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Dear Parent/Carer



CARDINAL POLE SCHOOL CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024

October sees the whole school community celebrating Black History Month. We have a whole month of exciting activities, workshops, lessons, talks and enrichment opportunities. These include lessons on history, guest speakers, steel pan workshops, a special menu, trips to the theatre and a whole school competition. Last year was incredibly successful and we are determined to celebrate with the entire Cardinal Pole community.

Activities this week include:

- Lessons on Black History and role models, led by staff and students;
- A trip to watch Hamilton the musical;
- Workshops on the history of Carnival;
- Steel drum workshops;
- Leading celebrations at local community clubs - working with the elder members of the community to lead their Black History Month celebrations;
- Poetry workshops and dance workshops;
- Museum visits and a visit to the British Library, for a Black British literature workshop;
- Poetry and spoken word workshops.

And finally,

- A whole school competition on the theme: **Reclaiming Narratives**

Students are invited to create a piece of art, poetry, interview with a family member, a video or any other creative entry.

Please see the full timetable

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| Whole School Competition | Lunch Activity – Library Reading and discussion Steel Pan – Workshops Junior Choir – BHM Celebration | Cooking Club Exploring Cultures Art Club – African Art History | Form Activities BHM introduction Quiz | Newsround – BHM – Reclaiming Narratives - Biography |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| British Library – Black British Literature Workshop | Steel Pan – Workshops Lunch Activity – Library Reading Junior Choir – BHM Celebration | Tropical Isles – Carnival Headdress making Art Club – African Art History | Form Activities – Reclaiming Narratives London Museum Docklands Year 7 – African Cup of Nations (Interform competition) Student Led | Newsround – BHM – Reclaiming Narratives - Biography Celebrate your hair day |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Emanuelle Akwafo – Actor Workshop – all day | Junior Choir – BHM Celebration Spoken word and Poetry Workshop – Tofarati Sobodo Braiding with my sisters – Hair Braiding workshops and demonstrations | Competition Deadline Emanuelle Akwafo – Actor Workshop – all day Cooking Club – Exploring Cultures | Year 7 – African Cup of Nations (Interform competition) Student Led | Newsround – BHM – Reclaiming Narratives - Biography Parent Workshop |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Rewards Assembly Year 11 Speaker - Ron Lewis – Radiographer | Rewards Assembly Year 9 Steel Pan – Workshops Jayda David – Poetry Workshops Lunch Activity – Library Reading | Rewards Assembly Year 10 Art Club – African Art History Cooking Club – Exploring Cultures | Rewards Assembly Year 7 Chats Lunch Club – BHM celebration | Rewards Assembly Year 7 Cultural Dress Day |

We are hoping for an excellent month, celebrating our rich history and the community we live in. Please keep an eye on our social media and school website of the activities during the week.

Yours sincerely,



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