

Newsletter



Dear parent,

The weather has turned dark and gloomy, though I hope you will be uplifted to see some of the wonderful work the girls have done over the last few weeks. As we have not been able to welcome you in our building, we're bringing the school to you! There are also more general notices at the end of this newsletter.

Year 1 have had a lot of fun making a real mess with autumnal colours!



In Mandarin, the girls have also produced some beautiful 'Sun' mosaics inspired by Alma Woodsey Thomas. Alma Woodsey Thomas was the first African American woman to have a solo exhibition at New York's Whitney Museum of American Art, and she exhibited her paintings at the White House three times.

Girls now know how to say 'sun' and many colours in Mandarin.

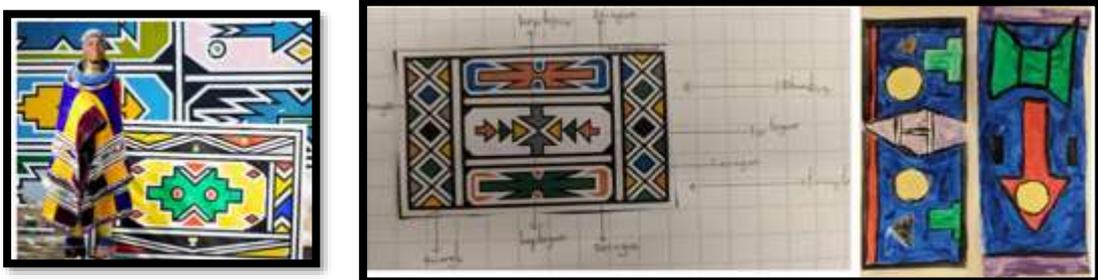


Year 2 have been exploring shapes in maths, blending in art and pollination in science. Their artwork is now adorning the walls of the Year 2 area and has been the subject of much admiration since it was put up two days ago!



After learning about why we celebrate Black History Month, **Year 3** wondered *how* we celebrate. The pupils discussed learning about black history and culture is an exciting and important way to celebrate this special month *now and beyond October*.

As part of their learning, the girls explored the work of South African artist Mahlangu. The girls were amazed to discover that her vibrant pieces connected to their mathematical thinking about polygons. Year 3 explored her art as mathematicians and were inspired to create their own Esther Mahlangu-inspired bookmarks.



Inspired by Black History Month and the wider discussion on inclusion, **Year 4** have produced thoughtful work, including songs and artwork.

Six budding *Britain's Got Talent* contestants created the following song to celebrate diversity.

Those thoughtful Year 4 girls included: Bella, Hailo, Constancia, Thea, Aksharaa and Danae.

Hey, racism is wrong,
Racism is horrible!
Hey, racism is wrong,
Racism is horrible!

You should never judge a book by its cover
You should never judge a person by their skin
tone
It's not fair for the people
Because we're all equal

Hey, racism is wrong,
It's been too long!
Hey, racism is wrong,
It's been too long!

Let's show the people that we care
Don't stand there like invisible air

Hey, racism is wrong,
Racism is horrible!



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It's not fair!

Year 5 have explored the achievements of inspirational black people in their PSHCE and history lessons. In art, they created watercolour paintings that represent their great achievements. Year 6 explored artists from the Harlem Renaissance and created work inspired by Charles Alston and Aaron Douglas.



Year 6

As part of their work on 3D shape, the girls in Year 6 have been exploring different nets. They then used their STEAM skills to build some beautiful models of dodecahedra. Now, they form a wonderful cascade on the wall in the 6T classroom, and the girls have been inspired to think about future 3D projects.



Becca the Dog

Becca is an Australian Labradoodle mini, and a much-loved member of our community. In the past she has spent one day in school, listening to pupils reading stories to her. This half term, Becca has attended school remotely. We are planning on bringing her back to school one day a week (with COVID-19 safety measures in place). New families in our community will not have met Becca, so here is a photograph of her. **If you have questions or concerns about Becca's return to school, please contact me.**



Parent survey

As we reach the term's halfway point, and as we continue to reflect on our journey so far, and look to our 'future trophy cabinet', we would very much value your feedback on a range of issues. **Please find below a link to a parent survey, which should not take you more than ten minutes to complete.** We would be grateful if you could complete by 2 November.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9WGQMG8>

After half-term, we will continue to engage with 'Blue Sky Thinking', and will invite you to share your views with us on several themes including PSHCE education, digital learning and the co-curriculum.

First day back: later start for girls

A reminder that staff will be engaging in training on COVID-19 safety on Monday 2nd November, resulting in a later start for the girls. School will start from 9.40am for the first drop off, an hour and a half later than usual.

I wish you and your family a relaxing half-term.

As ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paillasse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'P'.

Sandrine Paillasse

Head