



The Hayfield Herald

Black History Month

As the impact of Covid in schools continues to make headlines with the latest that Kettering is 3 times higher than the national average we are just focusing on school and making sure the children have the best education possible. Although we are taking many measures the school feels 'normal' and it is an absolute pleasure visiting the classes and seeing the children all through the school. We are really looking forward to returning to collective worship together as soon as we can, especially our celebration assembly on Fridays. Fingers crossed we can do this after half term!

On Thursday we celebrated Black History Month with different activities across the school and our class reflection time thinking about equality and role models from the black community past and present. In Key Stage 2 they looked at Bayard Rustin who was an American leader for civil rights, socialism, non-violence and gay rights in the 1940's (quite remarkable for that time in America). The children created some amazing writing about Bayard and the teachers were so impressed with their thoughtfulness and empathy. In Key Stage 1 they looked at some prominent black figures from history including Rosa Parks. The children were interested in her story and thought she was extremely brave. It is so important that the children learn about equality and it is wonderful that they have some fantastic young role models such as Marcus Rashford that they can relate to.

Year 6 have been absolutely amazing this week. They have been doing mock SATs to start getting them prepared for their end of primary school tests in May. Not only have they done really well but they have shown immense determination and hard work in challenging themselves. SATs are a very controversial thing in schools and whilst we would prefer not to have them we want to make sure the children are ready and confident to smash them when the time comes. Great job Year 6!

Although we were not able to have our Sports Day with parents as planned the children have been having their own special sports afternoons with their partner classes and phases outside. They have been doing a whole range of sports and challenges and great fun had by all!

In Year 4 they have had a very exciting week researching the Roman's in their History work. They found out all about Roman legionaries and made their own galea (Roman helmets) which they shaded carefully to make them look like iron. The next day they wore their helmets and formed up into legions on the playground and practiced drills and some of the formations they had been learning about.

If you have been on the playground this week you will have seen that we have builders around the Year 4 and 5 classrooms. Last year we had a canopy installed across Year 3 as an outdoor learning space. This has been such a brilliant addition (plus has the added bonus of keeping the classrooms cool when we have hot weather) we have decided to add an extra canopy for Year 4 and 5 as well. These are going to house our outside table tennis tables and also provide an outside space for the children to work in during lessons.

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*Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid.
The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go³ (Joshua 1:9)*

Joy - Integrity - Fellowship