

## Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

### A message from The Headteacher



This half term seems to have moved along very quickly! We are really looking forward to sharing our learning with you next week at our **curriculum sharing event on Thursday**. We would like to share our topic learning on 'Black Hidden Figures' which has celebrated the achievements and work of a number of different Black Historical Figures of the distant and recent past. This topic has supported the work we are doing as a school on Black Lives

Matter and as part of our working party, we are looking at our curriculum as one of our key areas. Please come and spend some time with us, if you can. We will have coffee and treats available in the meeting room from 9am-10am for parents who can come earlier to meet and chat, then the class sessions are from 10am-11am.

The sharing event is not intended to be an exact representation of a class session, as I am sure you will understand. We love to have visitors in class but this can mean that the structure and routine for some children is different and therefore we will adapt our expectations and support to meet the needs of the children as they present. We will do our best to answer any questions you may have about the learning and if there is anything more specific you would like to discuss or see, please arrange this with your child's class teacher. We are happy for parents to join us at other times throughout the year too.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Roxanne

### Class Newsletter Feedback

Please don't forget to click the link or scan the QR code to complete a short survey about the Class Newsletters <https://forms.office.com/e/3sHUA2YGFw>



## Key Diary Dates

Curriculum Sharing Event	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February (9am-10am coffee, 10am onwards in the classroom)
Half term	13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> February
Pancake Day	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
World Book Day	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Friends of Greenmead Quiz	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March (more information to follow)
Signing with SALT/Makaton coffee morning	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30am



## Stars of the week



**Titan class** – **Rhys** for showing responsibility for his own regulation by going into the Zen Den

**Mercury class** – **Hugo** independently standing up off the bench!

**Jupiter class** – **Olivia** for pushing the trolley to return the lunch plates and giving them to the kitchen staff and bringing the trolley back to class independently

**Europa class** – **Clarisse** for requesting a turn and participating in turn taking during music

**Neptune class** – **Neo** for remaining green during a cooking session!

**Venus class** – **Gaspard** for doing really well with his toilet training

**Mars class** – **Noor** for choosing to try a challenging maths sheet independently!

**Pluto class** – **Quentin** for being brave whilst trialling lots of physio equipment this week

## Staff shout outs

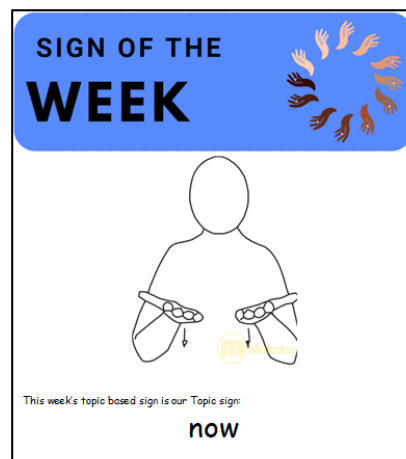


Shout out to **Evita** for supporting Titan class and showing initiative

Shout out to **Anna (Speech and Language Therapist) and Amanda (School Nurse)** for all their help in Mercury class this week

Shout out to **Sandra** in Mars for her positivity and dedication

## Sign of the week – Now



## Black Hidden Figures



Across the school the children have been enjoying our whole school history theme topic of **'Hidden Figures'**.

This week, Titan class have been learning about **Garret Morgan** a black man who invented the traffic lights.

During a cooking session they used different textured foods to create traffic lights. Red peppers, lemons and cucumbers.... the children enjoyed creating and eating them!





The Formal Pathway have enjoyed learning about **Althea McNish**, an artist from Trinidad who became the first Black British textile designer. They then made posters about what they found out and used tissue paper to make their own designs.



## From the Therapy Team



We have had feedback from a few parents that they would like to learn more Makaton so we will be holding a **Makaton coffee morning** at school on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am – 10.30am. We would love to see as many of you there as possible, please use the sign up form that has been sent home with your child today to let us know if you will be attending.

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## Book Day

Our next topic will be all about rhyme you see, so our day of books will involve lots of looks of things that sound like our name! Meaning none of our outfits will be the same!

Just like "Oi Frog"  
(who can sit on a log)  
we will be or bring the things we sit on or in.  
Rox might bring a box,  
Hannah a spanner,  
Nicky a chocolate biccys  
and the nurses might bring purses!  
We can't wait to see your creations and how you use your imaginations!

**2nd March 2023**



SCAN ME TO LISTEN TO OI FROG!

