

Newsletter September 2020

We have had a busy first half term back in school and I am immensely proud of our pupils' resilience and adaptability during these ever-changing times. Both staff and pupils rose to the challenge of remote learning and we are really pleased with how well children coped with this sudden change. A big thank you to parents for your invaluable feedback on how we can improve our remote learning provision and what was working well for you and your family. We are continuing to work with the Trust to review and continue to improve our home learning offer. I thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss McCoy

Attendance is currently 92.2%. If your child is well, please ensure they come to school on time. If your child is showing any symptoms of Covid-19, please inform the office and self-isolate and get a test. Please keep the school updated with the outcome of test results. We are here to support families with this process.

Library Bid and Gardening Bid

We have been awarded a grant for garden planters amounting to £1500. These will arrive soon and staff will also receive training on ways to build gardening opportunities into the school curriculum. We have also secured £2200 towards school library resources.



Manchester United

Well done to our wonderful Year 6 pupils who received a t-shirt and certificate for their work last year. Pupils worked with Manchester United to learn how to be play leaders. They have been excellent ambassadors for school and will use these skills to enhance their classmates' playtimes.



Investment in the School

The heating system will be completely replaced over the coming term and we envisage that it will have been completed by the end of December. Work will be undertaken in phases around school, so we will inform parents if there are changes to entry points around school as classrooms are being worked on, but will aim to ensure there is minimal disruption. We thank you for your cooperation in advance during this time.

Home Learning and Parent Support

St Hilda's has a parent Covid -19 help and guidance section on the school website www.sthildasprimary.co.uk Here you can find lots of useful resources, weblinks and guides to support you and your families' health and wellbeing. There is also an internet safety section to inform families how to monitor devices and keep their children safe whilst online. Staff will also be teaching pupils how to stay safe online as remote learning from home may occur periodically over the year for pupils.

If your child's bubble has to self-isolate, work and lessons which would have been completed in school will be shared on the school blog. Children will be able to access online lessons through the National Oak Academy, alongside resources, videos, voice notes and communication by teachers during this period.

If your child is isolating whilst waiting for a test, please call the office or message your child's class teacher via the SeeSaw. Monthly overviews can be accessed online on the school website under 'Home Learning 2020-21' tab. Teachers will share the relevant links for your child to access the work if they are well enough to do so.

Thank you for adhering to the social measures put in place with designated pick-up points, social distancing requirements and requests to wear a mask whilst on the playground. We appreciate your cooperation.

Office Closed

At present, the office is closed to visitors. Mrs Harris and Miss Dunning will be happy to assist you. If you require a meeting or a phone call with a member of staff, please call or email the office for this to be arranged. 0161 881 5466

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Nursery



Nursery have been learning about Paddington Bear. Look at some of their fantastic work and letter formation.

Mental Health Wellbeing

Staff have received mental health and wellbeing training for themselves and pupils. We were ecstatic to welcome children back and our staff are working hard to ensure pupils settle into routines and friendships over the coming weeks. We will continue to send out our monthly mental health newsletter, signposting you to support within the community and strategies to promote good mental health and wellbeing. Miss McCoy will also be trained as a mental health first aider with Mental Health England to support staff and pupils.



Music Lessons

Key Stage 1 will begin learning the violin with Trafford Music Service. The children love to learn to play instruments and will still be able to take them home to practise. We will host a virtual assembly in the coming term for Key Stage 1 to perform for their families. Please visit <https://traffordmusicservice.co.uk/> for more information about music lessons from Trafford Music Service.

School Website

Please visit www.sthildasprimary.co.uk to find links and resources to support mental health and well-being, online safety and support services in our local area.

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Black History Month

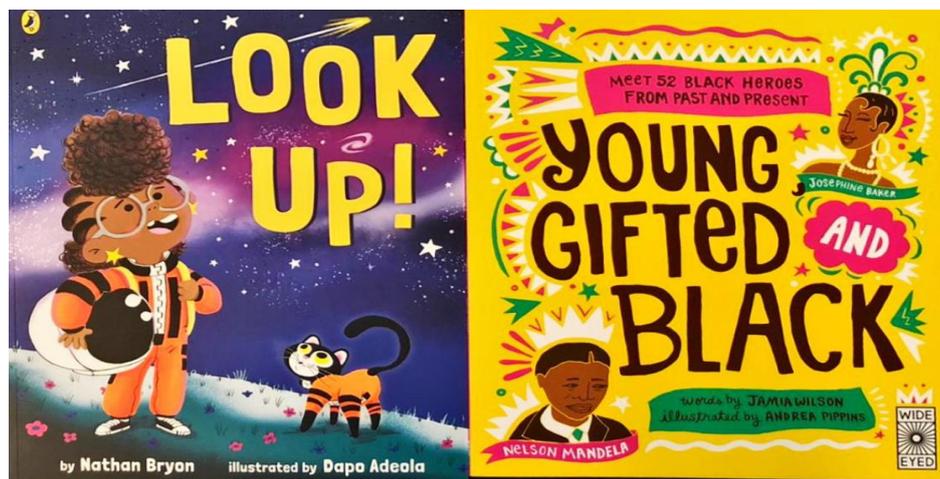
We are excited to be learning about Black History this month at St Hilda's. Pupils will be learning about influential men and women during Black History Month through a series of activities from acting, listening to music, reading a range of literature and learning about achievements of black people in the past and modern day.

Pupils will complete work focused on a book which has a black author and / or black characters in it. Children will also participate in 'hosted thought activities' with their class to consider what Black History Month means. Please look on our website for useful links and resources for Black History Month

<https://www.sthildasprimary.co.uk/black-history-month/>

We will also be sharing a 'quote of the day' and 'person of the day' to blogs to share the achievements of black men and women of history and of current times. We look forward to sharing the children's learning with you on the school blogs over the coming month.

We are looking at ideas to inspire children next year during Black History Month, so if you have any suggestions or connections in the community that could offer a learning opportunity to our pupils, please let us know!



Please find below a link for Cultural events throughout October, Manchester Libraries.

https://manclibraries.blog/2020/09/25/black-history-month/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=