



Monday 3rd October 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Re: Black History Month October 2022

Happy Black History Month.

This month is Black History Month. Whilst we reflect upon this month and consider the challenges, injustices and tragedies that communities have felt or may still be feeling, this is also a time to celebrate and acknowledge black history, heritage and culture. This academic term will include assemblies and other opportunities to explore the iconic figures and forgotten or less known figures that have contributed so much to both world and British history.

We are a proud diverse and inclusive community here at The Heathland School. Our Pastoral provision, PSHE programme and the academic curriculum aims to cover a broad range and depth of communities around the world. It is important that children understand themselves and those around them. We respect all members of our community. We continue to speak with our young people through assemblies, form time and the subject curriculum about black history.

However, we would also love to see families acknowledging, learning and celebrating this month at home too. This could be through reading or researching about Britain's black history, listening to your favourite black musicians and artists, celebrating sports men and women or other important and inspirational figures as well as attending free events around London. We have included a few suggestions to get you started. Please take the time to explore the information and links below and we hope this inspires you to join us in celebrating Black History Month this year where possible.

The Famous Blue Plaques

London's famous blue plaques link the people of the past with the buildings of the present. Why not celebrate London's black history by going on a quest to visit the plaques, and learn more about the pioneering black figures whose achievements are celebrated with blue plaques? You can find more information here.

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/blue-plaques/blue-plaque-stories/londons-black-history/>

The Museum of London Docklands

The museum has many free exhibitions related to London's history. It has a permanent gallery, London, Sugar & Slavery, in which you can discover how the trade in enslaved Africans and sugar shaped London. Check their website to see what's on, as well as to explore their free online resources.

<https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london/london-black-history>

Royal Air Force (RAF) Museum

This is available between 25th October to 27th October 2022. Visitors can discover the lives of two pioneering Black Royal Air Force volunteers who served during WW2.

<https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/london/whats-going-on/events/black-history-month-at-the-raf-museum/>



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Storytime with Tyan Jones

This event maybe enjoyed by families with younger siblings. This will take place on Sunday 6th November 2022 at 11am and 12.30pm at Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery. Tickets are available (but may be limited as they are on a first come, first served basis) via Eventbrite and are free.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-sunday-black-history-month-tickets-414596728977?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Horniman Museum

Nigeria60: 60 Years of Independence contains the Horniman's collection from 1960s Nigeria and objects collected by designer and artist Alafuro Sikoki-Coleman from the same period

<https://www.horniman.ac.uk/whats-on/>

We recognise those who have shaped and defined what we know and understand of our society today and this month is for all of us. We will consider the impact that we can continue to have in improving and learning about our own and the wider community.

Yours sincerely,



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