

Perivale Primary School

Newsletter



Issue 03 – Friday 7th October 2022

Black History Month



As we are sure you are aware, October is Black History Month, and whilst at Perivale we are working on ensuring diversity is a thread throughout our curriculum throughout the year, it is still important to spend some time focusing on the contributions of people from Black African and Caribbean heritage within the UK and across the globe.

At Perivale, we will be focusing on celebrating contributions within the UK. It is important that we focus on British Black history as the Black British community is a composite of peoples with different cultures and identities. Some individuals with a lineage beginning long before the Windrush generation and others with distinct and very different cultures.

We will celebrate and remember people of African and Caribbean heritage achievements and contributions to the British economy, culture, and history. From a space scientist to the first British Army officer of colour, not to mention a royal trumpeter in the courts of Henry VII.

There will be a display board in the communal area where we will celebrate the learning we have covered during Black History Month by showcasing work from different year groups. There will also be more information in our newsletter so watch this space!

Early Years Open Morning/School Tour

If you have a child who will be starting in Reception or Nursery next September 2023 and you would like to see our school and meet staff from early years, please click on the following link to book your place for our open morning/school tour.

<https://forms.gle/dxCWvfHeoizFhvo87>

Open morning dates

- Tuesday 11th October 9.30am – 10.15am
- Wednesday 23rd November 9.30am – 10.15am



We currently have vacancies in our nursery. If your child turned 3 years old before 31st August 2022, they will be eligible to join our nursery to receive 15 hours of free nursery education per week. We have a further intake of nursery children in January 2023, for those who turn 3 years old from 1st September to 31st December 2022. Please contact the school office for a registration form.

Please tell any of your friends and family about our open mornings and the availability of nursery places.

Parent/Carer Coffee Catch Up

Thank you to all those who came along to the catch up this week. The focus of the meeting was to introduce the Friends of Perivale and what it will look like for our school. Parents who are involved with setting up the group gave a presentation to parent/carers with some initial thoughts and ideas. The plan is to create a community led group who will communicate, collaborate and contribute to enhancing life at school for our whole school community. We are pleased to inform you that the Friends of Perivale will be organising a Winter Fair which will take place at school during the next half term. The group needs more parents to become involved, especially to help with the Winter Fair, so if you are interested and have some time/expertise to share, please do contact the school office.

Miss Daley also discussed up coming parent workshops including Special Educational Needs; Reading Café; Maths and Science. Please look out for these dates in the calendar over the coming weeks.

We are also pleased to announce that we will be offering an after school homework club starting after half term. The club will run on a six weekly basis for KS1 and KS2 children. You will be sent information shortly about how you can book your child's place.

Goodbye and Good Luck



We are saying goodbye to Mrs McDonald today at school. We thank her for all her hard work at Perivale over the last 7 years. We know that our Perivale community will miss her and will want to wish her all the best in her new school.

Quidditch Comes to Perivale

Children took part in a Quidditch workshop this week where pupils were sorted into houses during a morning assembly and each class had a slot in the day where they were taught how to play the game of Quidditch, complete with roles for a keeper, chasers, beaters and a seeker!

Attendance

Well done to Poplar class for their 100% attendance for last week. This week we congratulate Maple, Cedar and Ash who were all winners with the best attendance.

Whole school attendance from 5th September to 6th October was 93.4%. This is below the expected national target for attendance so this has to improve. We realise that children become ill from time to time and need to take time off school. However, we ask parent/carers to book non-urgent appointments at the end of the school day or in the school holidays where possible.



Polite Notice to Parent/Carers

We have received reports recently that parent/carers from our school are parking across our neighbour's driveways. This is causing distress and inconvenience to many people who happen to live near our school.



Please be respectful of our wider community and do not park your vehicle across driveways. If you do drive your children to school, you may find it helpful to leave enough time in the morning to park legally and drop your child/ren to school.

Thank you for supporting the school in keeping our standards high and our values at the heart of the things that we do in the community.

Dates for your calendar

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 11 th October	9.30am – 10.15am	Open Morning and School Tour for Reception/Nursery 2023
Wednesday 19 th October	3.30pm – 5.30pm	Open Evening for Parents/Carers (Reception – Year 6)
Thursday 20 th October	3.30pm – 7.30pm	Open Evening for Parents/Carers (Reception – Year 6)
Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October		HALF TERM
Monday 31st October		Staff Development Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 1 st November		Back to school
Friday 9 th December	All day	Charity event - Christmas Jumper Day To fundraise for 'Save the Children' Charity
Wednesday 23 rd November	9.30am – 10.15am	Open Morning and School Tour for Prospective parents Reception/Nursery 2023
Friday 16th December	1.00pm	Last day of term
Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January 2023		Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 3rd January		Staff Development Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 4th January		First day of spring term

Healthy Packed Lunch

As a healthy school, we would like to share with you some great ideas for healthy packed lunches. Parent/Carers are reminded that **packed lunches or snacks should not contain nuts of any kind, crisps, sweets or fizzy drinks.**

<https://33u6f8k15nb249sm22z9z5bl-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Packed-lunch-booklet-for-parents.pdf>



Supporting children, families and schools

The Ealing Schools Counselling Partnership is working to improve the emotional wellbeing of children, parents and staff by working with the whole school community.

I am Toni Medcalf, the CEO of the Schools Counselling Partnership.

I will be working at Perivale Primary School on Wednesdays until the end of December until we can find a new Therapeutic Lead to run our service there.

My role in school is to support the children, parents, carers and teachers with their emotional wellbeing. These last two years have left many of us feeling overwhelmed, anxious, stressed and scared. There is no-one who has been untouched by coronavirus or the events going on in the world one way or another.

I will be running a self-referral lunchtime drop in for all children called The Space every Wednesday where children can come and talk to me about any of their concerns. If you do not want your child to attend please let the school know.

I will also be running a drop in first thing on a Wednesday morning to offer support to parents, you may want to come and talk about your child because you have some concerns about their wellbeing. Or you too maybe struggling and need some help.

It can be quite daunting asking for help and therapy might be unfamiliar to you but if you are struggling why don't you just come and have an informal chat or give me a call.

I look forward to meeting some of you.

Toni Medcalf
Therapeutic Lead in
School

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Parents Drop-in:
9-10am
Every Thursday
(term time only)



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