



It has felt a really settled week in school. I hope that you all enjoyed the week off and are ready for the very busy half term ahead!

## Black History

We've had a great week in school. We've had loads of visitors. BREIS: Brother Reaching Each Inner Soul, performed some fantastic rapping with inspiring messages. Legend (Y6) 'BREIS was off the chain!'

Nevaeh (Y6) 'BREIS inspired me to write songs because when he performed Jammin' on the bus, all he did was look around what was happening on the bus to inspire him to write it. Andrew Newall founder of the Jamaican Lawn Bowls Team talked about competing at the Common Wealth Games and children took part and much more.

## Y5/6 to Ubuntu Museum

As part of Black History Month, the children in Year 5 and Year 6 went to the Ubuntu Museum; an African Pop Up Museum at Portswood Place.

*The trip yesterday was really fun and quite interesting. We learnt so much, they showed us skin tone plasters and Black Panther dolls. Nevaeh, 6L  
I learnt that in 2014 a girl wanted to be white because of her white doll and the white actors on her favourite TV shows. Her dad created a black doll for her to be proud of her skin colour. Legend 6L*

## Reminders

Can I please politely request that children are not wearing any jewellery in school? This includes friendship bands and necklaces. Children are allowed to wear studs only as earrings. Hoops are not safe for children to wear in school. Watches are allowed, so long as their main purpose is to tell the time (not a toy!). Please also don't bring any toys or pencil cases into school as they cause a distraction. Children should also be smartly dressed and in school uniform. PE Kits should ideally be left at school for the half term – especially in the winter months.

## School Improvement

On Monday, the staff spent the morning thinking about their curriculum. We are continuing to work hard on making it more engaging and more creative, while keeping our focus on reading remaining at the centre of the curriculum.

We also had a very inspiring speaker who came to talk to us about children's mental health. We all took some very powerful messages away about challenges that some children face and how to manage them.

## Dates

As we head into November, it is useful for me to share the main Christmas dates in advance with you all

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y4/5 Pantomime at Hammersmith Apollo
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Panto
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec We will finish earlier – tbc	Christmas Fair
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 and KS2 Panto
9.30am Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Christmas Show
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch
9.30am and 2.15pm Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Christmas Show
10.15am Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Concert in church
2pm Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm Break up
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to School

## Damage

Over the weekend, someone has come into the playground and damaged the sports hall window with a brick. If you are aware of anyone being in the playground, please let me know or contact the police.

## Attendance

Look out for the first 100% attendance badges – these will be given our next Friday!

	Events	Clubs
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	9am meeting for Nursery parents – how to apply for a Reception place Some Y5/6 children to a football tournament	Football Y1,2,3,4-Tim Pitt Football Y5,6 - Matt
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 Swimming Tennis session for Reception, Y 1 and Y2 (and maybe Y3/4)	Tag Rugby Y4,5,6 -Matt
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	9am Reading Workshop for Nursery and Reception Trumpets Y4 Rackets Cubed	8:15 am – Cross Country – Athletics -Miss Mooney Multi Sports – Pro Touch Coaches –Y2,3,4,5,6
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Craig Jenkins (story teller) to Y3	Dodgeball –Y1,2,3,4 –Tim Pitt
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November		