



Year 1 artwork inspired by Friedensreich Hundertwasser

6th October 2023

Last week was the first week of Black History Month and all of the children have had the opportunity to learn a bit about why we celebrate it, and about the people of black heritage who have made a contribution to black history in the UK and throughout the world. Our school has many families of different cultures and backgrounds and it is important for the children to learn about other cultures. If there are any parents who have stories or skills that you would like to share with our children please do come in and share.

Although we have had another week of unseasonably lovely weather, the nights are drawing in and autumn is upon us. Concern about the safety of the zebra crossing outside of our school is still very much on our minds particularly as the nights draw in. The parent (father of Rahma and Rayyan) who has recently raised the issue has made really good progress in pursuing some action to make the crossing safer, but in the meantime he kindly offered to purchase a safety bollard for outside of our school. The school will purchase another one but we feel that we need at least four. If anyone has any fundraising ideas or knows someone that we can approach to support us, please let us know.

Attendance

As you are all aware, there is a big emphasis in our school and nationally for all children to attend school regularly and I am pleased to say that some of our classes have got off to a flying start this year. Last week **Year 1** had an absolutely amazing attendance rate of **99.66%. Wow!**

Year 3 and Year 5 both did really well by having 95%+ attendance. Well done both classes.

It would be great to be able to mention some other classes in our next newsletter. Those of you who are getting to school every day, keep up the good work. It really makes a difference!

NEWS	NEWS	NEWS
The Science Challenge Cup It has finally arrived (well, it has been returned to us!) the biggest trophy you ever did see! For the second year running our Year 5 class (now Year 6) have participated in a science challenge, organised by the Crick Institute for Camden primary schools and we've won	School Council Elections!  Thank-you to all the children in	HARVEST ASSEMBLY Thursday 19th October 9.15am

it...again!

Well done Year 6! You have done us proud!

We do not have a trophy cabinet but the trophy is on the desk in the reception area.



Year 4 Dodgeball Competition

Well done to some of our Year 4s who participated in the Camden wide Dodgeball competition which was held at Talacre last week. Children from 6 different primary schools played on mixed teams.



"It was great playing with the children from other schools, they were really kind," said Maira.

We are really proud of our Year 4s who took part, they were great competitors and wonderful Hawley ambassadors!

years 3 - 6 who stood in our recent Hawley School Council elections. The children's presentations to their classes were of an incredibly high standard and, in many classes, it was a tightly run contest.

We are delighted to announce our new school council representatives for this year:

Achol - Year 3
Alex - Year 3
Maryam - Year 4
Lucas - Year 4
Cassius - Year 5
Zan - Year 5
Jad - Year 6
Lana - Year 6

Welcome Coffee Morning

Friday 13th October at 9.10am

There will be a 'welcome' coffee morning for all parents, new and old. It will be wonderful for those parents who are new to the school to attend as it will be an opportunity to meet other parents and also to find out about some of the work that our Parents Association does to support the school and the children's learning.



Come along to the school hall after drop off on Friday morning



On Thursday 19th October, we will be celebrating our annual Harvest Assembly. This is the time of year that we think about and are grateful to the people that have grown food that we eat. We also think about the changing of the season and the plants and trees.

Our thoughts also turn to those who do not have enough to eat, and every year we make a collection of tins and dried foodstuffs such as pasta, rice and cereal to donate to the local food bank.

We hope you are able to attend the assembly and also contribute to our collection.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery Remi and Matilda

Reception- William and Tobiah

Year 1- Grace and Ayub

Year 2 - Xander and Aliza

Year 3 - Gabriel and Eva

Year 4 - Sabirin and Matthew

Year 5 - Suhana and Mya

Year 6 - Indie and Ryan



YEAR 6

As well as working hard on 'Olive's journal' in English and consolidating and extending their number work in maths and learning more about the effects of WW2, Year 6 had visitors from Central St Martin's Art and Design college. They worked with the class to produce an avatar made up from artefacts that they had brought in from home which were special to each of them. They considered how to display them best to make a 'person' and this has been digitally transformed into a dancing avatar - check it out on Google Classroom!

Last Friday, Year 5 and 6 stretched themselves during an inter-school cross country race at Parliament Hill Fields. It was 1.5 km long and they did very well, showing much resilience.



YEAR 5

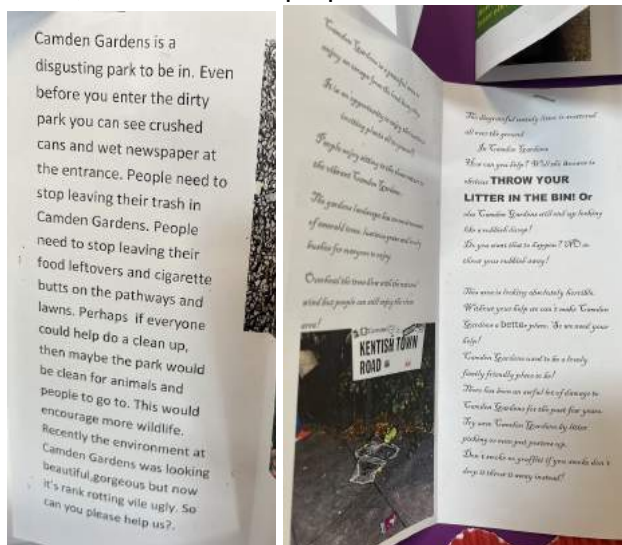
Year 5 have been studying 'The Windrush Child,' by Benjamin Zephania. They have been learning how the Windrush Generation have had a profound impact on modern British Society. As well as discussing their opinions on matters such as discrimination and identity, children have written some impactful diary entries and narratives. In maths the children have spent a lot of time looking at the place value of numbers up to a million. There have been lots of special events, such as the Cross Country Competition and our class assembly for KS2.



YEAR 4

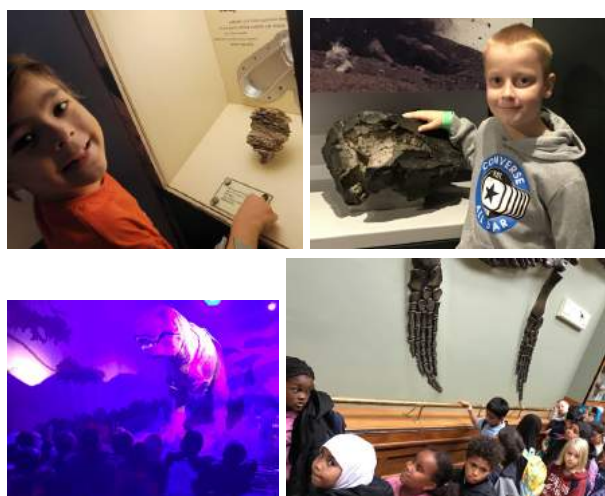


Year 4 has been studying the book *The Tin Forest* which is about recycling and caring for the environment. We created information leaflets encouraging people to look after the local area. We focused on the small park Camden Gardens which is just down the road from our school. We used persuasive language, the present perfect tense, and lots of prepositions in our writing.



YEAR 3

Year 3 had a tremendous time on our recent school trip to the Natural History Museum. After travelling very well on two double decker buses, the class were amazed to see fossils, dinosaurs, rocks and artefacts that were millions of years old. They managed to use their understanding from both science and geography to discuss all that they could see. Following observing the exhibits throughout the museum (including experiencing being inside a shop during an earthquake), the class sat down for an interesting and informative workshop on earthquakes and volcanoes. The pupils worked hard to impress the workshop teacher with their knowledge, questions and participation.



In class, the pupils have recently completed their own versions of Margaret Godfrey's volcano art work. They have used tissue paper, plenty of glue and careful choices of colour to create their own artwork following their plans in past lessons. It is super to see the similarities and differences between their work and that of Margaret Godfrey.

YEAR 2

In Year 2 we have been learning about the book *Grace and Family* by Mary Hoffman. We had a Gambian market in the classroom to help gather ideas for our descriptions. We tried local fruits, smelled spices, felt African fabrics and explored other artefacts you might find at the market.

YEAR 1

In Year 1 we have been learning about stories. The children wrote descriptions of characters and settings and planned and wrote their own stories. We read lots of stories about Charlie and Lola and talked about the parts we liked best. Here are some photos of the children working collaboratively in groups to act out their favourite parts of the stories.



Reception

Reception class has been drawing their self-portraits. They have been focusing on drawing detailed pictures of their eyes. Then, they used a photo of half of their face and drew what was missing. They have been making excellent progress with their observational drawing skills.



Reception class is in the second week of the Little Wandle phonics scheme. This week the children were busy writing the first sound of the animals, using their newly acquired phonic knowledge.



This week the role play area was a Hairdressers and the children had a great time, creating hairstyles for each other.



Nursery

Nursery has been continuing with our Nursery Rhymes topic. We enjoyed printing with bricks to make walls for Humpty Dumpty to sit on and making our own collage Humpties. This week we have been learning the song "Cobbler Cobbler." We played in the shoe shop outside and made labels for our shoes. We sorted the shoes into large and small shoes. We listened to the story of the Elves and the Shoemaker and dressed up as elves. We practised using hammers like the elves. We are continuing to learn about the routines in Nursery and making new friends.





KEY DATES

Year 1 Rochester Gardens walk	13th October
Parent Coffee Morning 9am	13th October
Year 2 Visit The British Museum	16th October
Harvest Assembly	19th October
Halloween Disco 5:30 - 7:30 pm	20th October
Year 5 Swimming	16-20th October
Year 4 National Portrait Gallery	18th October
Half-Term 23-29th October	
Year 6 Junior Citizenship	30th October
Year 5 National Portrait Gallery	30th October
Y5 Sayers Croft Residential	6-8th November



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