

# GARSTANG ST THOMAS

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER



#### ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Our October online safety newsletter has been published. [Click here to read.](#)

#### TOWER WOOD PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Parents/carers of children in Years 5 & 6 are invited to a short information session on the planned Tower Wood trip. The session will take place by Zoom on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. [Please join the Zoom meeting here.](#)

#### YEAR 5 UK CHALLENGE DAY

Year 5 children are invited to come to school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October dressed as a UK legendary figure or wear sports kit from one of the four nations on the special day.

#### YEAR 5 SWIMMING

Year 5 will be going swimming on Wednesdays after half term. A goggle letter is going out today.

#### NEW LUNCH MENU

The new lunch menu is being sent out for after half term.

#### COMPETITION KIT SPONSORSHIP

We are looking for a sponsor for our competition kit (to be used when we compete against schools). If you know a company that would be interested, please speak to [Mr Wilkinson.](#)

#### CHRISTMAS EVENTS – ALL YEAR GROUPS

After everything that's happened over the last two years, we would love to welcome you all to see your child take part in a Christmas event this year (all being well). For Reception class and all classes up to Year 4, we've booked the church. With one class at a time, we'll have plenty of room for an audience to spread out. For Years 5 & 6, we are planning to put on a production in the school hall over two nights (see newsletter dates).

#### FOOTPATH/ ROADWORKS

McCarthy and Stone are due to create a new footpath on Kepple Lane which may cause some disruption. They have kindly planned this for half term week but the work may take longer than one week to complete. Just a reminder that our parents/carers are welcome to use the Scout Hut car park and the Church car park (remember to get a free ticket).

#### FLU VACCINE

REMINDER: Please sign up for your child's flu vaccination using Blackpool Teaching Hospital's new electronic consent form – [Please sign up here.](#) Our school code is: BP119528.

**The deadline to sign up is next Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021.**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Open the Book Worship: Friendship

#### DIARY DATES

**Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Y6 Cross country @ GCA  
**Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Oct:** Y5 UK Challenge Day  
**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Half term Week  
**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Nov:** INSET day  
**Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov:** Whole school flu vaccine  
**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> –12<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Y5/6 Tower Wood trip  
**Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Y5 visit to Dewlay  
**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Reception nativity 5:30pm  
**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Y3 nativity 6:30pm  
**Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 4Front theatre – whole school trip to GFM church  
**Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Y1 nativity 5:30pm  
**Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Y2 nativity 6:30pm  
**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Y5/6 production 6:30pm  
**Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Y4 nativity 5:30pm  
**Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Y5/6 nativity 6:30pm  
**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas jumper day, Santa dash and Christmas dinner day

#### AWARDS

**LUCY BENNETT**  
**JACK MATHER**  
**SCARLETT WRIGHT**  
**CHARLIE DAVIS**  
**MILLCENT WILLIAMS**  
**JAMES BAKER**  
**ALICE BATEMAN**  
**JACK LEGGE**  
**HENRY JURIN**  
**ESMAE WILLIAMS**  
**LILIA FINCH**  
**LEWIS HODGSON**  
**FINLEY TOLMIE**  
**FFION BAILEY**  
**JASMINE LANGHORNE**  
**LILY RILEY**

BREAKFAST CLUB- **HARRY LEECH**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB-

**JACK SHIELDS & JACOB BENNETT**

# B:M

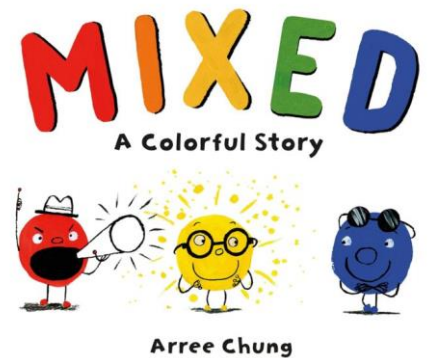
Black History Month 2021

It's Black History Month. We've had a special focus this week. Here's a glimpse of what the children have been learning about:

**Reception class** have enjoyed reading All Are Welcome by [Alexandra Penfold](#) ([click here for a sing-along version](#)). The children have been thinking about how we are all different whilst reading this warm and inspiring book and that all are welcome in our school. Reception have also listened to [Floella Benjamin's](#) true story about coming to England.

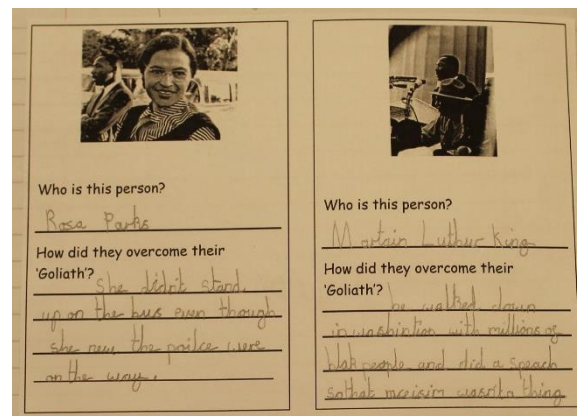
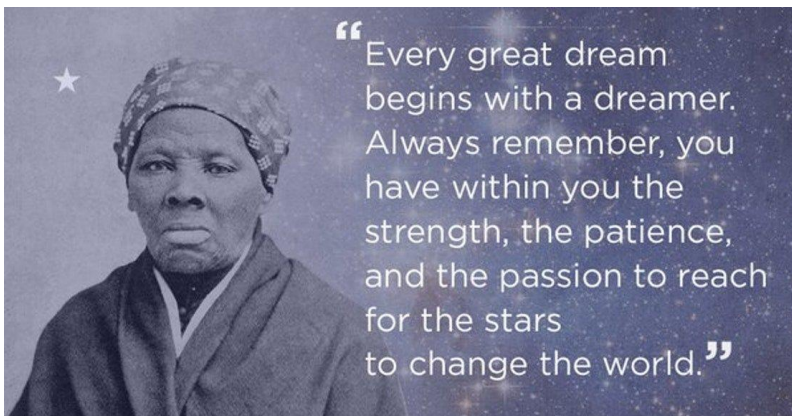
**Year 1** have been inspired by the artist Alma Thomas and have enjoyed being creative following her style. The children have also read together and discussed Mixed a Colourful Story by [Arree Chung](#).

**Year 2** have been learning about the work and service of Mary Seacole. They have learnt about how she nursed sick and injured soldiers during the Crimean War. Further information (and a quiz!) is on the [Mary Seacole Trust website](#).



**Year 3** have been learning about Harriet Tubman's incredible life story.

**Year 4** have been learning about Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jnr, Jesse Owens and Nelson Mandela. In R.E. the children have been thinking about people needing to stand up to a Goliath of their own.



**Year 5** have researched the life and work of Martin Luther King and have thought about their own dreams of a better world. They have looked at Martin Luther King's Christian values and linked them to our school values. They have also taken part in a virtual author session with Joseph Coelho and have been inspired by his poetry.

**Year 6** have been learning about #gamechangers - black sports women and men who have inspired us and made a difference. They have considered what it means to be #proudtobe...

## COVID

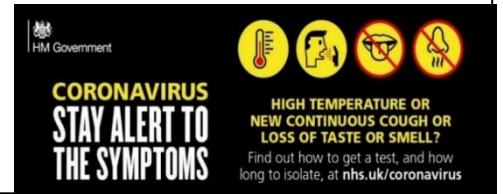
If your child has symptoms, please do not send them to school. Please book a test and keep us informed. Please send test results as soon as possible to: [head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk).

Please note: lateral flow tests are in use for asymptomatic testing. For children/ adults with symptoms, you are asked to get a PCR test: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

### REMINDER OF COVID SYMPTOMS

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

**BOOK A [COVID TEST](#) / [GUIDANCE ON ISOLATION](#)**



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