

# Newsletter

## Redfield Edge Primary School

*'Striving to be the best version of ourselves'*



Photo of the week

### Learning in Hazel and Pine Class

Hazel and Pine class have been learning about Black History Month. Through their Oracy sessions, the children have had discussions and answered key questions 'What is the Windrush and who are the Windrush Generation?'



For their first activity the class reflected what it would have been like to live in the Caribbean contrasting that with England. They tasted a range of exotic fruits typically grown in the Caribbean.



The children found out that the passengers travelled on a huge ship called 'HMT Empire Windrush'. In small groups, across both classes, they collaged their own ship using a mixture of Caribbean and traditional colours.



In our third session we got to re-enact the journey! We used role-play props to create our own ships. Then we had to add musical instruments to create a soundscape of the journey to England.

### Our School Values

*compassion thankfulness respect  
mindfulness curiosity  
resilience ambition honesty*

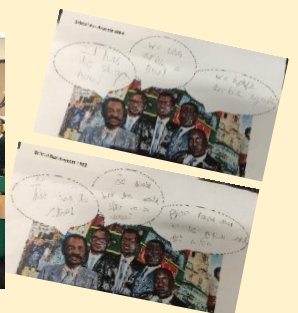


Finally, the children packed our suitcases! They discussed what was important to them and what they would take to help them remember their families and those things that are precious to them.

### Learning in Willow class

In Willow Class, the children learnt all about the Bristol Bus Boycott in 1963.

As part of developing their understanding they heard recounts of events from family members of those who helped lead the boycott and looked at footage of the marches that took place in protest against the bus company involved.



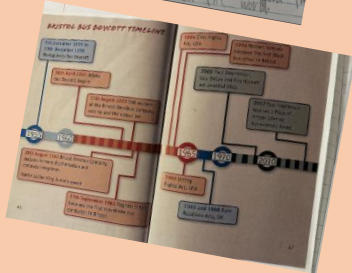
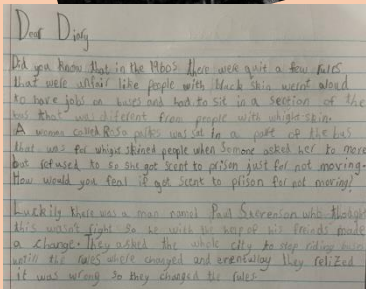
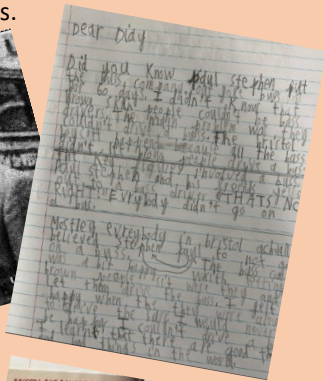
The children took part in a drama activity called hot seating which saw them take on the roles of some of the most influential characters and we even held our own protest! The children were fully engaged and were able to express their thoughts and feelings about what happened in such a mature manner.



## Learning in Beech Class

In Beech Class, we learned all about the key people involved in the Bristol Bus Boycott and how they stood up for what they believed in and fought against injustice to bring positive change.

We took on the roles of different figures and considered how they would have felt. Then, we wrote diary entries recounting the key events.



## Nature Explorers

Year 6 kicked off the new term of Natures Explorers, which over the next 7 weeks has a focus on 'Being Creative in Nature'.



Thanks to your kind donations of conkers, the children made their own 'conker people/animals'. They used the resources available freely, having complete control over the characters they wanted to create. They used tools to make holes in the conkers and a glue gun to add features and accessories.



## Save the Date – Parent coffee mornings / afternoons

**15<sup>th</sup> November 9.15 – 10.15am** – Coffee Morning with South Glos Parents and Carers

## Save the Date – Parents Evening

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> / Wed 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents evening

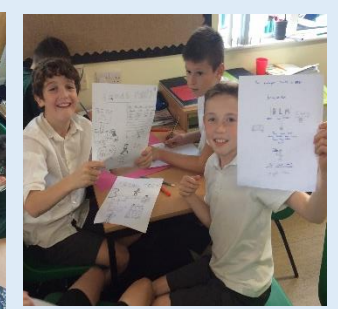


AIP, our catering providers, will be around during parents evening, with a few taster pots to share if you would like to sample the food on offer for your children.

You will have the opportunity to ask any questions and gain a better understanding of the menus and special event days that will be taking place over the year.

## Learning in Oak Class

Year 6 looked at the Bristol Bus Boycotts and why it happened. They first understood why people from Commonwealth nations arrived in Britain and how they were needed to rebuild Britain after WW2. Then the children looked at the Nationalities Act 1948 and how that made it easier for Commonwealth citizens to move to the UK. The children then watched a newsreel that included interviews from people who were directly involved, including Guy Bailey, who was told the position of Bus Driver was filled because he was black.



Oak Class then summarised their learning by creating a poster in groups. They used the information to create posters, placards and leaflets that explain and show the boycotts and their significance.

## Class Assemblies

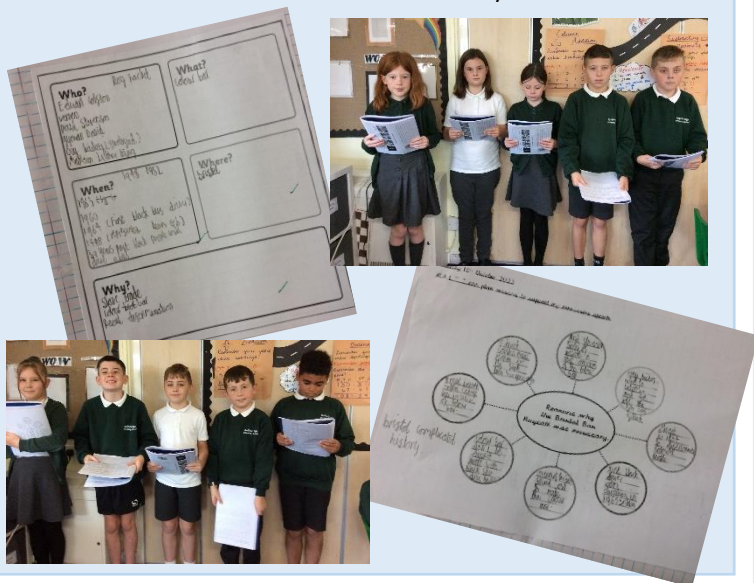
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Class Assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Mini Production
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Class Assembly
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 Class Assembly
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 5 Mini Production
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 1 Mini Production
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Class Assembly
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Class Assembly
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly



## Learning in Maple Class

During October Year 5 have been researching the Bristol Bus Boycott and have studied the importance of remembering this in history. The children watched videos of people's accounts of the time and researched key facts about it. Children then created persuasive speeches on why it is so important to remember this piece of history and why Black History should be studied and celebrated throughout the year.

The children were very passionate about their speeches and delivered them confidently.



## Learning in Holly Class

EYFS looked at the Windrush generation and how this may have looked and felt.

First, the children watched some video clips about this time.

They then read *Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin.

Holly Class had a lot of group discussion about journeys, about what they are, about why people go on journeys. The children spoke a lot about how they would feel if they were the people in the book.



Holly Class then we went on a role-play journey, packing the things we would need and want. They finished up with some drawing based on what they might take with them.

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## INSET DAY

~~Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February~~

(Cancelled)

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Our school staff have been offered a wonderful opportunity to attend a conference alongside other local primary schools on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

The keynote speaker at the event is Berkeley Wilde who has agreed to facilitate a session around creating a culture where Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging are at the heart. This is one of our school improvement areas and something we feel very passionate about.

I apologise or any inconvenience a change of date has caused.

## Children in Need

This year Children in Need Day takes place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**.

It is going to be a **SPOTacular** event raising money to support local projects that make a positive impact on the children and young people in our communities and across the country.

We invite **ALL** children and staff to come to school on this day wearing either **spots** or the **brightest colours** they can find in their wardrobes and to donate (if you can) £1 or **more** towards this terrific charity. In addition, staff will be planning fun events for the children to take part in throughout the day.





## Dates for the Diary



<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Maple Class Nature Explorers – Group A	On your child's Nature Explorers Day, please hang their <b>outdoor clothes</b> on the pegs in the outside classroom (there will be name labels).
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Bag2school collection	Please bring in your donations after 3.30 pm on Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> or before 9 am on Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November.
	Open Classrooms	Parents welcome to come into their child's classroom after school to see what they have been learning.
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School Photographs	School Photos are being taken this morning, please ensure your child has a jumper/cardigan on for the photo. If you have a pre-school child that you would like photographed with their sibling, then please come to the school office for 08.30 am.
	Maple Class Nature Explorers – Group B	On your child's Nature Explorers Day, please hang their <b>outdoor clothes</b> on the pegs in the outside classroom (there will be name labels).
	James the Magician	James the Magician is performing on the evening in the school hall – your child will be bringing home a leaflet today.
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Beech Class Ukulele lessons	Ukulele lessons continue for Beech Class.
	Willow Class swimming lessons	Willow Class swimming lessons continue this week, please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school
	Maple Class assembly	Parents and Carers welcome to come into school at 14:50 pm to watch the class assembly.
	Willow Class cake sale	Please come along and support the Willow class cake sale, all profits go to the class.
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Boys football game	The boys football team have a match at home to St Annes, please come along and support them after school.
	Beech Class Nature Explorers – Group A	On your child's Nature Explorers Day, please hang their <b>outdoor clothes</b> on the pegs in the outside classroom (there will be name labels).
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Beech Class Nature Explorers – Group B	On your child's Nature Explorers Day, please hang their <b>outdoor clothes</b> on the pegs in the outside classroom (there will be name labels).
	Parents Evening – all classes	Parents evening – 4pm – 6.30 pm in your child's classroom, please book an appointment on Parent mail.
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parent Coffee morning	<u>9.15 – 10.15am</u> – Coffee Morning with South Glos Parents and Carers in school.
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