

Hannah More Primary School Newsletter

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Hello everyone

This has been a challenging term in many ways, but we have been delighted to see some excellent learning and inspiring creativity. I have been very proud of the way teachers and children have adapted to so many new guidelines. We have missed having parents in school, at assembly and at courses, but we are grateful for your ongoing support for all the new safety arrangements.

We said 'goodbye' to Mandi in our virtual assembly this morning. She came to Hannah More at short notice during a tricky time and made sure the office ran smoothly. A big THANK YOU to her for fitting in so quickly and so efficiently. We welcomed Emily as a new office administrator this week and we're pleased to have Sarah back at her desk as well!

We focused on Black History this week and there was some fascinating and thought-provoking learning. Check the class news and speak to children for more detail. Please take time to look at this video, made by elders from the Caribbean community in Bristol, in answer to some questions from our year 4 classes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kn0xPkgf96s&feature=youtu.be&safe=active>

Have a good break over half term, stay safe and look after yourselves. We will see everyone back at school on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

Best wishes,

Sue Ramsay, Headteacher.

Such a kind gesture from parents today - a great big delivery of delicious home-cooked food as a thank you to the staff. We're a fortunate team here at Hannah More!

Beautiful art work in Year 5!



- Year 1:** Asia-Lee and Hamza
- Year 2:** Juelz and Saami
- Year 3:** Yasmin and Salma
- Year 4:** Dominic and Alex
- Year 5:** Siham and Rahaf
- Year 6:** Daisy and Zakeriye

Reception

This week we read stories from countries around the world. We read a Nigerian story and decided to make some African masks. We also practised blending sounds to make words using our robot arms and we have found out about number 3.

Over half term, log on to Tapestry to watch our phonics and maths videos.

Year 1

This week we learnt about Rosa Parks and why she was important. We used drama to tell the story and role modelled the protest that led to change. We independently wrote banners which said 'It's not fair' and 'Black Lives Matter'. We are extremely excited for our fabulous fancy day today! You can help by having a really good rest over the half term. Practise writing by asking your child to write your shopping list and to create their own stories. Also - please practise tricky words!

We have been busy performing our play. We have been very excited all week to showcase the hard work that has gone into our performance. We hope you enjoy it! This week we also learnt about famous sports individuals and how they overcame challenges as part of our Black History Week learning. Please recap phonics knowledge up to phase 5! It would be great if you could continue reading with your child at home every day.

This week we learnt about why people migrated from the Caribbean on the Windrush. The children found out about the Seven Saints of St Pauls and what impact these people have on Bristol today. We finished the week by making carnival inspired masks. We also did our first practice SATS tests this week and teachers are really proud of how well we all did! **At home, please practise written multiplication and addition.**

This week we learnt about Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela and why they are important. We looked at the Civil Rights movement and wrote our own 'I have a dream' speeches, based on what we would like to see in a better future. As writers we wrote instructions for our twin class on how to make a shadow puppet. **Over the holidays please practise the 2, 5, 3 and 4 times tables - this is what we will be moving onto next term in maths. Encourage your child to read every day and ask questions about the book.**

Year 4

We have done some brilliant home learning this week! We wrote poems as authors, subtracted with exchanges as mathematicians and researched some influential black people both in history and in present day. We even had the chance to send questions to some Caribbean elders living in Bristol, about what their life has been like. Support your child's learning by reading with your child and encouraging them to practise times-tables.

Year 2

We have focused on Black History this week, learning about why and how slavery happened. The children were able to listen and discuss it maturely and have produced some lovely, thoughtful work. As writers we wrote reports about Edward Colston, to decide whether or not he should be remembered as a hero. **Please practise words from your spelling list.**

Year 5



