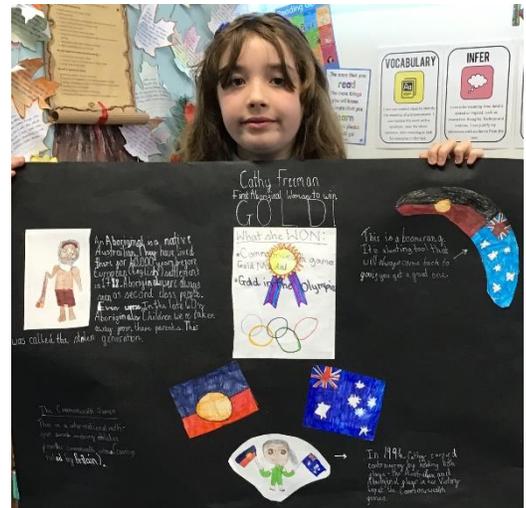




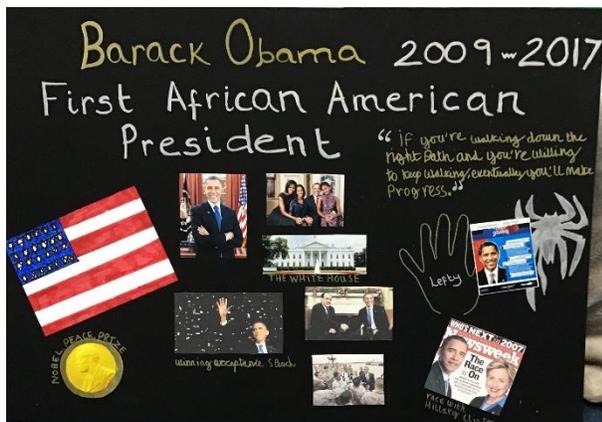
Newsletter 9
November 6th 2020

Dear Parents,

This has been an emotional and proud week in school – thanks to the amazing speeches on inspirational people as part of our Black History Month focus. The research and learning shared by pupils in their speeches has been thought provoking and sparked positive discussion on equality and achievement both past and present. Thank you for supporting your children in this work. It is not easy to stand up and speak on your chosen subject and they have truly risen to the challenge. Some of the speeches have brought tears to our eyes and shown that we have some budding public speakers.



The teachers have had the difficult task of picking two speeches to go forward to the finals which will be held next week. There will be two finals – Years 3&4; Years 5&6 – and will keep to their bubbles. Well done to all the children in taking part in this memorable event.



A selection of some of the posters that children used to accompany their speeches gives us a flavour of the diverse fields of achievement – pictured here Sofia (3A), Zack (3A) Daisy (3N), Annabelle (6J) and Cian English (6J – Barack Obama).



School Life during lockdown

There is little change to life under the new lockdown. We are constantly looking at the best way to adhere to Government guidelines and ensure everyone stays safe during the pandemic. School life has settled into a routine of bubbles. Many children and staff miss the interaction between year groups – but it is working well given the restrictions and children are able to enjoy a full curriculum. Our attendance is also very good.



Year 6 are continuing their weekly Orchestra sessions on a Thursday with Miss Patterson and they are a joy to listen to.



Our biggest anxiety is at drop off and pick up and for safety in and around the car park. There is no easy answer to this and I do ask that you stay patient and take care when driving or walking in the car park. Please be aware that we require parents to come into the playground to collect their child to ensure their safety.

Parents are encouraged to wear masks but it is not obligatory. However, we would ask you to wear a mask if you wish to speak to a member of staff.

Flu Inoculations

The school nurses administered flu inoculations on Thursday to all those who requested them. They will be returning on December 3rd for any children who missed out yesterday. Details on how to request this will be sent to those families who did not have them this time. As always, those who do not wish to have the vaccination will be noted.

Poppies

Once again you have shown your support for others with your purchasing of poppies and other items to mark Remembrance Day. This is not taking place in school this year but in the playground at the end of each day – this will continue next week before your contributions are sent to the Royal British Legion.

In school we have our Remembrance Tree and we are looking to develop our Remembrance Garden in the school grounds.



School Council and Sports Council

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected to the School Council and Sports Council. You will all play a vital role in putting forward ideas and representing all the children.

School Council

3N: Ronnie Sullivan, Libby Topping
3A: Sofia Gazza, Riley Gratton-Cobb

4J: Sky Ivory, Akain Fernando
4A: Nasri Davidson-Ali, Freya Rajendram

5M: Amaia Grant, Cavan Massey
5E: Joshua Dowie, Amelie Carberry

6J: Luke Fordyce, Emily Beer
6MLK: Chloe Dalton, Joshua Mensah-Roberts

Sports Council

3 Anning – Lorin White, Daniel Palone
3 Nightingale – Sophia Janes, Leo Sweeney

4 Jemison - Gabriella Olusanya-Artiles, Stanley Mohan-Woolnoth
4 Attenborough – Rosi-Mai Gimmi, Jude Glynn

5 Einstein - Angel John, Luke Daniels
5 Mandela - Maja Kelly, Beau Dolt

6 MLK - Enola Steeden, John Tompkins
6 Johnson - Martha Carey, Oliver Christie

First Holy Communions

Our congratulations to Rae, Lily, Rosi-Mai, Jude, Daniel, Poppy, Evie, Nasri and Liam who all made their First Holy Communions during half term. Belated congratulations also to Victoria T, Jack, Alexander and Herbie who were among the first to make their First Communion.

Sadly the lockdown means we will have to delay our special day in school when all the children come in dressed in their First Communion outfits. As soon as all the children have made their First Holy Communion we will set another date – so please keep your outfits for the occasion.

Children who have not taken their First Communion this year will be invited to come smartly dressed to be part of the celebrations. All children will then be able to change into their school uniform in order to keep their outfits pristine.

Merit Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been selected by their class teacher for being shining examples of our Mission Statement – *Growing together in love and learning as followers of Jesus*

3Anning	Lorin White	For a well prepared and well written speech which she presented clearly in front of the class.
3Nightingale	Daisy Jessop	For her amazing speech and preparation of pictures and other visuals that helped to present her ideas.
4Jemison	Tobi Schofield	For outstanding work in Cracking Comprehension and his times tables.
4Attenborough	Ellis Hawes	For showing an excellent attitude to learning – he always works hard and challenges himself – particularly with his speech this week.
5Mandela	Conor Gavin	For always being an excellent role model in his attitude to learning in class.
5Einstein	Mary Kayode	For making an excellent start to her time at St Cuthbert Mayne.
6Johnson	Annabelle Dickson	For her wonderful contributions in RE lessons and class discussions.
6Martin Luther King	Francesca Chua	For reaching her growth mindset goal and delivering an amazing speech to the class.

French Certificate: **Freya Rajendram** (4A) – for excellent participation and contribution in class.

Clubs

Please note that the Year 6 netball club continues on a Monday as will the APEX clubs throughout the week and the Maths Club for Year 3 on a Wednesday.

Open Evening – As we are not able to show prospective new pupils the school this year, Year 6 are working on a video presentation which will be available along with our Prospectus later this month. This will be available to all on the website.

Outdoor Learning Year 4

Next Wednesday, as part of our Science Habitat unit of work, Year 4 will be spending the day outside making bug hotels, investigating habitats, and exploring natural art.

Please could all Year 4 children therefore wear warm appropriate clothing that does not matter if it gets a little muddy! Please ensure that they have a waterproof coat, appropriate footwear (e.g., wellies), and hats/scarves/gloves. We do not expect them to wear their school uniform.

If it looks like the weather is going to be very unkind, we will look to postpone to a later date.

Thank You

The Harvest Festival collection raised an amazing £342.41. On behalf of DENs and the Hemel Food Bank thank you for your generosity and thought for others at this time of difficulty for all. The money has been split equally between the two local causes.

Best wishes for a safe and peaceful weekend

Mrs Smith
Headteacher