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Dear Parent/Carer

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Re: Celebrating Black History Month

Nationally, it is Black History Month and across school last week we held our own Black History Week. Schools have been in the news over the last few weeks for not teaching Black History in schools, with the government stating that the National Curriculum allows schools the flexibility to do this.

We have held a Black History Week in school for the last three years and they have been extremely successful. However, Black History is not a once a year occurrence in our school, with diversity being threaded throughout our whole curriculum. For example, in the science topic 'Scientists and Inventors' we ensure that black scientists and inventors are covered too.

During Black History Week last week our theme was 'Saluting our Sisters' and the focus was on celebrating the lives of black women through history. The Learning Zones learnt about the following people:

Learning Zone	Famous Person	Who they were
Amethyst	Betty Campbell	First black Head Teacher in Wales
Sapphire	Mary Seacole	Black Nurse in the Crimean War
Ruby	Ruby Bridges	First black child to attend an all white school in America
Emerald	Malorie Blackman	Famous computer programmer
Diamond	Harriet Tubman	Escaped slavery, helped free enslaved people, lead troops in the Civil War and became the face of the American \$20 bill.

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These lessons sparked a wide range of thought provoking discussions and debates and it was great to see the children engage and enjoy learning about these amazing women through history who lived and breathed our school vision of Kindness, Fellowship and Confidence.

Yours sincerely

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