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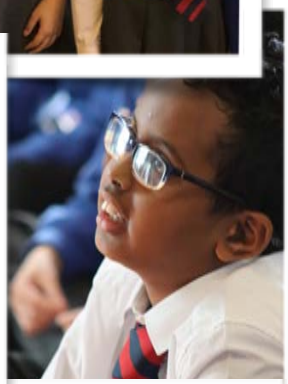


Dear parents and carers,

Black History Month Finale

We have concluded our Black History month with a wow!

Throughout the month of October, we have been celebrating Black History and, in order to conclude our half-term, pupils from Bayonne, James Lee & Melcombe have taken part in creative and motivating workshops. These have included:

- Motivational assemblies led a by biochemist and a senior social worker (both are parents from Melcombe)
- KS1 'Proud To Be' story telling sessions
- Carnival costume workshops
- African drumming and storytelling
- Carnival dance workshops
- A workshop about apartheid

Pupils have enjoyed the opportunity to express themselves in a variety of ways which have simply reflected this year's theme, 'Proud To Be'.

Special thanks to our two parents who led our assemblies:

Dr Ali
Role: Doctor of biochemistry for 20 years. As a scientist, Dr Ali works in biotechnology and drug discovery research using techniques in X-ray crystallography.

Ms Shirley
Role: Safeguarding social worker for 7 years, working with London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. Ms Shirley's primary role is to safeguard children and support families. Her team also helps disadvantaged children and families who are struggling and children who are not having the greatest experience in life. She finds her role very rewarding.

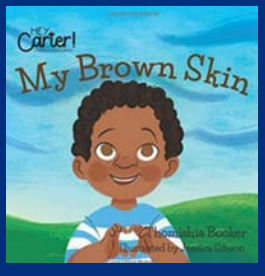
Black History Month Playlist

Please feel free to use our Thames Federation BHM Playlist:
https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLLYtlyrnMBadEAJr3zewJeHq1MMaDkrve

Wishing all our families in the Thames Federation community a restful half-term break.

Miss Strachan
Executive Head Teacher

Our Black History - Recommended Reads:



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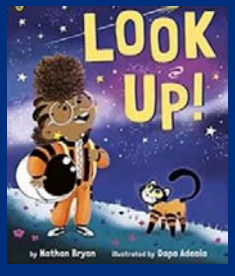

Key Stage 1

8 Year Olds to Adult
Read ebook

School Photographer at Melcombe

Photos of pupils and staff will take place on **Monday 8th November.**

A reminder to parents and carers to please ensure all children are in full uniform.

Melcombe Primary School Open Mornings

Melcombe Primary School welcomes new parents to view the school from 9:15am to 10:15am on the following dates:

Wednesday 10th November 2021
Wednesday 17th November 2021

Book now by calling 020 8748 7411 to reserve your place.

Deadline for Secondary School Applications

Dear parents and carers of children in Year 6,

Please be aware that the closing date for submitting your child's secondary transfer application is drawing near, 31st October 2021.

It is imperative that you get your applications in on time, as this will ensure that your preferences for schools will be considered in line with all other applicants.

Late applications are often not considered until March, after national offer day.

Wishing you well with your applications.

Ms Hegazey
Assistant Head Teacher Inclusion

Apply Now for Grant for School Uniform

School Clothing Grant and Free School Meals

Visit the website below to check your family's eligibility and apply for school clothing grant and free school meals:

http:www.lbhf.gov.uk/student-benefits-and-grants

"What's that Noise?" at Bayonne Nursery

On Tuesday, the children at Bayonne Nursery went out into their local green space to see what all the noise was about.

To their surprise, they saw workmen cutting down the trees. The children showed a lot of interest in what they were doing and helped them to collect the branches when they had finished.

The children worked together to carry the large branches to the side of the path and watched as they disappeared into a large machine which chopped them up into small pieces.

"I want to do that when I get bigger!"
"Why do they do that?"
"That big machine is very noisy!"
"I am so strong to pick up that branch."

Children Return to School on Tuesday 2nd November

A reminder that Monday 1st November is Inset Day (staff training day) for Bayonne Nursery, James Lee Nursery and Melcombe Primary School.

Bayonne Nursery, James Lee Nursery and Melcombe Primary School reopen to all children on Tuesday, November 2nd 2021.

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term!

Music and Dance at the Theatre for James Lee

This week, the James Lee Nursery children went on a trip to see Musiko Musika at the Lyric Theatre. They had a wonderful time singing and dancing with the talented musicians. A lot of fun was had by all.

A Love of Reading at the Pre-school

The children at Bayonne Pre-school have many opportunities to engage with reading material in all areas of the nursery. Staff support and read to the children to foster a love and enjoyment of books.

Books and props displayed at an appropriate level encourage children to engage individually with them.

This week, the pre-school children have been focusing on a favourite book, 'Dear Zoo'. The children have had the opportunity to handle wooden animals, naming them and using a variety of boxes to hide them in, and have recreated the story in their own words and actions.

Melcombe Star of the Week!

R, Atinuke Class	Khalel	For great participation during song/rhyme time.
Y1, Michael Rosen Class	Piper	For being an active participant in class discussions!
Y2, Chitra Soundar Class	Emily	For being an enthusiastic learner and kind friend on our zoo trip.
Y2, Julia Donaldson Class	Aaron	For helping others to understand tricky concepts in maths.
Y3, Philip Pullman Class	Elijah	For writing a great poem and trying his best in every lesson.
Y3, Robert Swindells Class	Khadeejah	For consistently showing her eagerness to learn and tackle challenging questions in maths and for the absolutely fantastic presentation in her maths book.
Y4, Carol Ann Duffy Class	Calvin	For putting 100% effort into his English writing.
Y4, Roald Dahl Class	Melinda	For showing great empathy and understanding during Black History Month.
Y5, William Shakespeare Class	Ryshae	For being kind and helpful to both children and adults within the school.
Y5, Madhur Jaffrey Class	Oliver	For putting a lot of thought into his literacy work.
Y6, Malorie Blackman Class	McKayla	For excellent written presentation.

James Lee Nursery children received 14 Happy Notes This this week. Well done!

Covid-19 Updates

The latest Covid-19 Risk Assessment and Outbreak Management Plan can be found on the website of your child's school/nursery.

Thames Federation Attendance Target 97%

Our School Management Information System report shows that we have achieved an average attendance of 95.7% this week. We look forward to better attendance levels next week.

	Class	This week	Class	This week
P-S	Bayonne	61.2%		
N	Bayonne	75.1%	James Lee	74.2%
R& Y1	Reception Melcombe, Atinuke Class	94.5%	Year 1 Melcombe, Michael Rosen Class	96.7%
Y2	Melcombe, Chitra Soundar Class	98.8%	Melcombe, Julia Donaldson Class	95.7%
Y3	Melcombe, Philip Pullman Class	92.2%	Melcombe, Robert Swindells Class	93.3%
Y4	Melcombe, Carol Ann Duffy Class	95.9%	Melcombe, Roald Dahl Class	98.4%
Y5	Melcombe, William Shakespeare Class	97.4%	Melcombe, Madhur Jaffrey Class	91.6%
Y6	Melcombe, Malorie Blackman Class	97.1%		

Colour codes:
Green - at or above Thames Federation target
Amber - at or above the national average
Red - below the national average
White - non-compulsory attendance, not included in Federation average percentage

Diary Dates

Autumn Half-Term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021	
Monday 1st November	**INSET DAY - SCHOOL AND NURSERIES CLOSED.**
Tuesday 2nd November	**SCHOOL AND NURSERIES REOPEN TO ALL CHILDREN.**
Wednesday 3rd November	
Thursday 4th November	
Friday 5th November	

Safeguarding Updates

Parents and carers are reminded that if they have any concerns about the safeguarding of pupils at the Thames Federation, they can either contact the LBHF Local Safeguarding Children Partnership Initial Consultation and Advice Team (ICAT) on 020 8753 6600 or speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (Amira Hegazey, Janice Moore or Sue Munns).

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Learn more about online safety by booking place on a free online safety webinar.
The NSPCC are offering free webinars for groups of parents and carers, making it easy for you to keep your family safe online. Email to sign up: parentworkshops@nspcc.org.uk.