



Diary Dates:

Wednesday 1st November

Pupil Photo Day

Thursday 16th November

Joshua Siegal the Poet visiting Crowland!

Thursday 21st December

School breaks up for the Christmas holidays at 1:30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Life in Crowland has continued with yet more exciting learning around Black History and Harvest. We have had some extraordinary speakers coming in to talk to us about the Windrush generation and how migrants from the Caribbean had experienced life in the UK. In this edition you will see how our children have been celebrating British pioneers within their year groups. Through this work, they have encountered new concepts as a way of understanding Black Achievements and the importance of self-belief, determination and justice. We've also captured some special moments from our Harvest festival. Wishing you all a fabulous new month!

Mrs Stav & Mr Winnard



Street Safe School

Some of you may have seen that we have invested in a couple of safe parking figures which currently reside at the opening of our slip road. The next step is to purchase 4 more figures in order to align onto the zebra crossing of Crowland Road. We are keen to raise the money for this to happen. Each pair of figures costs the school £350 so let's put our thinking hats on and raise money in true Crowland spirit!

We welcomed Miss Florence and Miss Beverley back to Crowland!



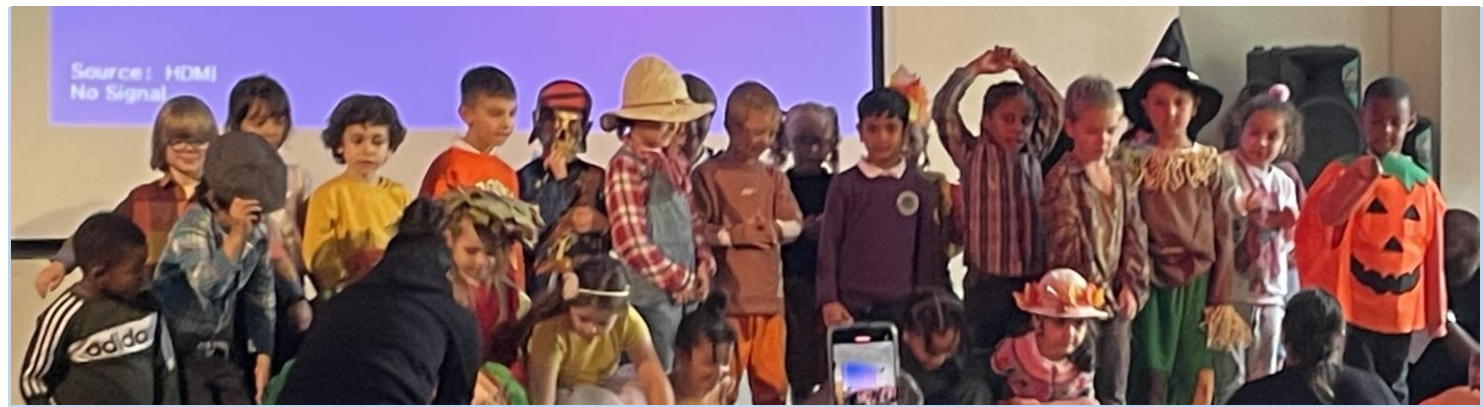
Miss Florence returned to Crowland bringing back her wonderful stories from the Caribbean as well as from her journey on the Windrush! We remembered the London song and sung it altogether. Year 6 visited Bruce Castle where they learnt about migrants who came over on The Windrush in the sixties just like Miss Florence! They dressed up like Windrush travellers and learnt about the history of the black community settling in Tottenham and in the wider London area.

Thank you for your very generous food donations



The Joy of Giving and Generosity

Thank you to all our parents and carers who came to support our Harvest event. The children were incredible and the costumes were absolutely gorgeous; thank you for all your efforts! Thank you also for your very generous donations. All the donated food has gone to a central food bank and distributed to vulnerable families. Special thanks go to **Ms Reynolds** who organised the donations and the children who have helped.



Crowland's Harvest Celebration 2023

Weren't they great?? Our Harvest show was very much about expressing gratitude and remembering that not everyone in the world has equal privileges. Through the celebration of Harvest, we like to build on children's sense of charity and helping them understand and reflect on their role within a wider society. We like to develop their critical thinking and their individual perspectives on the world around them. We believe that this goes some way towards their understand of their role in helping others who may be experiencing personal challenge, disadvantage or difficult life circumstance. Reflection, understanding and charity are part of life and we feel proud that with the help of our parent community we are raising compassionate and well-informed young citizens. Thank you to **Mr Adebayo** for once again gracing us with his musical talents and for giving our children the opportunity to enjoy such a special event! Thanks also to all our parents and carers for giving up their afternoon to enjoy the show and to all our staff for helping make this a special day.

Pioneers of British Black Heritage



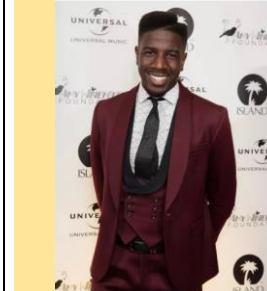
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Floella Benjamin



Y1:
Adenike Adewale



Y2:
Walter Tull



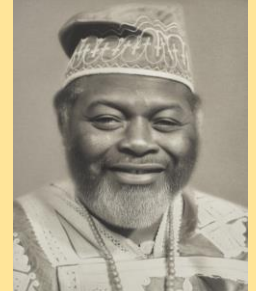
Y3:
Jermaine Jackson



Y4:
Lettia Wright



Y5: 'Skeptat'
Joseph Olaitan Adenuga



Y6:
Bernie Grant

In Crowland we celebrate Black History month in recognition of success and achievement. We celebrate, promote and raise awareness about the contributions black people have made in Britain. This year, our children have been learning about people of black heritage who have made particular strides in their career or are remembered for their achievement and heroism. We have focused on black Britons who have attained particular accolade within their field or have made considerable contributions to British society. Each year group focussed on one inspirational figure throughout the month of October (see above), learning about their achievement, their background and their family origins. During KS2 assemblies, the focus has been on the achievement of black women in Britain, exploring famous figures such as Nicola Adams, Diane Abbott, Evelyn Dove and Olive Morris. We considered the meaning of 'discrimination' and 'activism' and what it means to protect the rights of all people for a fairer society. We reflected on the idea of 'injustice' and 'equality' and that we always have the choice of doing something about it. Year 6 also enacted the life of Bernie Grant and how he supported the black community in Britain.



Look at the resources below, which shares some more information about trailblazing Black women from UK history.

Nicola Adams



Up until 2012, women were not allowed to box in the Olympics. Nicola Adams made history when she became the first woman to ever win an Olympic gold medal for boxing. She has fought many stereotypes as she was also the first openly LGBT boxer to win a medal.

Diane Abbott

In 1987, Diane Abbott became the first Black woman to be elected to parliament. Diane has spoken out many times about the abuse she faced throughout her life as a Black woman. She has set up programmes to help Black women in business and to communicate the issues faced by Black children in schools.

Evelyn Dove



Evelyn was a British singer and actress. She became the first woman of African heritage to be on BBC Radio. She was first broadcast in 1925, just three years after BBC Radio was launched. Throughout her career, Evelyn performed in Europe and beyond and appeared in numerous productions on the radio. Evelyn died in 1987. Although she achieved great success and made trailblazing contributions to music, she was not well known when she died. In 2016, historian Stephen Bourne wrote the biography Evelyn Dove: Britain's Black Cabaret Queen.



They tried to tell me that I couldn't make it. And I had to say to them: 'But I think I can do it, and that's what matters, isn't it?' I didn't realise that the reason they were saying that, because I was somebody that got A's in most of my subjects, was because they couldn't imagine a Black girl going to Oxford or Cambridge.

Diane Abbott

Have you heard of any of these women before? How do you feel about their achievements? How do you think they have impacted society?

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Black Women Pioneers in Britain

We learnt about Olive Morris

Y6 enacted the life of Bernie Grant