

Monthly Magpies – Black History Month



This month at Barrow Hedges, we have set aside some time to learn about significant individuals from Black History. We have continued that theme into our monthly magpies.

Historic Hero:

In 1955, Rosa Parks made history when she refused to give up her seat on a bus. Rosa lived in America. She had been working hard all day when she got the bus home. The bus was very full, and she was told she would have to give up her seat for a white man. For this, she was arrested and many people knew that this was simply not fair. People went on strike and refused to use the busses until the government agreed that the rules on the bus were not acceptable. Rosa's bravery has made her a hero to many people.

You can watch a song about her here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/horrible-histories-song-rosa-parks-sat-on-a-bus>

What things do you think are important? We can stand up for what we believe is important too. You could make a poster, write a letter to your MP or write a persuasive speech to explain why you think it is important.



Composer Central:

Bob Marley wrote a famous song telling people not to worry. Have a listen here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LanCLS_hIo4

As you listen, think about the message of the song. It can be very hard not to feel worry about all the things you hear on the news at the moment. Why not make a list of all the things that you have in your life that help you to feel calm and positive? You could draw them or write them down. Next time you feel worried, try to remember the things on your list and do one of the those things.



Love our Libraries:

This month we are championing the books of Malorie Blackman. We have championed her books before, but we think it is worth another mention. Help Beans and her friends solve the mystery of her Dad's disappearance in Operation Gadgetman or, for younger children, see if Fangs and Nathan can show his family that spiders aren't hairy and scary - they can be special and brave. Or, if you fancy something a bit different, check out Ellie, and the Cat.

'Ellie is the rudest, most spoilt child her grandma has ever met. So Grandma, who is a little bit magic, decides to teach her a lesson and switches Ellie's body with Jolly the cat's. As Ellie starts to make friends with the other animals in the house, the mice and the spiders, she learns how to be a good friend.'



Powerful Poetry:

This month, why not have a read at some of the fantastically powerful and moving poetry of Benjamin Zephaniah. The British writer is known for his poetry as well as novels, plays, and other works. His poetry is called "dub poetry," which means that is performed—the words are recited over the beat of reggae music. Originally writing poems for adults, Benjamin soon focused on writing for children.

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Benjamin-Zephaniah/476345>

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/poet/benjamin-zephaniah/>

If you're feeling inspired, why not write your own poem about any subject that you feel passionate about.



Superb sportsperson:

Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill DBE (born 28 January 1986) is a retired British track and field athlete from England, specialising in multi-eventing disciplines and 100 metres hurdles. As a competitor in heptathlon, she is the 2012 Olympic champion, a three-time world champion (2009, 2011, 2015), and the 2010 European champion. She is also the 2010 world indoor pentathlon champion. Dame Ennis-Hill is such a British hero that she was chosen as one of our House names here at Barrow Hedges.

https://facts.kiddle.co/Jessica_Ennis-Hill

You can watch and enjoy arguable her greatest success, sealing Gold in the Heptathlon at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-rEnjNWnMg>



Where we live:

Honeywood Museum:

What: A monster hunt

When: Saturday 24th October, Friday 30th October and Saturday 31st October

Booking is essential and can be done using Eventbrite.