



THE SOHO SCOOP

News and Views from Soho Parish



Headline

September certainly started eventfully, with many children across the school having to spend 10 days quarantining as they were unable to obtain a Covid test, meaning our 'parallel curriculum' model had to come into effect much sooner than we had anticipated.

Last week, Class 1 had to close, and we are most grateful to the parents for piloting our 'Bubble Closure' model of learning, which exceeded our expectations. Thanks are due to Rosie, who has learnt a lot about Google Classroom, which she will share with her colleagues. The feedback from parents was very positive, and we are all feeling more optimistic about managing learning from home.

This week marked the start of '**Black History Month**', which we will launch on Monday in school. We have worked hard over the last year to weave diversity into all subjects of our curriculum, with our key curriculum driver of 'cultural identity'. For this reason, we have not previously celebrated black history only in October, believing black history and culture are relevant all year round. However, we can always do more and this year more than any we believe it our duty to recognise and inform pupils of the rich history of black British people. We will use this month to highlight and 'launch' this aspect of our curriculum. But we won't stop in November! Please see below for more information from Rhonwen, our History Lead.

Procedures for Covid symptoms

Louise

Please note that if your child has a persistent cough, a temperature or a loss of sense of smell / taste, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days and get a Covid test. The rest of the family must self-isolate for 14 days. If the test comes back negative, the child should stay off until they no longer have symptoms.

If your child has been sent home from school, staff will let you know if they consider your child to have a possible symptom of Covid, e.g. a persistent cough. If your child has been sent home with a less regular cough, for example, the staff will let you know that they do not expect your child to self-isolate, but that they should stay off until better.

If your child has a cough of any kind, it is probably best at present to keep them at home until they feel better. It is difficult for staff to make judgements on regularity of cough and a child coughing could make other children / their parents feel concerned. We would also like to limit the spread of the common cold, which is more resistant to hand-washing.

Attached is the **quick reference guide for parents**, with clear advice.

Traffic measures

As you will know, we have had to suspend the road closure on Great Windmill Street. It had become unsafe due to motorcyclists ignoring the closure, mounting the pavement and riding fast down the closed road. With children, staff and parents in the road, we decided that school staff could not ensure everyone's safety, no matter how many of us were on duty. Therefore, we ask Y5 and 6 to queue on the same side of the pavement as the Great Windmill Street entrance, and we ask parents to supervise their children carefully.



We need your help to ensure everyone is safe – Rules for Parents

We all desperately desire a return to normality, with cheerful chats in the street and the return of a sense of community each morning and afternoon, however in order to protect our community, we ask parents to follow these rules until we know the threat of Covid has passed.



1. Please don't converse with staff in the road or on the pavements, beyond a greeting. They are there to make sure the children are safe. If you wish to discuss something, please email the class teacher, who can either respond in writing or arrange a phone / online meeting.
2. Please don't call your child across the road to you, or send them across the road by themselves, either on Great Windmill Street or Archer Street. Children who walk to school by themselves may of course cross the road, as they are considered mature enough to do so safely.
3. Please leave a 2m distance between you and the next family when queuing. Please do not gather in groups in the street. If you are meeting up with another family, please leave the immediate area separately and re-join each other elsewhere. Remember, groups larger than six are not allowed to congregate anywhere inside or outside.
4. We have asked our staff to show courtesy to our families by not mixing widely with a range of people outside of school. They have accepted their responsibility with grace and compassion. We ask parents to demonstrate the same care towards our staff, by maintaining a small, stable social group and abiding by the regulations.
5. If your child is at home due to a possible Covid symptom, **the whole family must self-isolate for 14 days**, although the child themselves can return after **10 days or a negative test and no further symptoms**. *I have seen several of our families out in Soho, when they were supposed to be isolating*. This is very disappointing when compared with the great lengths the school is going to to keep children safe.
6. Do not park on double yellow lines or the zig zags when dropping your child off at school.

Please remember you can be fined for breaching Covid regulations.

Friday afternoon lessons resume

We will resume afternoon lessons after half term. Please collect your child on Friday at the usual time from November 2nd (the first Monday after half term).

Play Club

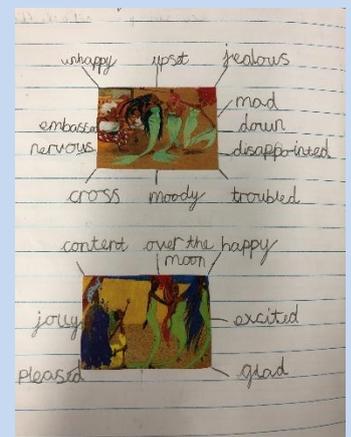
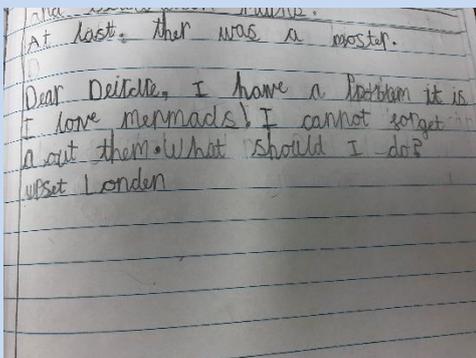
Please see attached letter regarding Play Club, which we hope to re-start from November 2nd, after half term.



Learning from Y2

Year 2 have been doing lots of fun activities since they got back to school. In literacy, we have done lots of drama using our book 'Julian is a Mermaid' We imagined things Nana might say to Julian. We brainstormed some of Julians thoughts and used adjectives to describe his feelings at different parts in the story. We even pretended to be Julian and wrote to a problem page seeking advice!

In maths we have been learning how to represent numbers in different ways.



We have been going to St. Anne's to practise our throwing, catching skills, and enjoying fitness sessions with Laura.



We have been enjoying creative afternoons, teaching each other what the 5 oceans and 7 continents of the world are! As well as, listening to Caribbean songs and playing mindfulness games like 'Count to 20!'



Black History Month

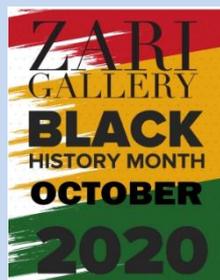


Hello and Happy Friday! I am Rhonwen, the current Year 3 teacher, Vocal co-ordinator and History Lead here at Soho Parish. While we might not be able to do much singing at the moment, October marks a very important time in the History calendar; Black History Month. The teaching of Black History is essential in schools as it teaches key values that we promote here at Soho Parish such as love, community and individuality. It is important that we recognise and celebrate the achievements of black British people.



Our aim is to seamlessly weave Black History into the curriculum.

We would also love for you to get involved at home. In this Scoop are some suggested books and events (covid secure). Over the month you will receive lots more from your child's class teacher. Do look out for the educational films that will be uploaded to Google Classroom soon! Please e-mail me any pictures of the learning you would like to share on rhonwen@sohoparish.co.uk



Honor, Remember, Inspire. Zari Gallery: presents an exhibition featuring British and International Black Artists.

<https://zarigallery.co.uk/portfolio/black-history-month-october-2020/>

Black History Month Virtual Celebration: 28th October

Westminster will be holding a fun-filled virtual celebration to recognise the many contributions that Black African and Caribbean people have made in Britain. They will have performances from special guests, including Westminster City Council's staff choir - Every Voice Counts. More details about the celebration will be revealed closer to the time, but sign up now so you don't miss out and stay tuned.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bhm-2020-black-history-month-celebration-tickets-122065109027>

Young Black and present: Puppetry and embellished storytelling

Every Thursday throughout October, 4 - 5pm. Ages 6 - 11. Hackney Marsh Adventure Playground, Kingsmead Way, Clapton, E9 5PP. Disabled access.

Stories and book reading sessions focusing on Black icons and local influencers around a fire pit. Children can then make puppets, share stories and engage in imaginative role play that gives space to discuss race, society and change.

Booking / contact: hackneymarshap@hackney.gov.uk.

African and Caribbean recipes

Every Wednesday in October Hackney library will post a short video featuring an African or Caribbean recipe for you to try and share with your friends. All recipes will be posted on Hackney Libraries' Facebook and Twitter.



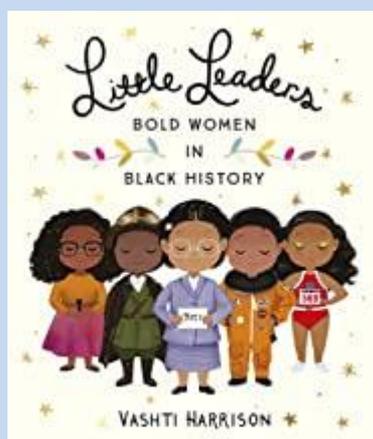
Black History Month: Celebrating the history and culture of Black Communities in Islington. Activities for adults and children

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/-/media/sharepoint-lists/public-records/communications/information/adviceandinformation/20202021/20200911blackhistorymonthoctober20201.pdf>

Black History Season: Celebrating Culture and History in Hackney

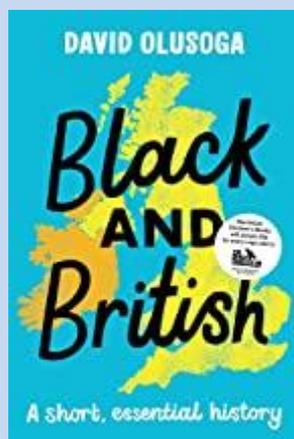
Programme of events and activities for adults and children.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zuh6sE604axrntyAbFsrAqWjvgxs9sBY/view>



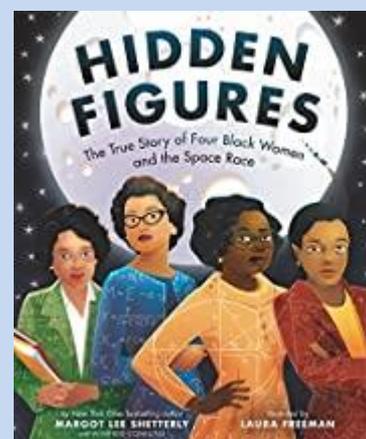
I am enough

A gorgeous book about loving who you are, respecting others and being kind to one another



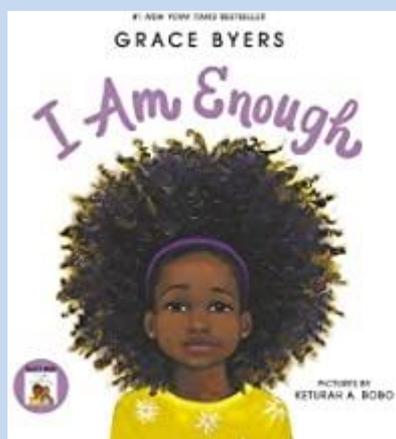
Black and British Age 10+

A short introduction to Black British history. A great book to read alongside your child.



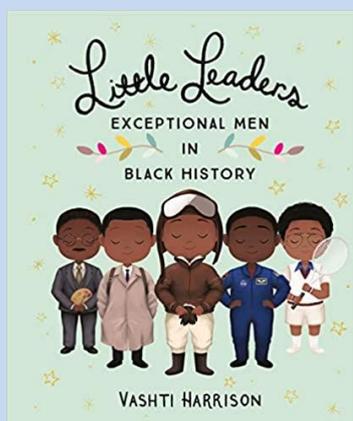
Hidden Figures

The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race



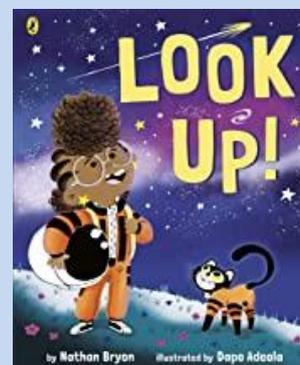
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Look Up!

Meet hilarious, science-mad chatterbox, Rocket - she is going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived!