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## This Week:

### History Focus Week

We have had a wonderful History Enquiry focus week, posing questions, using primary and secondary evidence, collating ideas and researching. A huge thank you to Miss Roghey for her hard work planning, resourcing and leading History Week. We have certainly grown our skills as historians and really enjoyed the lessons.

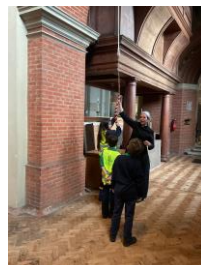


*"This week was History Week when each year group focused on a different inspiring person in Black History. Using evidence and an enquiry board, we made hypothesis of who the mystery person could be. With all the role models, we studied the impact they had on young people, encouraging them to pursue their dreams. We had such an enjoyable week learning about these mystery figures. A big thank you to Ms. Roghey and all the class teachers for helping make this a memorable week. Happy Black and Asian History Month!" Aish and Myla 5AM*

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who were able to come into school this morning to help us compare and contrast school life now and in the past. The children were fascinated to hear about your experiences, look at your reports and photos, even including some old Brookland memories!



*"On Thursday we visited St Jude's Church as a part of our RE unit. We learnt about baptism & saw some artefacts. I really enjoyed going to the garden and doing the choir because I got to learn a new song." Eva 3B "I enjoyed looking at the features of the church, especially the font where babies are baptised." Lara 3G "I loved the idea of Reverend Ems allowing us to go off and explore the church. I loved standing in the pulpit and looking over the entirety of the church." Adam 3G Reverend Ems was outstanding in her delivery to the children and created a wonderfully immersive experience. The year 3 children were so well behaved and really were a credit to the school. Mr Greenhouse*





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## Skandar:

On Wednesday, we were lucky to have a visit from AF Steadman, author of the incredible bestselling Skandar series. Annabel shared her writing process with us as well as teaching us that unicorns are not always pink and fluffy! 360 children (and many staff) were enthralled by her presentation and especially enjoyed working together to design a unicorn. Brookland has lots of new Skandar fans in addition to the children and staff who are already hooked. We can't wait for Book 5 after reading how Book 4 ends!

The book signing queue filled the hall and we have had a buzz around reading for the last few days with children spotted reading in the playground, dining hall and ICT suite as well as the library! Thank you to everyone who supported the sale and The Children's Bookshop.

*"Meeting AF Steadman in person was incredible as she is my favourite author. Skandar is special to me because, after reading the first one, I become hooked and the feeling of waiting for the next book is special. I found Book 4 to be [spoiler alert] sad at the end but it kept me gripped throughout. I'm so excited for the next book."* Jacob, 6P

*"Skandar is the best book series since Harry Potter. As soon as I found out AF Steadman was coming, it was the only thing I could talk about. She exceeded all my expectations!"* Lucas, 5R

*"AF Steadman let us design our school unicorn. It was really fun and the assembly was super interactive. She explained her background, ideas for writing and the process of writing the book and designing the cover. It's the best book in the world!"* Natan, 6L

*"In her assembly, AF Steadman came and gave the most incredible presentation. She showed us a couple of trailers for her books. The best part was helping her to design a unicorn for her new book. Skandar is my favourite book and getting book 4 a day early was delightful. I can't wait for book 5!"* Amie, 6D

*"On the 9<sup>th</sup> October, AF Steadman came to visit us to talk about Skandar (a series of amazing books) During the visit, she gave us a quiz about her such as: "What is my favourite food?" The answer was mayonnaise not cheese, Marmite and jam sandwiches! After the quiz she told us that she had been to law school. We worked together to create a Silver Spirit Unicorn called Death Shadow. Skandar is a series of books to do with unicorns wild or bonded, power elements, bullies and food. In Skandar there is no good or bad, no right or wrong, no yes or no. Skandar is also about family, friends and broken trust. One final thing (small spoiler): a pencil can be sharpened in the time it takes to make a friend into a foe!"* Maya V, 5A





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## Also This Week:

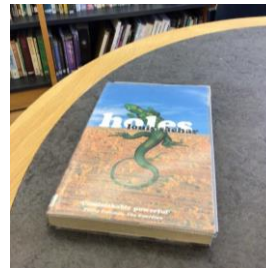
### Cross Country:

"We first met up in Stone X field. Then we started to warm up to get ready for our races. The first was The Guest Runner race which was Aria who came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Then we had year 4 girls which was Zen & Einat. Zen came 22<sup>nd</sup> and Einat came 11<sup>th</sup>. Then we had the year 4 boys' race which was Carmi and Reu. Carmie came 9<sup>th</sup> and Reu came 15<sup>th</sup>. Then we had year 5 girls, Kate & Alina. Kate came 2<sup>nd</sup> & Alina came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Then we had year 5 boys, Gabe & Ollie. Gabe came 11<sup>th</sup> & Ollie came 15<sup>th</sup>. Then it was year 6 girls' race which was Noa & Ofri. Noa came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ofri came 22<sup>nd</sup>. Then we had the last race, the year 6 boys. Which were Yoav & Ethan. Ethan came 4<sup>th</sup> & Yoav came 11<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to all parents who helped us and to Mrs Capelan and Mr Kemp for training us." Aria 5AM & Alina 5A



### Book Banter:

Thank you to the students at Henrietta Barnett School for inviting a group of year 5 pupils to their afterschool book club. They are looking forward to next week.



### Sports Leaders:

"Yesterday 4 children from year 5 went to Hendon Leisure Centre to learn how to lead sport. We learnt about something called STEP which helps us produce games. Step stands for Space, Task, Equipment & People. We learnt new games and how to work with other people. Also we learnt new warm ups/games. We now know that we need to include everybody as well as teachers. We had to work with other schools to create a work out for our bodies and we learnt how to help little kids with games they don't know. We are excited to teach sport." Alice & Bea 5A, Ollie & Uriya 5R

### Gardening Club:

Gardening Club have been busy harvesting the cabbage and planting the pansies to make our entrance to the Office attractive. We also tidied up our vegetable beds and planted garlic.

Check out our gardening club display, please.





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## Next Week:

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October:** Year talk with food Bank Aid

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October:** Sukkot Assembly led by 6P

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October am:** year 5 visit to Finchley Mosque

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 3:20:** Year 6 Football match vs Rimon School @ Christ College astro pitch

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 3:20:** Girls' Football team match vs King Alfred School @ Christ College astro pitch

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** **Show Racism the Red Card Day – Everyone invited to wear an item of red.**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** Year 4 leading harvest Assembly

## Further Ahead:

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October:** Head Teacher's Award Assembly & Tea

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2:20p.m:** Football Team match vs Chalgrove at Chalgrove School

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 5:00pm-7:30pm:** Year 5 & 6 PA Movie Night

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October:** NHS Nasal Flu vaccination in school

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2:45pm-4:05pm:** Brookland Netball Team vs Martin School's at Martin School

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October:** Diwali assembly led by 6L

## Golden Sentences:

*"Today we began our historical enquiry about a significant person by looking at a source, a map of Chicago. My class discussed who this might be? We generated questions such as "Did they live in Chicago? & Were they of African descent?" Anya 5R*

*"Dr Mae C. Jemison is one of the most famous black women in the world. She is a pioneer and an inspiration to many people. She is known for being the first black woman in space and helped many people in poverty in Thailand, East Africa & Cuba." Lucas 5R*

*"Jemison began studying ballet at the age of 8 or 9 and entered high school at the age of 12. When she was in high school, she joined the cheerleading team and the modern dance club." Natalie 5R*

*"Jemison enjoyed studying nature and human psychology using her observations to learn more about science. Although her mother encouraged her curiosity and both her parents were supportive of her interest in science, she did not seem the same to her teachers." Kean 5R*





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## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Class	3B	3G	3SH	4JS	4K	4S
ATTENDANCE%	98.33%	96.67%	97.33%	97.33%	98.89%	96.33%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.33%	99.67%	100%	99.33%	98.15%	99.0%

Class	5A	5AM	5R	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	94.67%	98.33%	96.67%	99.67%	94.63%	95.97%	97.06%
PUNCTUALITY%	98.33%	99.67%	99.33%	99.33%	98.90%	98.32%	99.13%

Well done to **6D** for having the highest attendance this week.

Congratulations to **3SH** for having 100% punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake