Thursday 12th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Black History Month 2023**

Black History Month is celebrated in the UK during the month of October every year. It is an opportunity for everyone to learn about significant Black and Mixed Heritage people and their contributions to Britain and worldwide.

The theme of this year’s UK Black History month is ‘Celebrating Our Sisters’. The aim of this theme is to learn about Black and Mixed Heritage British women who have shaped history.

We would like you to pick someone from the list below (or someone else you may know) and research their achievements and accomplishments. You may present your findings in a poster ready to be displayed in our ‘Black History Month Gallery’ in the hall on October 24th.

‘Celebrating our Sisters’ – 2023 theme

* **Ebony Rainford-Brent** – cricketer
* **Maggie Alphonsi** – rugby player
* **Nicola Adams** – professional boxer
* **Dina Asher-Smith** – professional athlete
* **Lauren James** – professional footballer
* **Jessica Ennis-Hill** – professional athlete
* **Diane Abbott** – politician
* **Baroness Floella Benjamin** – politician
* **Councillor Asher Craig** – Deputy Mayor of Bristol
* **Jen Reid** – Equal Rights Activist and author
* **Baroness Doreen Lawrence** – anti-violence activist
* **Mary Seacole** – wartime nurse
* **Dame Elizabeth Anionwu** – nurse
* **Dr Zoe Williams** – TV personality and doctor
* **Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock** – space scientist
* **Dr Anne-Marie Imafidon MBE** – mathematician
* **Mel B** – Spice Girls singer
* **Emeli Sande** – singer
* **Shirley Bassey** – singer
* **Leigh-Anne Pinnock and Jade Thirlwall** – Little Mix singers
* **Little Simz** – rapper
* **Leona Lewis** – singer
* **Sade Adu CBE** – singer
* **Isata Kanneh-Mason** – pianist
* **Judi Love** – comedian and broadcaster
* **Naomi Campbell** - model
* **Alison Hammond** – TV personality, presenter and author
* **Rochelle Humes** – singer and broadcaster
* **Alesha Dixon** – BGT judge and children’s author
* **Charlene White** – journalist and broadcaster
* **Lorraine Pascale** – chef, model and TV presenter
* **Yolanda Brown OBE** – saxophonist, author and children’s TV presenter
* **Malorie Blackman OBE** – children’s author
* **Laura Henry-Allain MBE** – children’s author
* **Lubaina Himid** – artist
* **Samantha Barks** – West End performer

A reminder also that we are inviting our Black families to share some of their family history with us. We would love to read about your story.

Regards,



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Principal