



# HANDSWORTH NEWS

**BRANCHING OUT, GROWING TALL  
HAND IN HAND, ONE AND ALL**



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends.

What a busy week we have had! Some of our Year 6 children took part in Bikeability training. They gained practical skills and an understanding of how to cycle on today's roads. The children had fun and developed their confidence for all kinds of cycling.

A reminder that we are very keen to hear from any parents/ carers or family members who would like to contribute to the learning during Black History Month. Our teachers are delivering lessons but it would be fantastic to involve the community too. Please see the last page of this newsletter for more information.

You will be aware that we have our individual school photos next week. We have been looking to see how we will be able to have photographs of sibling groups at the same time. We are not confident that we can have photographs of siblings and follow our risk assessment at this time. Therefore, only individual photographs will be taken on Wednesday. We have been in communication with the photographers and we are hoping that later in the year they will be able to return to take photos of the children with their siblings. I appreciate this is unfortunate but as always the health and safety of our children comes first.

I wish you all a lovely weekend!

Mrs Nairne



# Lunchtime at Handsworth!

Our children are enjoying their lunchtimes, we are ensuring they have activities and equipment available for them to play with.



# Super Cycling Year 6!



We thought you might like to see the scarecrow Nursery made to protect the wildflower seeds they planted!



Fantastic teamwork Nursery!



# International Day

Friday 23rd October

We will be celebrating International Day on **Friday 23rd October**. It will be slightly different from previous years as we will not be able to meet together for a whole school celebration. Each year group will be learning something about the geography, culture and customs of a different country. International day is also an opportunity to celebrate the cultures which are found in our own community and we encourage children to come to school dressed in either clothing that celebrates their **own** cultural heritage.

When thinking about what our children wear on International Day it can be useful to consider the difference between **Cultural Appropriation** and **Cultural Appreciation**. Very simply, cultural appropriation is the adoption of specific elements of one culture by a different cultural group. Cultural appropriation is a problem because it often involves members of a dominant group exploiting the culture of other groups for their own gain, typically with little understanding of the history, culture and customs associated with it. Often, we cross the line into Cultural Appropriation when we perform aspects of a culture that is not our own. This might be 'looking like' or 'sounding like' aspects of the culture. It might also involve acting out elements of culture without respect to the origins of those actions. We want to respect all members of our community and those outside our community. When planning an International Day outfit consider that wearing clothing from a cultural group you do not belong to would like fall under appropriation.

An alternative to cultural dress is to wear clothing in the colours of the flag of the country the year group is learning about.

Keep an eye on the class pages next week to find out which country each year group will be learning about.

# POETRY SLAM



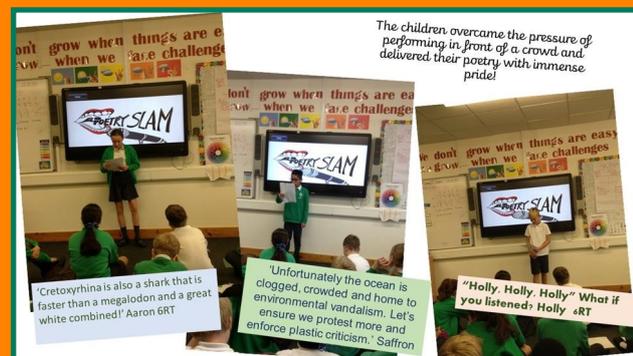
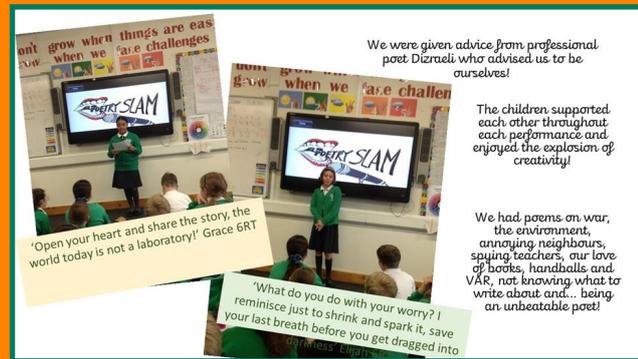
Year 6



Competition



This week we took part in a poetry performance competition. Look out for the children's favourite lines!



Next week we begin a series of lessons across the school learning about important figures and events in Black British history. Please make sure to ask your children about what they have learnt.

We would still love to share stories from our community with the children during Black History Month. If you (this includes Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles and friends) would like to record yourself either reading or telling a story, reciting a poem or sharing pictures we would be thrilled to include them in our BHM celebrations.

Please send any contributions though to [school@handsworth.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:school@handsworth.waltham.sch.uk). The easiest way for us to receive them is for you to upload them to some form of cloud storage (Dropbox, google drive, OneDrive) and email us the link. If you would like some help sending the video please call the school office.

