pm</i>	<i>PFA Christmas Fair</i>
<i>Monday 9th December</i>	<i>Reception 2020 Open Day at 6pm</i>
<i>Monday 16th December</i>	<i>9.30am – Morris Houses in Church for nativity 2pm – Attlee Houses in Church for nativity</i>
<i>Tuesday 17th December</i>	<i>9.30am – Wilson Houses in Church for nativity</i>

Our term dates follow on the last page of this newsletter. Please be aware that the early May Bank Holiday has changed, and has not been particularly well publicised. The Bank Holiday is no longer [Monday 4th May](#) and has been changed to [Friday 8th May](#).

Useful Contacts

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Nursery: stmarysnursery.net

Church: www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk

General Data Protection Act (GDPR)

The new GDPR is now in force. The Data Protection Officer (DPO) is responsible for overseeing this policy and developing data-related policies and guidelines. Please contact the DPO with any questions about the operation of this policy or the GDPR or if you have any concerns that this policy is not being or has not been followed.

The DPO's contact details are as follows:

Data Protection Officer: Craig Stilwell, **Address:** Judicium Consulting Ltd, 72 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AE

Email: dataservices@judicium

Dates for 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019

Half Term: Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October 2019

Second half (40 days)

Start - Monday 28th October

End – Friday 20th December

Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020

Spring Term 2020

First half (29 days)

INSET - Monday 6th January 2020

Start – Tuesday 7th January 2020

End – Friday 14th February 2020

Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2020

Second Half (30 days)

Start – Monday 24th February 2020

End – Friday 3d April 2020

Easter Holiday Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020

Summer Term 2020

First Half (24 days)

Start - Monday 20 April 2020

End Friday 22nd May

Bank Holidays Friday 8th May and Monday 25th May (during half term)

Half Term: Tuesday 26 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020

NB: THE EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY HAS CHANGED FROM MONDAY 4TH TO FRIDAY 8TH MAY

Second Half (35days)

Start – Monday 1st June

Finish Friday 17th July

This calendar gives a total of 195 days. Four Inset Days and one further day made up by staff from Twilight sessions gives 190 school days.