

Alexandra Primary Special Edition

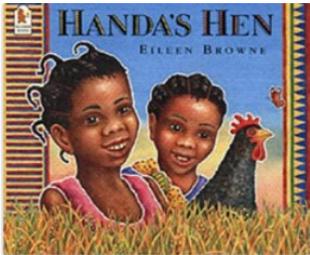
Black History Month Newsletter November 2020



The theme for Black History Month at Alexandra Primary this year was **Black British Pioneers**.

As part of Black History Month, the whole school took part in learning about contributions that black British people have made to today's society. We studied people from different fields such as journalism, music, film, sport, art and literature. This year we also celebrated Black history month for the whole of October which gave us all more time to incorporate this within our curriculum.

Nursery



In the nursery we read, talked about and carried out learning activities around our weekly texts. These were **Handa's Surprise**, **Handa's Hen** and **We're Going on a Lion Hunt**. Our artist focus was **Frank Bowling**. Frank Bowling was born in Guyana in South America. He is a painter.

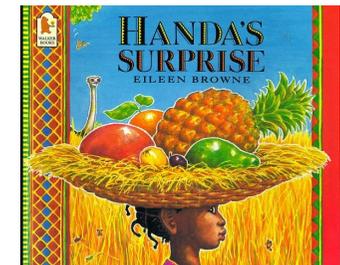
We used his artwork as stimulus for our own art work. We created rubbings using graphite pencils, made splatter pictures and used mixed media to create our own designs. We learned the song, Banana Boat Song which was released by **Harry Belafonte**. It was a song about workers loading bananas on to a boat at night time. The style of music is known as Calypso music which originated from the Caribbean in particular Trinidad. We had great fun adding actions to the catchy tune.



Reception

In Reception, during Black History Month, we studied the art work of **Sonya Boyce**.

Sonya is an African Caribbean artist who was born in Islington. She has earned an OBE for her art work. She is also the very first black artist to represent Britain and will be going to an exhibition in Venice in 2021. She likes to work using paint, chucks, pastels and photographs. We love her pictures because they portray interesting people and are full of colour and life.



We also used them to make jigsaw puzzles with researched information about her Caribbean heritage. This led to a discussion about what island life would be like and the children painted and tried some lovely Caribbean fruit.



Year 1



During Black History Month, Year 1 learnt about **Viv Anderson** and **Tessa Sanderson**. They both were sports pioneers who became successful after many years of perseverance. We researched facts about Viv Anderson to make a fact file. We now know that he was a famous footballer, being the first black man to play for England's senior team. "He became rich and famous"- Shanoya.

We also wrote diary entries from Tessa's perspective, where we expressed how she might have felt. "Tessa Sanderson was rejected so many times but she didn't give up." Isabella

During art we made portraits of Viv Anderson, shading half of the face and we made little statues of tin foil representing Tessa Sanderson throwing her javelin.



Year 2

During Black History Month, Year 2 learnt about Claudia Jones and Trevor Nelson

Claudia Jones is known as the woman behind The Notting Hill Carnival, which started in 1966. Year 2 wrote diary entries from her perspective. In art they made headdresses and had their very own carnival, they absolutely loved this!

Trevor Nelson is a Black British DJ and presenter. He presented the first ever RnB show on BBC Radio 1 and currently hosts a show on BBC 1xtra showcasing the best in new and old RnB music. Year 2 put themselves in Trevor shoes and wrote some amazing letters in first person. They also researched Trinidad and Tobago, studied the meaning behind the colours of the flag, located the capital city on a map of the country and learnt about some of the food you can find growing there.

"I like dancing at the carnival, "it was so much fun wearing my headdress"- Natan



Year 3

In year 3, during Black History Month, we studied **Edward Enninful** who was the first ever black editor of the Vogue magazine. Edward Enninful is currently editor in chief of Vogue fashion magazine. He was born in Ghana in 1972. He immigrated to London at a young age with the rest of his family. Growing up, he was inspired by his mother to pursue fashion.

We also studied the art work of **Wale Adeyemi**. We were able to first research and study his style and later **created t-shirts** imitating his style.



Year 4



During Black History Month, Year 4 learnt about two Black British pioneers in film, Amma Asante and John Boyega.

Amma Asante is a pioneer in the film industry as she is the first black woman director of a feature length film in Britain. **John Boyega** is a pioneer in the film industry, as he was the first black actor to be cast in a lead role in the Star Wars films.

As we were focusing on the film industry, we learnt all about other black pioneers in the film industry. Then, we decided to create our own films - we became writers, poets, actors, directors and editors. Our films featured poems that we had written 'Children Need Children,' based on the poem, 'People Need People,' by **Benjamin Zephaniah**.



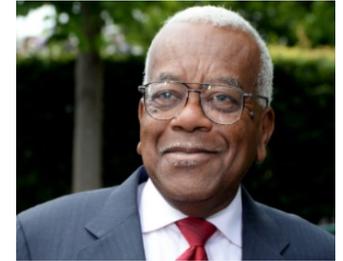
Year 5

During Black History Month, Year 5 learnt about Trevor McDonald.

Trevor McDonald is known as a Trinidadian-British newsreader and journalist, he is best known for his career as a news presenter with ITN.

In literacy, year 5 wrote their own news scripts about Black Lives Matter and performed these to the whole class. In our art lessons, we focused on the Trinidad festival The children made their own carnival masks, they loved getting creative with this!

During our geography lessons, Year 5 researched Trinidad and Tobago. They studied the history, location and economy of the country and made information leaflets.



Year 6

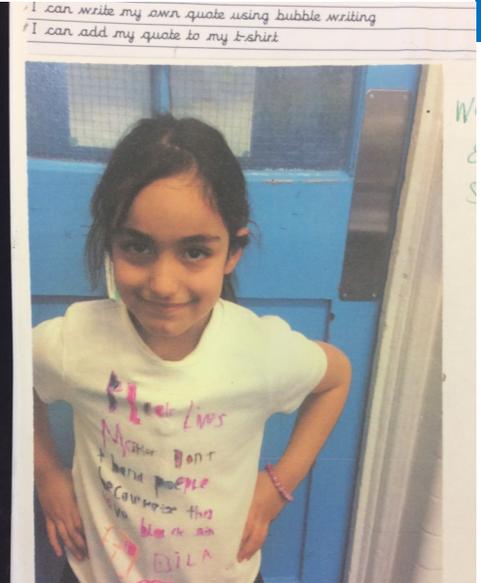


Malorie Blackman is a British writer who held the position of Children's Laureate from 2013 to 2015. She primarily writes literature and television drama for children and young adults, focused on science fiction her work also explores social and ethical issues.

Year six have created biographies on this OBE award winner and proudly published biographies on her life and challenges as an author. To further celebrate Blackmans' heritage we designed one point perspective art work on outline silhouettes of her home country Barbados.

In addition to this, Year 6 greatly enjoyed creating African face masks and learning about the influential artist, **Lois Mailou Jones**. Our geography lessons have also centred around black history and the **Windrush generation**. The children also wrote powerful speeches on anti-racism.





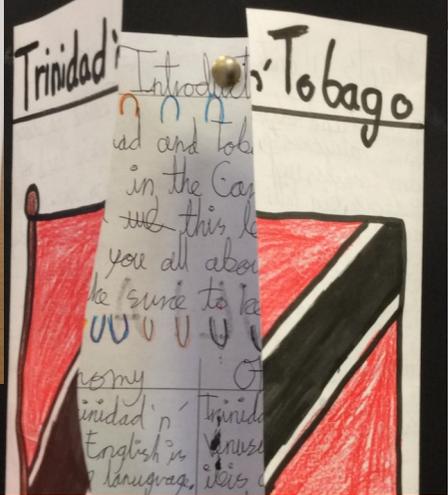
16.10.20 Today we planned and then acted out our own scenes based on a section of BlackPanther.



The life of Wale Adedun
Introduction:
Wale Adedun is a brainiac fashion designer. He is also skilled in many subjects. Wale went to Thurston and Rosslyn College and studied fashion design. Adedun studied for a BTEC National Diploma in Design Fashion at South Essex College and an HND in Fashion Design at Keele Institute of Art and Design.

Early life
The Wale Adedun collection debuted in 1998 as a menswear collection. He was one of the designers for South Essex College and Rosslyn College. He was awarded with the Fashion and Design award in 2001. In 2004 Adedun was nominated for the Gold award with his work.

Later life
In 2004, Wale was awarded the 'Creative' award for his menswear collection at the Victoria and Albert Museum. The Wale Adedun collection debuted and sold in Japan and London. In 2012, Wale opened his 0-size Wale store in Haringey, London, one of the first stores in the area. Wale is a fashion designer who would not have had access to many of the things that were essential to his career.



Tuesday 29th September 2020
Q1: To learn about Edward Enninful

Edward Enninful was the first black British editor. He was born in Ghana and moved to London at a young age. His mother was a fashion magazine editor. He began modeling at age 16. He made the magazine become the most popular in London. He is known for his work on the magazine and a fashion collection.

You can still view all of the lovely work we have done for Black History month on the school's website by clicking the link below :
<https://www.alexandraprimaryschool.co.uk/provision/curriculum/black-history-month/>