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Could you foster a child? FIND OUT MORE AT LAMBETH'S NEXT ONLINE EVENT

Fostering means taking a child into your home and welcoming them into your family. This is likely to be at a difficult time when they will really need a lot of love, support and stability. Lambeth's Fostering Team are continuing to appeal to local people with a spare room and the capacity to care for a vulnerable child to consider stepping forwards. **Their next online event will take place at 7pm on Thursday 19 November and will be an opportunity to have all your questions about becoming a foster carer answered. Register here.**

Uniform Sale & Hot Chocolate Postponed

Hello! We're very sorry to say that after some discussion we have decided to postpone the uniform sale and hot chocolate Friday that was planned for this week. We felt that although everyone would have tried their best to socially distance, there would be too many people in a relatively small space and we didn't want to take any risks. We're hoping to reschedule for after lockdown restrictions ease but will monitor the situation and see what we think.

In the meantime, if anyone needs any school uniform please contact the PTA either via our Facebook page or email hitherfieldpta@gmail.com and we will do our best to try and accommodate you.

Thanks for your understanding the PTA
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REMEMBRANCE DAY

At 11am on 11th November Hitherfield pupils and staff took part in the national two-minute silence. After paying our respects we laid our wreath next to the flagpole on Leigham Vale.

Chris Ashley-Jones
Executive Headteacher



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AS a school we had an amazing number of entries to the 'A Better Community Young Poets Competition'. Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry, they were all amazing!

ABC is a resource hub to empower people, communities and institutions to challenge the racist practices embedded in ourselves and society.

On the next few pages are some of the amazing poems that pupils in our school submitted, we hope you enjoy reading them as much as we did!

www.abettercommunity.org.uk/home

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THE HISTORY OF ME

My name is NIA which means purpose.

I am determined, independent, grateful, intelligent,
happy, kind, sad, angry, playful, and mischievous.

I wrote a poem to remind people of black history,
which is just history to me.

Bessie Coleman was determined and independent

She soared through the sky,

She was the first black female pilot

Who earned her license to fly.

She was born in Atlanta in 1892,

She had to overcome racism, sexism, and many obstacles to do what
she wanted to.

Mary Seacole was kind, helpful, strong, smart, focussed, grateful for
her privileges,

She helped the injured soldiers during the Crimean war.

She had a sense of humour that made the soldiers laugh,

She used traditional medicines from Jamaica as her healing craft.

Celebration has been part of our culture since ancient African times,

Festivals, food, music, masquerade, costumes, and rhymes.

Drums are like the beat of the soul of the people no matter where they
are,

Across the gigantic ocean to lands so far.

The Notting Hill Carnival is a good example of this,

it has been around since the year 1966.

Bringing different communities together, celebrating Caribbean
culture,

embracing what makes us diverse

and realising it's not a curse.

History is something we all need to know,

It's important to learn that you matter as well.

My name is Nia and I am a descendant of African kings and queens,

Purpose, resilience, determination and respect are all in my genes!

Nia - Hippopotamus

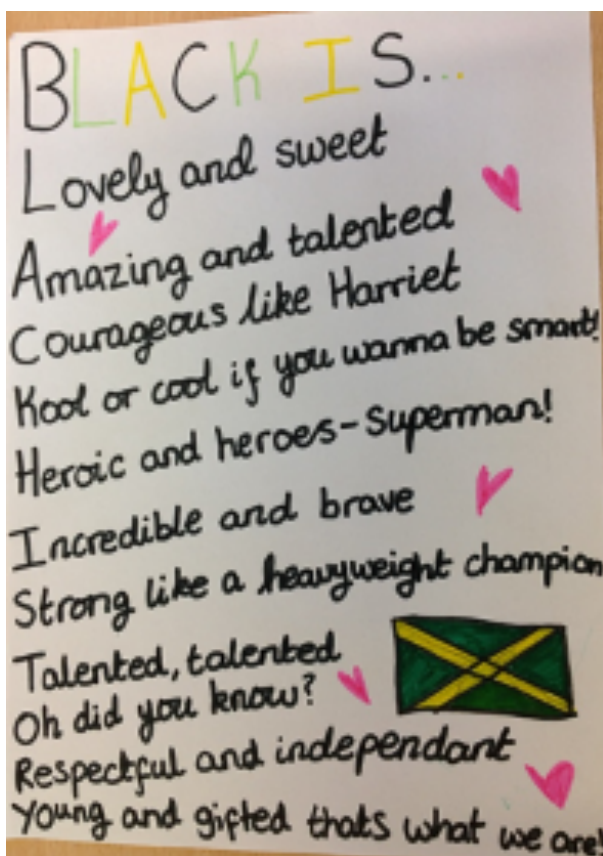
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CHANGE

Others showed me how easy it is to speak empty words
Talking big about racism is wrong
But when it comes to standing up and saying "It's not right"
They're sitting down, heads bent low
Staring at phones, while people trade blows
Saying that this place is a dump while littering
So considering this,
Whose changing the world?
Whose standing up for people's rights?
Whose saying a black man isn't an armed man?
I know I am, are you?

Corine - Puffin



Azariah - Kingfisher

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