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Dear Parents

We come to the end of this half term feeling blessed for all of us to be well and safe and also feeling fulfilled in a half term of hard work and enjoyment.

Since September every day has been filled with energy, activity, fun and friendship as well as building on academic achievement and Student confidence on the full return to school.

October has welcomed celebrations of the Holy Rosary and our prayers to Our Lady. Classes have made their own Rosaries and explored the Mysteries of the Rosary together.

We have also celebrated Black History Month with amazing reflection, discussion and displays throughout the school. Celebrations have included stories, poetry, research, history, creation of Freedom Blankets, cultural celebration, School Council and Class Assemblies and Reception Class have woven Kente Cloth and made African beaded bracelets and necklaces. Some of the work in the school has been captured in the newsletter for you to enjoy.

Other displays have been created with Staff and Students to reflect on the Victorians, our

Homes, Fairy tales, Dinosaurs, Geology, the Boxing Day Tsunami, hand made sewn versions of Joseph's Coat and our Mission Statement.

Academic progress is also at a pace; Students in Year 2-6 completed their CATs yesterday. They are not knowledge learnt tests, instead they assess understanding, memory, reason and decision. We are using these to identify potential and personalise learning.

Our additional half term Progress Reports go home this afternoon; hopefully all Parents will find these valuable as an early measure of Student effort and achievement. It is early in the Academic Year; Staff have already completed a 'Gap Analysis' of Student attainment following the Pandemic lockdown in March to ensure all Staff are personalising learning to support every Student.

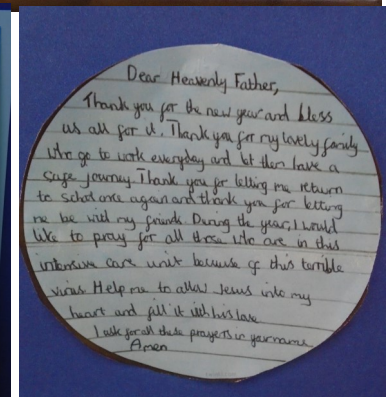
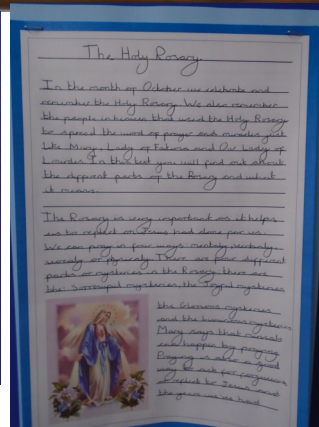
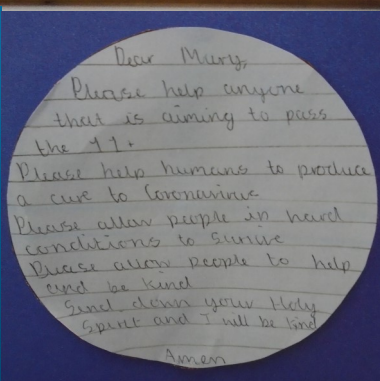
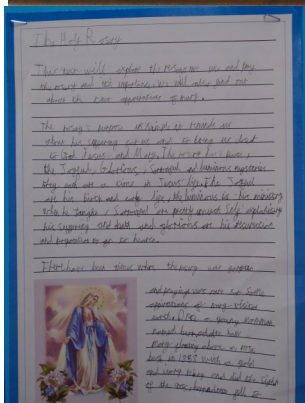
Thank you to all of you, our Staff and our Governors for all of the fantastic work in recent weeks; we are looking forward to our next half-term already.

Ms Barry

Head teacher

The Month of the Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary which we have grown to understand more through our class assemblies, prayers and intentions. Each pupil in Key Stage 2 wrote a prayer on a rosary bead which formed part of the Rosary Display in the Long Room. This was accompanied with work from Year 5 whereby pupils explained how to pray with the Rosary and why it is important for our intentions.



Year 4 Students created beautiful mini versions of Joseph's Coat in Art this week. They were designed, cut out and hand sewn.



Celebrating Black History Month

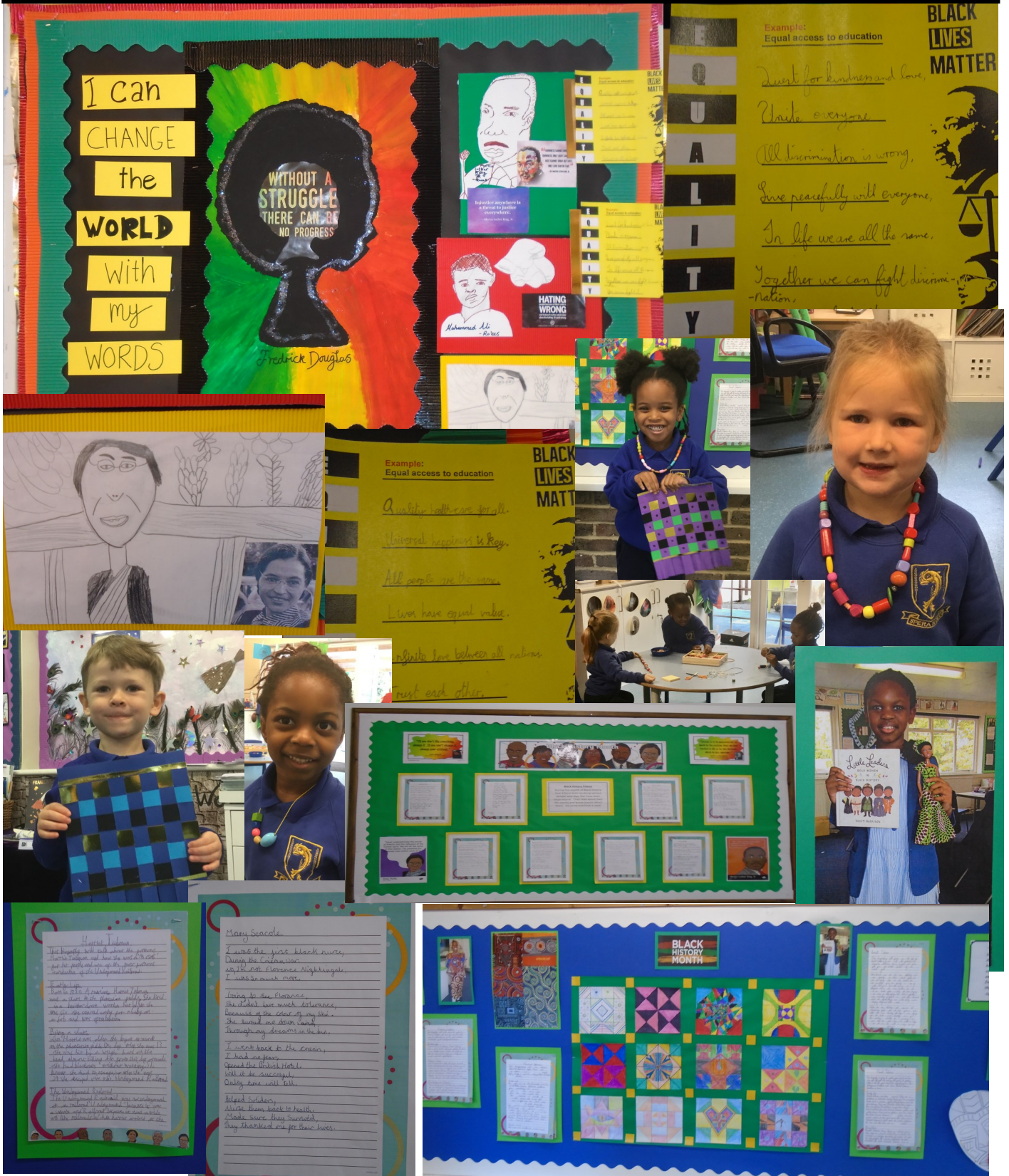
This month we have celebrated some of the important people and pioneers who have pushed the boundaries and broken down barriers in their search for justice, opportunity, prosperity and equality. We have brought this learning to life across our school through displays, Drama, Art, Music and Poetry.

Reception class have enjoyed making African bracelets and Kente Cloth.

Year 4 researched and learnt about inspirational figures in the fight for equality.

Year 5 have brought in a range of items that celebrate their culture and heritage. Year 5 also learnt about Henry "Box" Brown a slave who shipped himself to freedom in a wooden box.

Year 6 wrote powerful and inspiring poems about equality, mutual respect and tolerance.





Stars of the week



Harvest Gifts



Thank you for your generous Harvest Gifts which were donated to Purley Food Hub this week to help local families in need.



Harvest Baskets



Year 3 enjoyed weaving some beautiful Harvest Baskets in their Art Lesson this week. These were filled with Harvest Gifts which were taken off to the Purley Hub.



Nursery News

Ms Hogsden

This week Nursery have been exploring 2D shapes. The children have been completing a cutting and sticking activity to create their own space rocket. They also took part in a challenge game, looking for 2D shapes in the garden and recording their findings.

The children have been reinforcing their mathematical language by naming shapes and investigating their properties. The children also enjoyed participating in story time, where they listened to a story called 'Shapes are Everywhere'. This led to a group discussion about different shapes that we might see in our environment.



This year we will be once again supporting The Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal known as 'Operation Christmas Child'.

Given the current Covid -19 restrictions, we will not be providing empty shoe boxes this year; but instead we are asking if every Student could find an empty shoe box at home, decorate it and fill the box with items for a needy child.

For more information about what should and should not be included, please visit www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/. Please can all boxes be returned W/C November 2nd



Well done to our Year 6 Sports' Stars who won 'Rugby Player of the Week' and Star Swimming Certificates respectively last week.

Sports' Day

This week during PE lessons we managed to hold a social distanced 'Sports' Day' where every child participated with sprint, long distance and hurdle races along with a long jump competition.

After Year 3-6 scores were totalled after day 1 Alban were winning but by only 7 points to Mayne.

Day 2 saw the Year 1 and 2 children rise to the challenge with massive encouragement from the older children during break time.

Mayne were able to turn it around with some outstanding performances to win the Sports Day Cup which, although in different circumstances to our usual event, was played out in the usual competitive and friendly Laleham Lea spirit.

Mr Judge

School Calendar W/C November 2nd 2020

Monday 2nd Nov	Booster 11+ Booster Creative Colouring	Year 1-2 Juniors Reception	3.30-4pm 3.30-4.15pm 3.30-4pm
Tuesday 3rd Nov	Accelerated Maths Reading Club	Yr.5 Yr.2	3.30-4.30pm 3.30-4pm
Weds 4th Nov	PE for Juniors—come to school in PE Kit		
Thursday 5th Nov	STEM Reading Creativity Club PE Years 1 & 2 to come to school in PE Kit on Thursdays	Yr.6 Yr.1 Yr.4	3.30-4.15pm 3.30-4pm 3.30-4pm
Friday 6th Nov	Operation Christmas Child Boxes		

WEEKLY MENU

 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	 THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Panini Bake ^{1.7} Shepherdess Pie ^{3.1} <hr/> Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings ^{1.8.5} New Potatoes Sweetcorn Carrot Sticks <hr/> Peaches & Custard ⁷ Mr Nourish Orange Biscuit ¹ Fruit Pots	Chicken Pie ¹ Cheese, Tomato & Herb Penne ^{1.7} <hr/> Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings ^{1.8.5} Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables <hr/> Ice Cream ⁷ Mr Nourish Orange Biscuit ¹ Fruit Pots	Roast Pork & Gravy Falafel Balls in Tomato Sauce ^{1.5} <hr/> Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings ^{1.8.5} Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli Diced Carrots <hr/> Mandarin Drizzle Cake ^{1.5} Mr Nourish Orange Biscuit ¹ Fruit Pots & Yoghurt ⁷	Chicken & Coconut Curry ⁶ Cheesy Fusilli ^{1.7} <hr/> Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings ^{1.8.5} Rice Sliced Carrots Green Beans <hr/> Chocolate Twist ^{1.7} Fruit Pots & Yoghurt ⁷	Fish Fingers ^{1.8} or Salmon Fish Cake ^{1.8} Bean & Beet Burger ^{4.1.9} <hr/> Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Toppings ^{1.8.5} Chips Carrot Coleslaw ³ Peas <hr/> Apricot Cookie ^{1.6.15} Fruit Pots & Yoghurt ⁷



However you have felt during the last 6 months, and whatever the emotions you have experienced over this exceptionally testing period, have you ever thought you could best express this through the medium of art?

Whatever your age Purley Rotary Club has launched a competition that anyone can join and the winners will feature in their 2021 Calendar.

Visit <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.php?ClubID=885> for more information on how to enter.

