

Celebrating Black History Month 2020



Black History Month is once again our focus for October at St Elizabeth Catholic Primary School. This is a special time where we promote knowledge of black history, culture and heritage.

Why is Black History Month important?

There has been a lack of representation of black people in history books and school curriculums. Black History Month is a time to remember and celebrate the forgotten people who helped to shape the UK.

Why should schools teach about Black History Month?

Black History Month is a great way to celebrate and recognise the contribution of black people to British society. Schools play a significant role in teaching children about the importance of having respect and tolerance for all cultures.

Celebrating Black History Month at our School

We will begin to celebrate BHM the week beginning 5th October 2020. Each year group will be given an influential person to explore and celebrate. **They will learn about this person and showcase this through a display in the hall and record a short video clip of themselves presenting the information or take photos.**

Throughout this month, please feel free to **refer to other black males and females throughout the world who have had an impact on our society, not just limiting your self to your assigned key person.** For homework during the month of October, please can you **include some History based work related to your assigned individual or it could be about Black History Month in general.**

Year Group	Focus
Nursery	African Patterns & Jewellery
Reception	African Patterns & Motown Music
Year 1	John Boyega – Actor
Year 2	Beverly Knight – Singer
Year 3	Anthony Joshua – Boxer
Year 4	Ozwald Boateng – Fashion Designer
Year 5	Malorie Blackman – Writer
Year 6	Maggie Aderin-Pocock – Scientist

Black History Month might be celebrated differently in school this year, but we will still continue to learn about these individuals and their contributions in class. Please also take the time to speak to your class about their own backgrounds and encourage them to speak about their family's culture and identity. Instead of bringing in dishes from their country, **children can come in dressed in their African or Caribbean**

Country national dress or bring in photos to show under the visualiser so that they can be shared safely.

Some Useful Websites:

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/> - Black History Month Website

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2020/jun/08/calls-mount-for-black-history-to-be-taught-to-all-uk-school-pupils> - The importance of BHM taught in schools

<https://www.islingtoncs.org/system/files/Celebrating%20Black%20History%20Month%20in%20the%20early%20years%20pack.pdf> – Celebrating BHM in the Early Years

<https://www.teachearlyyears.com/learning-and-development/view/into-africa> - Exploring Africa for BHM in the EYFS

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/41433196> - British Women who made History

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/41775249> - British Men who made History

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/black-history-month-primary-and-secondary-resources/zjwf8xs> - BBC Teach Videos BHM Resources

<https://blogs.ncl.ac.uk/stem/2016/10/27/black-history-month-black-scientists/> - Influential black scientists

<https://www.pbs.org/education/blog/ten-black-scientists-that-science-teachers-should-know-about-and-free-resources> - Ten black scientists you should know about