

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## George Tomlinson News

### *Dear Parents and Carers,*

We've had a wonderful week at GT!

This week I've been holding year group assemblies and it has been so lovely to be able to see and talk to the children in groups! I've missed celebrating our star of the week assemblies and it was great to feel we'd connected again.

This week I met with Y2,3,4,6 and we discussed Black history in Britain from the black soldiers who fought for the Roman Empire whilst conquering England and Wales; the important roles black men and women held in Tudor courts; the role of many Black men who became translators in the 1700s to help with trade deals; the crucial role black men and women played in both World Wars and how the Windrush generation helped to rebuild Britain and shape its culture in the 60s.

We learnt about John Archer who became the first Black Mayor of London in 1913, and Walter Tutt, the first Black Officer in the British Army. We also talked about the Black Lives Matter movement and children had time for discussion with one another. We focussed on how to be an ally and how to be an activist. Children asked some fantastic questions throughout and gave thoughtful responses to difficult questions.

My highlight was listening to steel pan music from the Caribbean-I still have the music going round my head now! Wouldn't having a GT steel pan band be incredible!

Around the school we have seen children learning about black culture, art and history through their science, English, art, music and PBL. We've also had a visit from Education Group this week who brought African Drumming to GT! The children enjoyed trying out various rhythms and beats in their year groups.

We still have plenty more visitors to come over the next two weeks including a jazz and blues singer, a hip hop poet and a very special photography exhibition depicting tribes from Eritrea in the 1950s.

This week I enjoyed reading to our Nursery pupils. They were amazingly attentive and sat beautifully, it was a real pleasure being with them and the staff.

#### Educate:

This week I've been finishing off my book by Reni Eddo-Lodge and have read 'We should all be Feminists' by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

#### Celebrate:

Dame Sharon White, the current Chairman of the John Lewis Partnership who was born in Leyton and went to Connaught School just around the corner from us! Thanks to Sharon Ellis for this tip!



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Have a wonderful weekend with your families!

Best wishes,

Verity

## *Attendance*

1st, Y3CA & Y4W, 100.0%

2nd, Y5G, 98.8%

3rd, Y6P, 98.3%

No late marks, Y1P, Y3B, Y3CA, Y5M, Y6M

## *Weekly Events*

For safety reasons, our usual weekly events are all cancelled until further notice.

## *Upcoming dates*

### **Monday**

- Black History Month
- African Arts Collector Video

### **Thursday**

Randolph Matthews Blues and Jazz Singer



## Open New Player Trials

Saturday 31 October 2020

Girls only - Ages 7 to 14



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White gates behind Sainsburys Low Hall (off Crooked Billet, A406)  
Free parking on Sainsburys

AFC Leyton is a registered charity offering subsidised football services to women and girls only.

- **New player trials**
- 31 October 2020
- 1145am to 130pm

We have been operating Covid secure procedures since June 2020



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For yours and others safety, please ensure you are wearing your mask when picking up and dropping off your children. There should be only one parent or carer entering the school for pickup.

Thank you for your support.



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT GT 2020

Iroko Theatre Company – dance, storytelling, drumming 2.10.20

Education Group African Drumming 7.10.20

African Arts Collector Video-Leah Boden w/c 12.10.20

Randolph Matthews Blues & Jazz singer 15.10.20

Silas Zephaniah Hip Hop Poet 20.10.20

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New diverse selection of books for class book corners

Subscriptions to Cocoa Boy and Cocoa Girl for Y3, 4 and library  
monthly

'Booklookers' school magazine BHM Special edition

Caribbean cookery session

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