## NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Miss Reed

Welcome to a special edition of the newsletter as we celebrate Black History Month. At North Primary, we work hard all year to make sure children learn about the important contributions made by people from groups that are often underrepresented in history. This includes voices and stories that haven't always been heard or valued. During October, we focus especially on the contributions of Black individuals—past and present—who have helped shape our world in so many important ways. Even though this learning happens all year, Black History Month gives us a special chance to shine a brighter light on these stories. It's also a time for everyone—children and staff—to stop, think, and reflect on the values that matter most to us: fairness, respect, and truth.

As part of our work as an anti-racist school, we have been developing a policy to ensure we work together as a community to end racism. **Please join us for parent forum on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 9am.** 



Claudia Jones made Notting Hill carnival in 1959 because people were experiencing racism. She wanted to celebrate the Caribbean culture and it bring Caribbean people together. Famous people, like Stormzy, have performed at the carnival to show their support. It is the best opportunity for people to celebrate their identity.

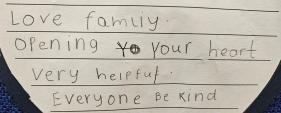
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"It was Claudia's eyes that saw what was happening and it was Claudia's lips that spoke" Insha Neptune

"Benjamin Zephaniah is a writer, a musician and a poet. He worked very hard and wrote lots of good books. I like "People Need People" and funny poetry about turkeys! He wanted young people to feel proud of themselves. He stood up for people. We wrote poems about being kind, caring, respectful, love and friendships. We learnt to treat everyone equally because everyone needs respect"

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"Mary Jackson's story wasn't known before but it is important to respect the contributions of everyone. This month makes sure we respect the contribution of Black people, even though we do it all year too. Mary Jackson was an engineer for NASA and her place in history is important to all of us"

## Palvit Asteroid

Mary Jackson was on a team known as the "human computers" because they were so good at maths! She had to fight to get a good education because she knew if she did she could help others. She worked hard to help America in the space race with Russia but at the time people didn't acknowledge her contribution so it's important we do now."

## Alina Asteroid

"We learnt how Mary Jackson helped get people on the moon. Black History is important because we have more knowledge about significant people. In the 1920's black people's contribution was invisible to the world but without people like Mary Jackson, we wouldn't be able to live the life we have today"

Akshaai Blackhole



Mary Jackson was born in Hampton, Virginia, in April 1921. A bright student, she graduated from high school at just 16. She later carned dual degrees in mathematics and physical science, demonstrating both brillance and determination.

Begore joining NASA, she worked in various progessions, including teaching. At NASA, she began as a "human computer", personning complex calculations sor aerospace engineers. Determinded to advanced, she challenged segregation laws to attend graduate courses at an all-white school. Her perseverance paid of she became NASA's girst black semale engineer.



Reception learnt the story of the inspirational Rosa Parks and used circle time to discuss what is "fair" and "unfair". Later on the children all drew themselves on one big bus.



