

The Leys Primary and Nursery

3 July 2020



Accelerating progress



Enriching wellbeing



Promoting partnerships



Inspiration of the week

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Important dates coming up

Week starting

6th July: Sponsored Sports Week
Online Google Meets with new teachers start next week.

THE LEYS LEARNING VALUE SUMMER

Compassion

Here at the Leys we are proud to promote and support the Black Lives Matter movement. Our pupils have spent time this week reflecting on our school values of equality and respect, and we expect them to be great role models as British Citizens. We will be spending time this year updating our curriculum to ensure it is inclusive of all our Black,

For children not coming into school - School reports, Summer New Learning Packs, School bags and PE bags (left in school) will be collected from Strong class from the outside pathway (please see below for allocated time and day).

- Year 1 and 2-Monday 6th July: from 10 am to 2pm
- Year 3-Tuesday 7th July: from 10 am to 2pm
- Year 4-Wednesday 8th July from 10 am to 2pm
- Year 5- Thursday 9th July from 10 am to 2pm
- Year 6- Friday 10th July from 10 am to 2pm

Virtual Sports Week 6th-10th July

Wear sports clothes and trainers.

A Just Giving web page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nepal-educational-charity> has been set up for families at home to make donations towards Global Action Nepal, a charity which aims to improve the next generation's life chances through education. Children at school are encouraged to bring in a £1 donation next

The Leys Primary and Nursery school will be closed during the summer holidays. **School will close on 17th July at 2.30 p.m. for ALL.**

The highlight of the week in Year 5— Lewis

This week, we chose to learn about Garrett Morgan and Rosa Parks. These influential people made a big difference to the civil rights movement in America. We decided to create individual artwork as well as a group project to depict our learning. Our runner of the week is Aaron Gauld.



MEET THE TEACHER!



Please help your child to attend the **online meeting** with their new teacher. The details are on the letter we have sent out today to introduce your child's new teacher.

NEW GUIDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER PUBLISHED THIS WEEK. FURTHER INFORMATION FOR PARENTS and CARERS HOME SOON

The highlight of the week in Reception—Zephaniah



This week in Zephaniah class we looked at how we are all different and the importance of respecting each other. The children were able to talk about how they were different from their friends and something that made each of them special.

TERM DATES FOR 2020-2021

- **Inset day: 2 September**
- **Start of term: 3 September 2020**
- **Term: 3 September -23 October**
- **Half term holiday: 26 October 2020 - 30 October 2020**
- **Inset day: 2 November**
- **Term: 3 November -18 December**
- **Occasional Day: 7 December**
- **Christmas holiday: 21 December 2020 - 3 January 2021**
- **Inset day: 4 January**
- **Term: 5 January - 12 February**
- **Half term holiday: 15 February 2021 - 19 February 2021**
- **Term : 22 February-26 March 2021**
- **Easter holiday: 29 March 2021 - 9 April 2021**
- **Half term holiday: 31 May 2021 - 4 June 2021**
- **Inset Day: 7 June**
- **Inset day 22 July**

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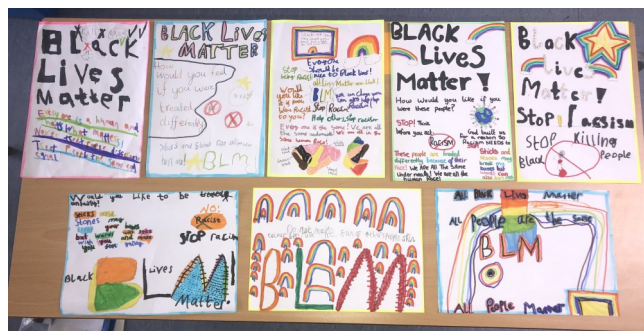
The highlight of the week in Year 2

This week, we have been learning about Mary Seacole who was a nurse in the Crimea and Mary Von Britten-Browne who invented a home alarm system.



The children then invented their own home alarm system. They have had some lovely discussions on race and how we should treat people.

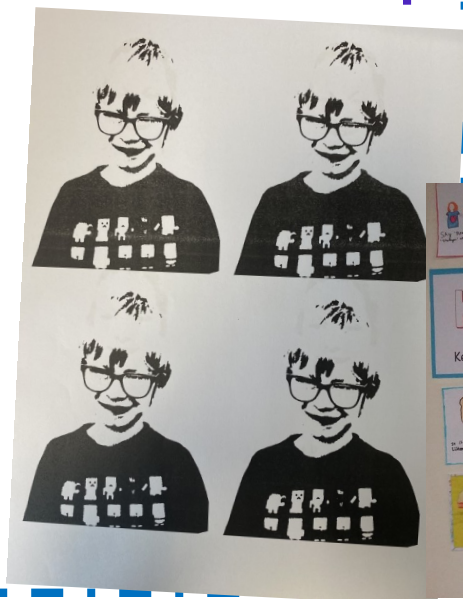
The highlight of the week in the key worker pod in the Junior block



In the KW pod 1 we have been learning about Black Lives Matter famous black people such as Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks, Mae Jemison and Marcus Rashford. We all agreed that if we are kind to everybody, then racism would not exist!

The highlight of the week in the Key worker pod 3 (in Wilson class)

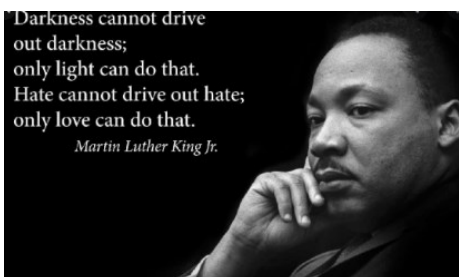
Our highlight of the week in Pod 3 this week has come from all of our children, who have been discussing black lives matter this week and producing some fantastic learning. To celebrate our differences, we produced a piece of art showing how we can be different, inspired by pop artist Andy Warhol.



The highlight of the week in Year 5 - Rosen

This week, as part of our Black Lives Matter focus, Rosen class were asked to research and create an information poster about Martin Luther King.

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Martin Luther King Jr.



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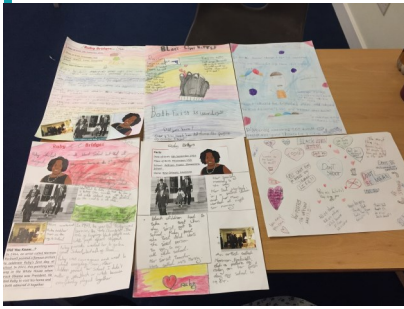
Who was Martin Luther King?

Martin Luther King was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King worked hard to make people understand that not only blacks but that all races should always be treated equally to white people. He gave speeches to encourage African Americans to protest without using violence.



The highlight of the week in Year 4

This week in our year 4 pod, we have been researching and learning about racism and the importance of Black Lives Matter. The children have been widening their knowledge of the impact racism can have on people's lives.



One person we have been learning about is Ruby Bridges—an American civil rights activist, and the children have made fact files about her life.

Miss Whittaker and Miss Greve have been really proud of how respectful and grown up the children have been whilst talking about such a serious matter.

The highlight of the week Year 3—Freedman

We have been very busy in Freedman class this week! We voted on a name for Mia's sloth (which was stitched from scratch!) Meet Leafy - the friendly sloth!

We also discussed the 'Black Lives Matter' movement. We agreed that racism is simply not acceptable and that we should celebrate diversity and equality.



The highlight of the week in the Key worker pod (in the Y2 building!)

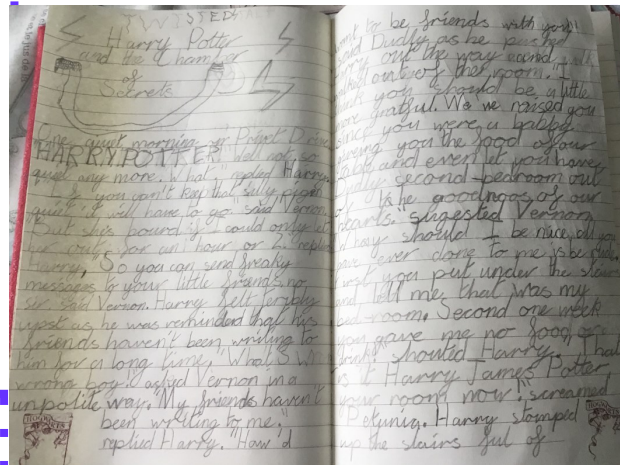
This week to celebrate the Black Lives Matter movement. The children in KeyWorker pod 2 discussed what racism is, historical and present affects of racism & how we as individuals can strive to become anti-racist. Through different informative approaches: poetry, literature, YouTube videos and real life stories. The children created posters & banners to express their thoughts & feelings supporting racial equality, and diversity in societies around the world.

Here is some of the brilliant work they have created.



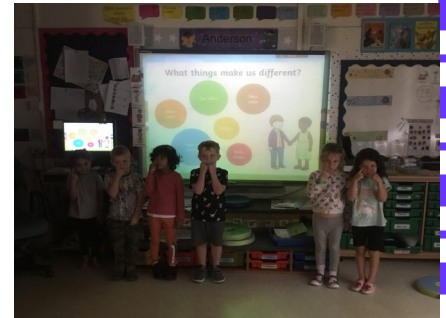
The highlight of the week in Year 3—Dahl

Kai wrote a wonderful story about Harry Potter, by far the most popular writing topic of Dahl class. Well done Kai, super scary and a brilliant read.



The highlight of the week in Reception—Anderson

This week we have been looking at how we are all different. We have carried out different activities where we sorted ourselves by our differences. Children were able to talk about different eye colour, hair colour, likes and skin colour. The children all talked about how it is important to be kind to everyone no matter what their differences.'



The highlight of the week in Year 4-Morpurgo

Morpurgo's highlight of the week this week is from Muneeb, who has been researching Ruby Bridges as part of Black Lives Matter week. It has been interesting hearing the children's views and opinions on this topic, and seeing their interest in researching this subject.

WHO IS SHE ?



The little girl did not look at the howling crowd, but from the side the whites of her eyes showed like those of a frightened dove. The men turned her around like a doll and then the strange procession moved up the broad walk toward the school, and the child was even more a mite because the men were so big. Then the girl made a curious face, and I think I know what it was. I think in her whole life she had not gone ten steps without sleeping, but now in the middle of her first step, the weight bore her down and her little round feet took measured, reluctant steps between the tall guards. Slowly they climbed the steps and entered the school.

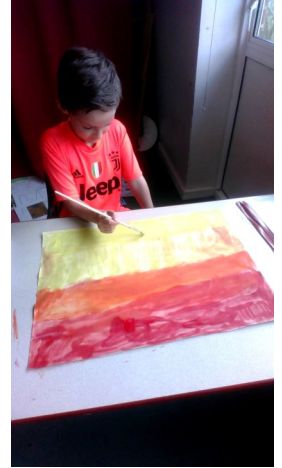
She is an American civil rights activist.

She was the first African-American child to desegregate the all-white William Frantz Elementary School in Louisiana during the New Orleans school desegregation crisis on 14 November 1960.

The highlight of the week in Year 3

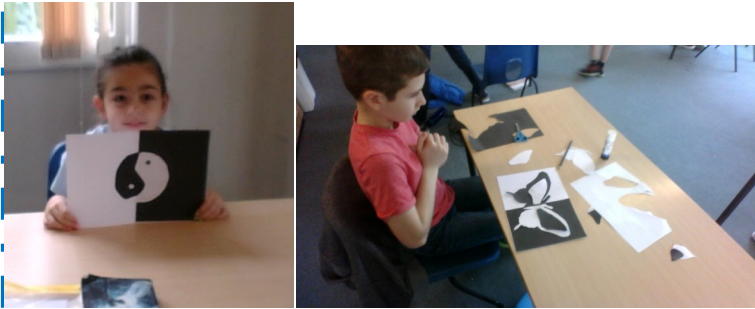
-Wilson

We have had an interesting week in year 3 learning about Black Lives Matter. The children have enjoyed learning about black inventors including George Crum who invented the potato chip. We have done some paper weaving to make our own versions of Kente cloth and the children are enjoying making African sunsets and learning to draw African animals.



The highlight of the week in Year 5 –Tolkien

This week, in school, we have been thinking about Civil Rights, as this is a hot topic at the moment. We have learned about Dr Martin Luther King Jr, and listened to his famous speech about a dream of racial equality across the world. We have also created some negative space art that is a good visual representation of equality.



By Tommy Brinkley in Year 6. AMAZING TOMMY!!!

The highlight of the week in Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been talking about different types of physical activities that keep us fit and healthy. We have been exercising with Joe Wicks and dancing along to our favourite songs. The children have also chosen to continue with our healthy theme and made delicious fruit salad.



The highlight of the week in Year 6—Shakespeare

In the Shakespeare pods this week, we looked at the civil rights movement in America, and the culmination of national protests at racial segregation: The march on Washington DC and Martin Luther King Jr.'s inspiring 'I Have a Dream' speech. We examined the structure and delivery of the speech and discussed its meanings. We then broadened our discussion on the history of civil rights and learnt how Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy on non-violent protests had directly influenced the approach taken by Martin Luther King Jr. and also the beliefs of Nelson Mandela.



The highlight of the week in Year 1—Sendak

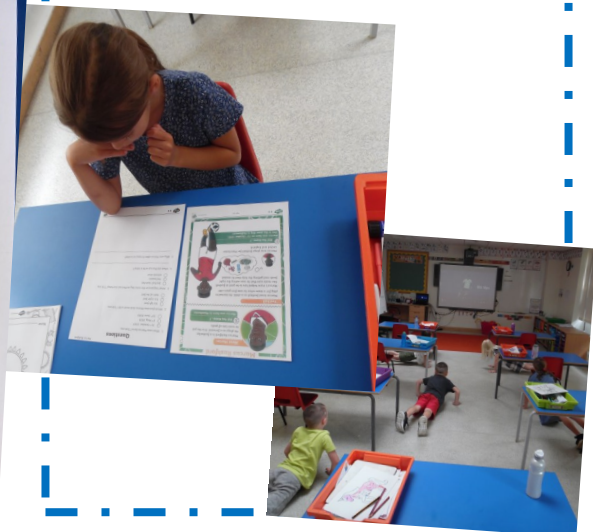
This week in Sendak class we have been learning about Manchester United and England footballer, Marcus Rashford. The children learnt about Marcus' childhood and how he got into football. We discussed why his campaign for free school meal vouchers during the holidays was so important and that lots of children will not be hungry because of what Marcus did.

We watched Celebrity Supply Teacher where Marcus put the children through their paces with a stretch and warm up routine designed to get ready for a big game.

The children would like to say a big well done and thank you to Marcus Rashford.

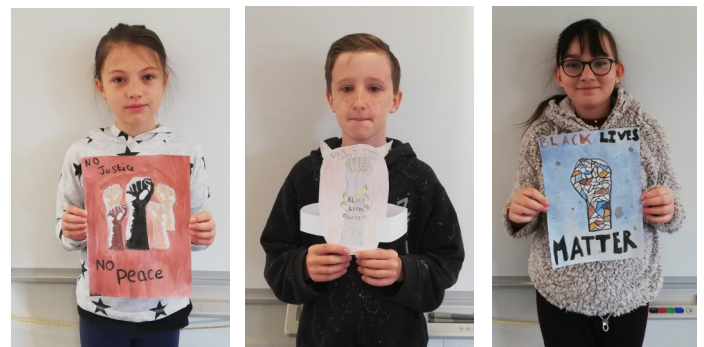
The highlight of the week in

Carle class have been learning about two inspirational people this week. Marcus Rashford a footballer who persuaded the government to give food vouchers to disadvantaged children during the summer holidays. We also learned about Mary Seacole and her determination to help soldiers during the Crimean War.



The highlight of the week in Year 6— Dickens

This week, the Year 6s celebrated Black Lives Matter. As a class, we discussed the reason behind the movement, as well as the lives that have been affected due to racism and police brutality over the past decade. We discussed what we can do as members of our community to fight for the cause and become local young activists within our schools and community groups. To celebrate, we created our own posters to share our message.



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