

# THE EARLSMEAD NEWSLETTER

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## Black History Month

October is National Black History Month. This year our school's focus is on women and the way they have led advances in areas such as Human Rights, Science and Technology, the Arts and Education. Children will be researching and learning about significant female figures that are less well known than their male counterparts. We will also have a number of special visitors including artists and authors to lead special workshops in classes.

## Important

Chewing gum is not allowed anywhere on the school premises. This includes the school playgrounds. If any child is found chewing gum it will be confiscated and Parents or Carers will need to collect it. Children know and understand this rule. We would appreciate it you could please remind them about it.

## Meet the Teacher

Children have made an excellent start to the new school year. Thank you to all of those many parents and carers who came to the Meet the Teacher Evening. I hope you found it useful to learn about children's learning targets and how to support them at home. The study guides that teachers showed you are on sale throughout the year. You just need to complete an order form that you can get from your child's class teacher and then return it with the money to the school office. Thank you for your support with homework. It is very important that children complete it and return it to their class teacher on the correct day.



All children from Years 1-6 have login details for, 'My Maths' to use at home. Your child's class teacher can remind you of their login. Another very useful website is: [www.bbc.co.uk/education](http://www.bbc.co.uk/education) On another note, Keith Jackson from St Ann's Church led an assembly on Harvest Festival last month and you will have received a letter from Ms George asking for tinned and packet foods donations. Please note that the deadline for these is Friday 20th October.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

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| 2nd - Black History Month                                    | 11th - Bisila Noha artist workshops                |
| 2nd - Ifeoma Onyefulu, author visiting                       | 11th - Jemaine Jenus visiting                      |
| 3rd - Ignatius Inspires workshops for Year 4 (every Tuesday) | 12th - 5 Blue to Palmers Green Mosque              |
| 5th - 5 Lilac to Palmers Green Mosque                        | 13th - 5 Lime Class Assembly                       |
| 5th - Choir starts   | 16th - Year 6 go to Pendarren                      |
| 6th - 6 Indigo Class Assembly (9.10)                         | 16th-20th - Secondary School Application Workshops |
| 10th - 3 Yellow, British Museum                              | 20th - Deadline for Harvest contributions          |
| 11th - 3 Pink, British Museum                                | 30th - Children return from half term              |

## Ignatius Inspires

We are very fortunate to be able to work with The Bernie Grant Arts Centre and Juwon Ogungbe on a project that celebrates the music and writings of the composer, Ignatius Sancho (1729-1780) - the first black composer to ever have his music published. Year 4 are working on compositions and talented dancers from across the school are working on a dance piece inspired by his music. Children will then perform at the Bernie Grant Centre on 17th / 18th November.



## Whole Class Photographs

A couple of parents have asked why we no longer arrange for individual photos to be taken of children. Over the years we have found it very time consuming and disruptive to the learning day to organise individual photos for children. In the past, studio photos were very expensive to buy but now it much more affordable for parents and carers to organise for their child to have their child's photo taken themselves if they choose to. What is more difficult for parents and carers is organising to have a photo of their child with their whole class, their teacher and support staff. Therefore, instead of taking the view that it is not the job of a school to provide this service we decided to only have whole class photos which parents can choose to buy. The photos will arrive at school before October half term and proofs will be sent home along with order forms.

Please make sure that you pay your child's school dinner money into the main office ideally at least one week in advance. If you are unsure about whether your child qualifies for Free School Meals, please come and speak to the office staff about it. They will be able to help you.

## Secondary School Applications

If you have a child in Year 6 you will be thinking carefully about which secondary school to apply for. You will need to complete an online application form. We will be holding daily drop in workshops on 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th October, from 9.00 a.m.-10.30 a.m. where members of staff will be able to advise you and help you to complete the online application form. In order for you to be able to complete the application form you will also need to make sure that you bring the following information in with you: your email address, two bills that have your address on them, your child's birth certificate and a council tax bill.



Application deadline **31 October 2017**

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