

AROUND THE SCHOOL

We hope you enjoy the photos below. It's been another great week where pupils have been fulfilling our vision of every child flourishing through enhancing their **core skills**, acquiring new **knowledge** and revealing their **character virtues**!

Clockwise from top left: Nursery pupils dancing the day away, creativity on display in Reception, Year 2 pupils mastering column addition, new owners of a 144 Badge and Year 3 deep in discussion about Black History Month (they are discussing what they already know and what they would like to find out). Keep up the great work everyone!

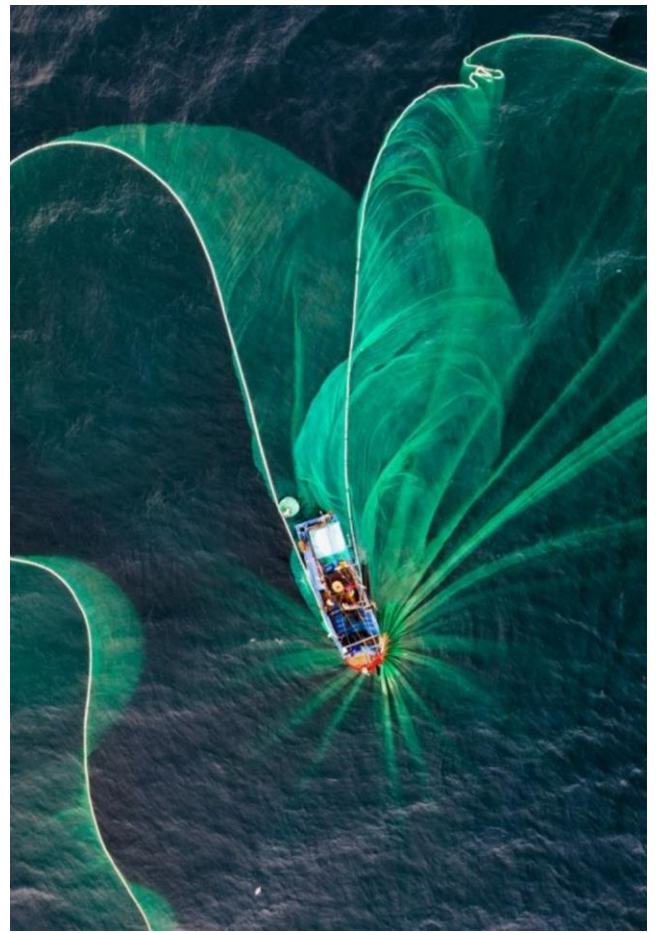


AWE & WONDER

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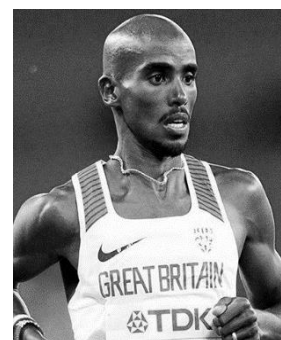
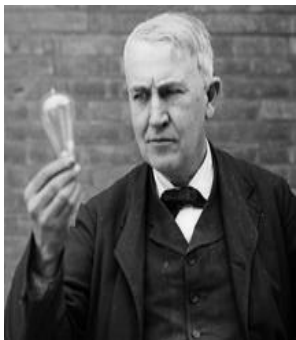
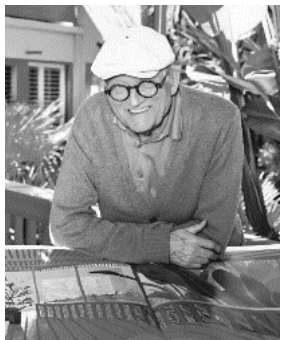
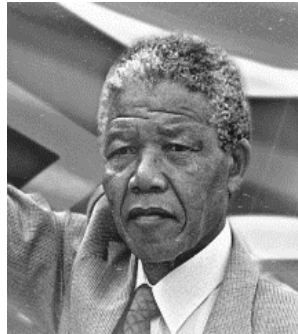
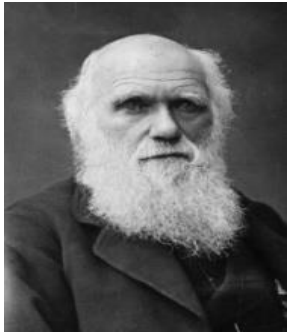
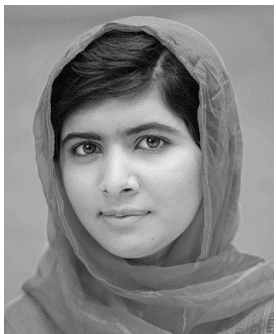
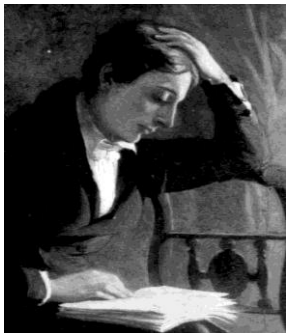
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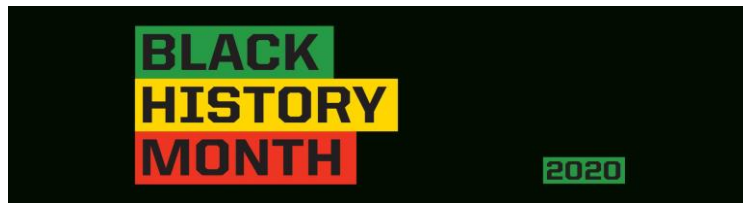


OUR CLASS CHARACTERS

Our classes are named after people who have displayed lots of different character virtues.

Can you name all 13 and recall what they are known for?





As part of our diverse curriculum offer throughout the year we learn about lots of different cultures, beliefs, historical figures and traditions from around the world. During October, schools around the UK focus on black history as part of Black History Month. Our pupils will focus on the following:

Nursery pupils will...

- learn about Garrett Morgan who invented the traffic light system
- play traffic light PE games, colour matching activities and arts & craft activities

Reception pupils will...

- be studying the life and achievements of Mary Seacole
- be exploring Motown music

Year 1 pupils will...

- focus on the character virtue bravery and study different people from history e.g. Mary Seacole, Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela

Year 2 pupils will...

- learn about segregation and the start of the civil rights movement.
- learn about black musicians and celebrate their achievements.

Year 3 pupils will...

- learn about Martin Luther King and what he achieved
- use their geographical skills and knowledge to locate countries in the world where people were born e.g. Mo Farah (Somalia), Usain Bolt (Jamaica).

Year 4 pupils will...

- look at Alma Thomas's art and recreate a piece
- learn about various black musicians and listening to their music
- write a biography on Mo Farah

Year 5 pupils will...

- study the Bristol Bus Boycott of 1963
- learn about the civil rights movement in the USA

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year, as part of Harvest Festival, we are collecting for the local food banks. This is part of our commitment to serve our community. If you would like to contribute then please place any long life goods (e.g. cans, jars, sealed bags of dry food) on the table in the playground during the morning or afternoon routine. All contributions will be gratefully received, thank you.

OTHER PARENTS & THEIR CHILDREN

It is a school rule that families must never approach another parent or another child about behaviour incidents, safeguarding issues or any concerns or issues you may have.

You must always inform a member of staff about a situation and we will help to resolve this in a positive and solution-driven way.

TERM DATES AND THE SCHOOL DAY 2021-22

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your responses to our Term Dates and School Survey. We had 132 responses and the results can be found on the next page.

The data received and the written comments were carefully considered before a final decision was taken in regards to the term dates and the set-up of the school day for 2021-22.

Next year the school will be full, with pupils from Nursery to Year 6 and the curriculum will be fully developed, with a highly trained staff body. The Trust, the local governors and the school leaders, having considered the parental responses, have decided to increase the number of school days and reduce the amount of Training Days. This will bring us more in line with other schools locally, as the Year 6 pupils prepare to transition to local secondary schools.

2021-22 Headlines

- The school year for 2021-22 will last 187 days compared to 183 days in 2020-21.
- The school day will remain at 8.30am to 3.30pm from Monday to Thursday.
- The school day will finish slightly earlier at 3pm every Friday.
- The Autumn Half Term (October 2021) will now be one week long in 2021-22. This year (2020-21) the Autumn Half Term will be two weeks long as previously planned.
- We have chosen to keep the later start in September 2021 so that teachers have the maximum amount of staff training before the children return after the Summer Holidays.

We believe that the longer school day serves our families well and we have protected this as far as possible, alongside increasing the number of school days. The slightly earlier finish on a Friday will ensure that this new set-up is compliant with the amount of working hours we can ask teachers to complete each week. This is in line with the Teacher Pay and Conditions as set by the Department for Education.

Thank you for your input and your continued support.

Kind regards,

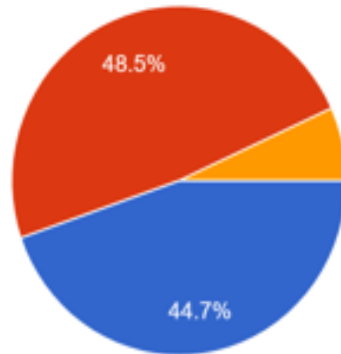
Mr Custance (Headteacher)

Camilla Brough (Chair of the Governing Body)

TERM DATES AND SCHOOL DAY SURVEY RESULTS

What is most important to you in regards to the set up of the school year? Please choose one option.

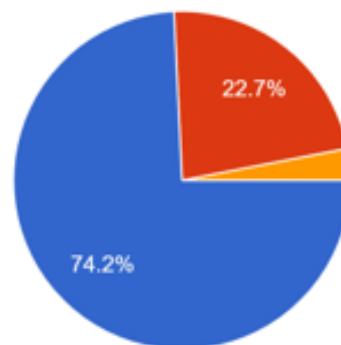
132 responses



- I would prefer for the number of school days per academic year to remain the same.
- I would prefer to see an increase in the number of school days per academic year.
- I would prefer fewer school days per academic school year.

What is most important to you in regards to the set up of the school day? Please choose one option.

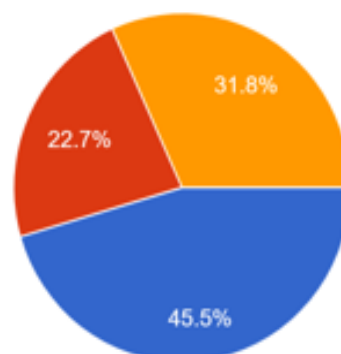
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- I would prefer for the number of school hours to remain the same.
- I would prefer to have a longer school day for my child(ren).
- I would prefer to have a shorter school day for my child(ren).

Would a slightly earlier finish on a Friday work for you and your family?

132 responses



- I would be OK with a slightly earlier finish on Fridays.
- I would be fine with a slightly earlier finish but only if the club provision was extended.
- No, this would not work for my family.

2021-22 TERM DATES

Please note that the school day will remain 8.30am to 3.30pm from Monday to Thursday.

On Fridays the school day will start at 8.30am and end at 3pm.

The term will consist of 187 teaching days and 8 Staff Training Days.

AUTUMN 2021	Wednesday 1 st , Thursday 2 nd , Friday 3 rd & Monday 6 th September 4 x Staff Training Days (the school is closed for pupils)
	Tuesday 7th September - Autumn Term 1 begins (children return)
	Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October 2021 - Autumn Half Term
	Monday 1 st November - 1 x Staff Training Day (the school is closed for pupils)
	Tuesday 2nd November - Autumn Term 2 begins (children return)
	Monday 20 th December 2021 to Tuesday 4 th January 2022 - Winter Holidays
SPRING 2022	Tuesday 4 th January - 1 x Staff Training Day (the school is closed for pupils)
	Wednesday 5th January - Spring Term 1 begins (children return)
	Monday 14 th February to Friday 18 th February 2022 - Spring Half Term
	Monday 21st February - Spring Term 2 begins (children return)
	Monday 4 th April to Tuesday 19 th April 2022 - Spring Holidays
SUMMER 2022	Tuesday 19 th April - 1 x Staff Training Day (the school is closed for pupils)
	Wednesday 20th April - Summer Term 1 begins (children return)
	Monday 2 nd May - Bank Holiday (the school is closed for pupils)
	Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June 2022 - Summer Half Term
	Monday 6th June - Summer Term 2 begins (children return)
	Friday 24 th June - 1 x Staff Training Day (the school is closed for pupils)
	The Summer Holidays start on Monday 25 th July 2022
	The Term Dates for 2022-23 will be released in 2021.