



Springwell Park News

27th September, 2024

Diary Dates

02.10.24 Individual Class Photos
11.10.24 Wear Yellow for Mental Health
15.10.24 Parents Evening
23.10.24 Autumn Disco
25.10.24 Finish for Half Term
04.11.24 - Back to school
W/B 11.11.24 - Y6 Coniston week
02.12.24 - Panto
11.12.24 - Reception Nativity
12.12.24 - Xmas jumper day
18.12.24 - Xmas dinner day
20.12.24 - Party day

Black History

October is Black History month. We enjoyed a whole school assembly on this topic on Monday, delivered by Mr Hanlon. The children have been invited to take part in a competition - a letter has been text out about this.

Democracy

Our children took part in our Ballot/Voting Day on Thursday. Each class took it in turns to come to our Voting Hall to vote for their School Council Class Representative.

Year 1 - Flynn and Sienna / Nellie and Dexter
Year 2 - Oscar and Lilly / Jax and Neve
Year 3 - Matthew & Holly / Harrison and Mila
Year 4 - Oliver and Ava / Maggie and Elliot
Year 5 - Dale and Portia-Leigh / Harley & Alice
Year 6 - Joseph and Chloe / Amelia and Oscar

A huge well done to all involved - every child should be very proud of themselves.

WW1 - Year 5

On Friday, our Y5 cohort enjoyed a WW1 History workshop. This was to coincide with their current topic. Please ask them about it.

Springwell Reads - Reminder

Just a reminder of our approach to home reading - Springwell Reads. If your child reads 5 times over a 7 day period, they receive a stamp on their loyalty card (this is within their reading record). At the end of the half term, if the child has enough stamps, they enjoy the class prize and/or experience. The reward differs by class, based on the children's age and interest.

Home reading is essential for your child's academic and emotion success.

Upcoming Individual Photographs

On Wednesday, the children will be having their individual class photographs taken. Best hairstyles and don't forget to clean behind those ears!

Reading Leaders - Reminder

We are recruiting for Reading Leaders - a letter has been sent home all about this, including the application form. Children who love reading and being read to are encouraged to apply. If you don't have a printer, please do ask your child's class teacher for a copy of the application form.

BBC 500 Word Competition

A letter has been sent home all about a writing competition - BBC 500 Words. Children are invited to write a story about anything they wish - the more creative the better! Stories are to be handed to Mr Hanlon.

Throughout October, we will put the spotlight on a significant black person and celebrate their story and legacy.



Black History Month

"In the Spotlight"

Harriet Tubman was born around 1820 in Maryland, USA, at a time when many Black people were enslaved. She was very brave and strong, and from a young age, she knew that slavery was wrong. When she was a young woman, Harriet decided she couldn't stay enslaved anymore, so she escaped to freedom by traveling over 90 miles, mostly on foot! But Harriet didn't stop there—she wanted to help others, too.

Harriet became a conductor on the Underground Railroad, which wasn't an actual train, but a secret network of routes and safe houses that helped enslaved people escape to freedom. Harriet risked her life many times, leading around 70 people to freedom, including her own family. She was so good at it that she earned the nickname "Moses," just like the biblical figure who led his people to freedom.

During the American Civil War, Harriet worked as a nurse, cook, and even a spy! She helped the Union Army, which was fighting to end slavery, by gathering information and leading raids. Even after slavery was abolished, Harriet continued to fight for justice, including women's rights.

Harriet Tubman's legacy teaches us the importance of bravery, standing up for what's right, and helping others, even when it's difficult. Today, she is remembered as one of the most important figures in American history and a symbol of freedom.

