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Dear Parents,

It has been an exciting and packed couple of weeks since my last newsletter and there is a great deal to share with you. I hope that parents who met with teachers this week to discuss IESPs found the meetings useful.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS & SHARE MY LEARNING

Please book your appointment with your class teacher for next week's parent consultations on **Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st October (Sparrows will be on Tuesday & Thursday)**.

The virtual meetings can be booked [here](#) from 6:30pm tonight and will close on Monday at 5pm. You do not need to book another appointment if you had an IESP meeting this week.



We are organising a **Share My Learning** evening on **Thursday 11th November (3.45pm to 7.30pm)**, where parents can come into their child's classroom and look at the children's work. Please put this date in your diary and we will send out more information nearer the time.

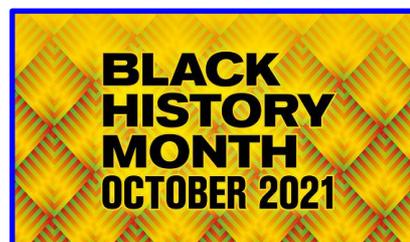
LOUD SHIRT DAY

I received a lovely letter from a couple of brothers at school who asked if the school would like to take part in Loud Shirt Day on Friday 22nd October. The day supports a charity called [Auditory Verbal UK](#) which raises money to support deaf babies and children helping them to listen and talk. We think that this is a great idea and the day will be a fun end of half term event. Children can wear non-school uniform which could include a 'loud' shirt if they like and bring in a pound donation for the charity.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

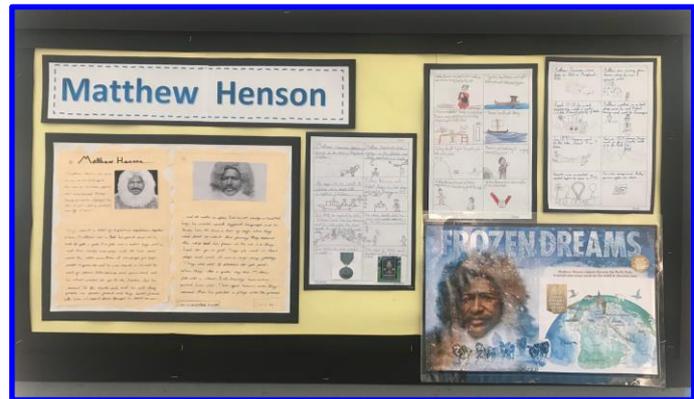
This week we launched our annual celebration of Black History Month, which takes place throughout October. Black History Month is an opportunity to ensure that all young people, no matter their background, learn about black history and the achievements of black people. The children will gain age appropriate opportunities to learn about black explorers, writers, musicians, activists and leaders. Black History Month is not just confined to one month here at Wimbledon Chase, but it does provide us with opportunities to talk about rights as part of our Rights Respecting Schools work.



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There has been a range of work this week including Year 2 classes singing Bob Marley's *Three Little Birds*, Year 6 have focussed on Michelle Obama and will be focussing on Windrush next week (both in whole class reading) and Year 4 learnt about Matthew Henson, co-discoverer of the North Pole 1909, with Robert Peary.



SCHOOL LUNCH

As you may know, Merton has changed providers for school lunches across the borough this term. The new provider, Caterlink has now been working with us

since September and the general feedback is that the quality of meals have improved and we are seeing more children opt for having hot school lunches. Caterlink are very keen to engage with parents; please have a look at their information about [their menus and standards on our website](#).



We are also keen that the Wimbledon Chase community engages with Caterlink and so we will be setting up a **Healthy Food Forum** next half term. The forum will include representatives from the School Council, parents, staff and Caterlink to discuss the lunchtime provision on a regular basis. Watch this space for more information.

We regularly talk to the children about healthy eating, but we have been noticing that there is a lot of waste packed lunch food being thrown away at the moment. From next week **we will be ensuring that packed lunch children put any uneaten packed lunch food back in their packed lunch box** so that parents can get a better idea of how much is being eaten at lunchtime.

AUTUMN COMMUNITY DAY

Thank you very much to all the parents and children who came along last Saturday to help with our Autumn Community Day - a lot of work was completed and the school environment looks a lot better for it. Thank you to Paula and Kirsty for organising it and to Penny and Michael who helped for the whole day. You will notice how sparkly clean the bike sheds are near Chase Alley, how spruced up the Reception and Nursery playgrounds look and how lovely the flower beds are looking around the school. The children have already benefited and I have included some pictures of the Nursery children playing on their new playground structures.



WELLBEING

In assembly last week we spoke about [World Mental Health day](#). We all need good mental health to learn, form and maintain good relationships with others and to cope with and manage change and uncertainty. We explored small and big feelings with the children and talked about ways the children could talk to a parent, adult or friend when they were experiencing these feelings. A good website to support positive mental health is [Action for Happiness](#) which publishes a calendar each month of positive activities to support mental wellbeing. This month's calendar, Optimistic October, [can be found here](#).



REMINDERS

This is my last newsletter this half term. School ends at normal time on Friday 22nd October and the **children return to school on Tuesday 2nd November** (school is closed for an INSET day on Monday 1st November).

[Please follow this link to see the dates on our website.](#)



FINALLY

Our Year 4 football teams competed in the MSSP Wimbledon Cluster Football Festival held at Dundonald Recreation Ground last Friday. Many goals were scored and much fun was had. Well done to all our players for being such fantastic sports role models.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes



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