

Garden Fields School Newsletter

Curriculum Newsletter
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Growing Hearts and Minds

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Half Term Round Up

It's only one half term in to the school year but we have had plenty to keep us busy and quite a few special moments to report back to you, particularly over the past fortnight.

In this special 'curriculum newsletter' you can read about our special whole school art project to commemorate Black History Month (pages 3-4) our Wear Pink or Green for MacMillan Day which we had today and our table tennis success this week as we come to the end of the half term.

PTA Pumpkin Competition

Today we had our Pumpkin Competition.

The results of the competition are based upon the number of pumpkins sent in by each year group and each house will score the same number of house points as the numbers of pumpkins they brought in.

The results were as follows:

Harpenden 45

Batchwood 45

Waverley 33

Townsend 66



Many thanks to the PTA for organising—we are also looking forward to their Pumpkin Festival tonight!

Wear Pink and Green Day for Breast Cancer Now and MacMillan



Today was wear pink for breast cancer awareness day which was of course highly pertinent to us this year with Miss Watson currently away from school and being treated for the condition.

We had a special virtual assembly as well to mark the occasion and Miss Watson herself recorded a special video message about it.

We combined the awareness day with information about MacMillan and their nurses who do so much to support people with cancer.

The money raised will be split between the Breast Cancer Now and MacMillan charities.

Thanks to all of you who have donated money, as of writing this we have raised over £1000!

If you haven't then you can still donate via the school gateway.

If you would like to follow how Miss Watson is getting on then you can follow her blog which she is happy for me to share with you.

You can see it at:

<https://listenhealgrow.wixsite.com/>

We continue to wish Miss Watson all of the best as she continues her treatment.



Black History Month Art Week

Our art subject leader Miss Gurney organised a Black History Art Week for this final week of the half term. She organised it as an opportunity to explore the works of some leading black artists and use them as inspiration to learn new techniques and artistic styles.

You will be able to access your own year group's art via our new art blog at:

<https://gfsart.wordpress.com/>

I have put a few examples below and on the next pages. Year 4 were inspired by Veronica Ryan who has created marble and bronze sculptures of custard, apple, breadfruit and soursop which can be seen in Hackney Central.

Inspired by her work, Y4 made their own food sculptures based upon their **own 'cultures'**. Using clay **Riccardo made an Italian pastry called a Cannoli** whilst Teah made Ethiopian curry, an Ethiopian hot chocolate and some bread. Harry made a roast chicken with all the trimmings!

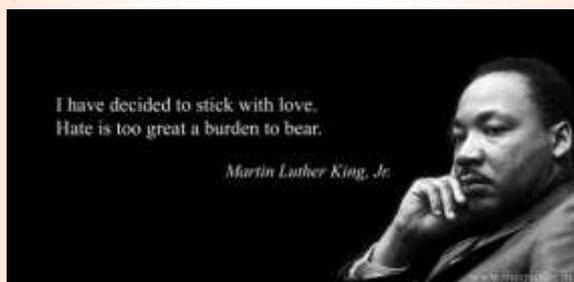


Year 1 below made masks inspired by pictures from the Notting Hill Carnival.





Y6 have learnt printing techniques inspired by the artist Yinka Shonibare CBE, who designed the fabulous wind sculpture in Westminster. On this page we have some great **'block printing'** by Zachary and Elion



In assemblies each week we have been looking at a range of inspirational people from all walks of life: black scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs, dancers and singers.

On Monday, Garden Fields parent Mr Duncan joined me for one of our virtual assemblies and talk to us about his childhood growing up in South London in the 1980s, including his influences and heroes.

Thank you Mr Duncan for your time!

Harvest Collection



Many thanks for everyone's donations to our harvest collection on Monday. We had a very impressive amount to donate to the St Albans Foodbank.

It was also nice to see ex Garden Fields parent Andy Taylor turning up to collect our food to take to the Foodbank!

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Table Tennis Success!

Congratulations to our girls team who finished an impressive second in their pool at the St Albans and District table tennis tournament and many congratulations to our boys team who were overall winners in the boys section of the tournament. More information and pictures will follow after half term!

Have a great half term everyone!

We'll see you back on Monday 1st November