

Celebratory news from across the Koinonia Federation



## Newsletter

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024 Special Edition



Message from the  
Federation Executive Co-Headteachers

Welcome to our special edition of Faith, Family and Fellowship. Our pupils enjoyed an array of activities across our campuses this October to celebrate Black History Month. We hope you enjoy reading about our celebrations.

Mrs Harrison & Mrs Wainwright

# PRIMARY

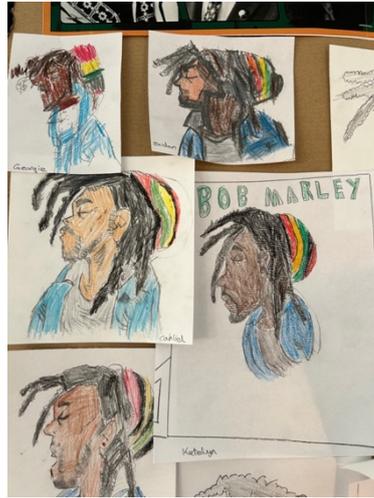
This year's Black History Month theme, 'Reclaiming Narratives' brought a powerful focus to both celebrated Black icons and lesser-known figures who have profoundly shaped society. Our school embraced the theme with vibrant activities that educated, inspired, and united our community.

## Bob Marley

In Jerwood Y3 we drew some lovely pictures of Bob Marley having explored Reggae Music.

We also explored the life and works of Barack Obama and created some pop art of Barack Obama.

Ms Giles



## Barack Obama

Sanders class celebrated black history month by performing three little birds by Bob Marley on the recorders. They also did pop art of him and Barack Obama.

Sanders class also did a fact file for Marcus Rashford.

Ms Bryan



## Kind Hands Wreath

Monet Class enjoyed learning to swing dance like King Louie in Jungle Book, to making clarinets, African masks and pictures of their families.

They listened to the story 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin and made their kind hands wreath, where they learnt about our hands being different colours but all doing the same acts of kindness, such as shaking and hugging.

Mrs Turner



# PRIMARY

## Jollof Rice

Exploring culture through food! As part of our Black History Month celebrations, our year 2 students worked together to create delicious jollof rice, following a traditional recipe from the Wollof tribe in Gambia.

From chopping ingredients and mixing the stew to washing the rice and cooking the dish with the help of their adults, the children enjoyed a hands-on learning experience that ended with a tasty treat!

A wonderful way to connect with history and heritage through cooking.

Ms Akin



## Martin Luther King

Celebrating Black History Month with creativity and teamwork! Our talented Year 2 students worked together to assemble a large puzzle of Martin Luther King, created insightful fact files about Ella Fitzgerald, and wrote their own 'I Have a Dream' speeches.

They also sketched beautiful portraits that capture both their outer appearance and the unique qualities that make them who they are.

We are proud of their hard work and reflection on the powerful impact of these historical figures!

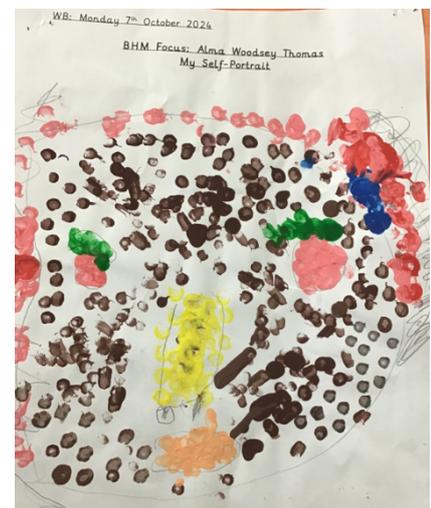
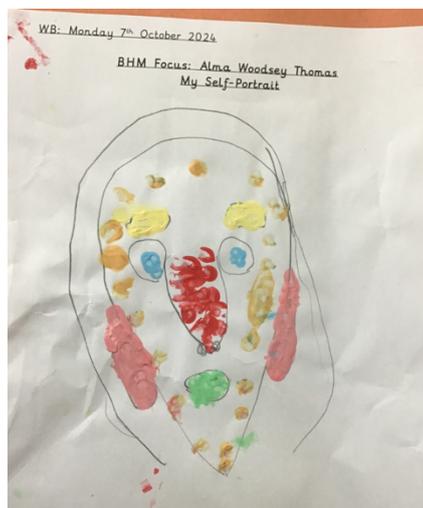
Ms Akin



## Martin Luther King

As part of our BHM celebration, Reception have been learning about Alma Woodsey-Thomas's artwork. We loved the bright colours and dot patterns she used. Inspired by her work, we created our own self-portraits in the style of her work.

Miss Battey



# PRIMARY

## International Evening

On Wednesday 23rd October across our primary campuses we hosted an International Evening. The ambience of the halls were filled with celebration and joy.

We had stalls of arts and craft including masks making, bracelets and decorating biscuits. We had games of match the famous historical figures and celebrities. The parents had food stalls and arts and craft showcasing their skills and talents. The attendance to the event was amazing at all campuses with most of our parents showing their support either by running stalls or attending the event. The Dynamics dance team dancing kept everyone entertained at our Woolwich campus. They had worked hard on the performances and it all came together beautifully.



# SECONDARY

## St Mary Magdalene Celebrates Diversity with Charlton Athletic FC

### 30 Year 7 Students Attend Community Parade and Match at Charlton Athletic FC

This past Saturday, 26th October 2024, thirty enthusiastic Year 7 students from St Mary Magdalene C of E All Through School had the incredible opportunity to attend a Charlton Athletic FC home game against Wrexham FC. Not only did they witness an exhilarating football match, but they also participated in the Community Parade – Celebrating Diversity, Promoting Inclusion and were given the privilege of forming the guard of honour as the players came out the tunnel.

### Charlton Athletic FC: Champions of Equality

Charlton Athletic FC, renowned for its unwavering commitment to equality and inclusion, was honored as the **EFL Community Club of the Year 2024**. Each season, Charlton dedicates a home game to celebrating diversity under this year's inspiring theme: **"All Different, All Together, All Charlton."** This initiative showcases a powerful public display of unity and togetherness, a message that resonates deeply, especially in times of societal challenges.

### A Day of Unity and Support

The parade, held before the kickoff at 3:00 PM, was a vibrant celebration where students, families, and community members came together to honor diversity. The event emphasized the importance of embracing our differences and standing united against discrimination.

Participating in such events reinforces our school's commitment to fostering an inclusive environment where every student feels valued and respected.

### Experiencing the Game and the Parade

The students were thrilled to watch Charlton Athletic FC take on Wrexham FC, experiencing firsthand the spirit of sportsmanship and community. In the end the game finished 2-2, making it a real exciting day as Charlton scored in the final minutes.

### Looking Forward

Events like these are essential in promoting the values of equality and inclusion within our school community. We are proud of our Year 7 students for representing St Mary Magdalene with such enthusiasm and for actively participating in initiatives that make our society stronger and more united.

### Thank You to Charlton Athletic FC

A heartfelt thank you to Charlton Athletic FC for hosting our students and for their continued dedication to promoting equality and diversity. Your efforts inspire our students to uphold these important values in their daily lives.

Mr Gayle - Assistant Principal of Equalities and Disadvantage



# SECONDARY

## Black History Month in Art

In Art, we host several events to celebrate Black History Month, including a pop-up Art workshop for KS3 students exploring prominent Black artists from the UK and across the Diaspora.

There is also a display celebrating black female artists. Some students were inspired to investigate Black artists further and made their own personal responses. For example, in Y13 Bianca M was inspired to investigate the artist Kara Walker, who uses silhouettes to explore race, gender, sexuality, and identity in her work.

These are some of Bianca's responses to Kara Walker's artwork.



Ms Anderson - Art Lead Secondary

Subject	What are we doing
<b>History</b>	<b>Septimius Severus - Roman Emperor, John Blanke - The Black Trumpeter, La Force Noire - West African soldiers in WW1, Windrush &amp; case study on Notting Hill</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>All classes to end or start with a slide with information about Black British contributions to Literature. Students will read short excerpts from their work</b>
<b>Math's</b>	<b>Posters along the corridor celebrating contributions of Black mathematicians and discussions about their contributions</b>
<b>Art</b>	<b>This year we will run a lunchtime workshop to design posters celebrating black Caribbean and African artists. This will be held on Friday 18th October in CH5 during lower school lunch</b>
<b>French</b>	<b>Looking at inspirational French Black people and conducting some research on them and their impact</b>
<b>Psychology</b>	<b>Incorporating case studies /research of black success in psychology</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>Looking at the influence of Black people in science and poster competition for year 7-8</b>

WHAT'S ON AT SMM FOR

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FG sessions on Black History and intersectionality

Seminars at lunch time around Black History

Subject based Black History