



Dear Parent/Carer,

October is Black History Month in the UK and we at Colindale Primary School are marking Black History Month by recognising and valuing the inspirational individuals and events that have shaped the black generation in the United Kingdom. During Black History Month, we remember and celebrate the important people from the past and also those who contribute to and help our society today.

The aims of Black History Month are to:

- Promote knowledge of black history, culture and heritage
- Share information on positive black contributions to British society



Below is the programme for the month. We would be delighted to hear from you if you can contribute to our Black History Month in any way.

Please let you child's class teacher know if you have any ideas or can support us with any of the events we have planned (see the table below).

Can you:

- Come in and read or tell a story to a class of Year 1 or 2 pupils?
- Teach a group of children a traditional African or Caribbean dance?
- Teach children how to cook?
- Teach greetings in an African language?
- Teach our children any traditional arts or crafts, e.g. tie dying or jewelry making?

Or is there any other way in which you can support us? Please let us know.

Wendy Wayland

Deputy Head

Year Group	Theme	Activities	
Year 6	Dido Belle and Lord Mansfield		Visits to Kenwood House Workshops on 16 th and 17 th October - How significant was Kenwood, Lord Mansfield and his landmark rulings in the wider abolition movement? Who was Dido Belle? We will need parents to accompany the children on this trip.
Year 5	Pilots of the Caribbean		KS2 assembly presented by RAF Museum staff Visit to RAF Museum to look at RAF Stories silhouettes – Black servicemen and women and their contribution to wartime Britain. We will need parents to accompany the children on this trip. Can you share a story about any family members who were service men or women? Do you have any photos you can show us?
Year 3 & 4	Carnival		Exploring the origins of the Notting Hill Carnival in London; making costumes; carnival parade. Are you good at creating costumes? Can you provide materials for us to use? Please bring your ideas.
Years 1 & 2	Stories from Africa and the Caribbean		Parents to volunteer to read or tell a story to the class. Please speak to your child's class teacher.
EYFS	Frank Bowling, artist		The children will be looking at the work of Frank Bowling. They will produce paintings in the style of the artist.
All Years			African Dance in PE lessons. Let us know if you'd like to teach a dance to the children or if you, or someone you know, can do a performance for us.
All Years			The school canteen catering staff will be providing meals which celebrate African and Caribbean cultures.
All Years			Gospel songs. Ms. Warren will be teaching these songs in her Monday singing assemblies. Can you come in and teach or share some songs?
All Years			A study of black artists during Art Week at the end of the half term. An exciting week has been planned for the whole school, culminating in a wonderful art exhibition, with all pieces created by Colindale children.
KS2			End of day Storytime – focus on black authors