

Streatham Wells News

Cake sale on Friday

Thank you to all who have donated cakes - they look yummy! The cake sale will take place in the hall after school (because the weather is not looking too promising!).

Please collect your children first, then stop by! All proceeds going to MacMillan Cancer Charity.



The Halo Code

Our school champions the right of staff and students to embrace all Afro-hairstyles. We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair is an important part of our Black staff and students' racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious identities, and requires specific styling for hair health and maintenance.

We welcome Afro-textured hair worn in all styles including, but not limited to, afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals, weaves, wigs, headscarves, and wraps.

At this school, we recognise and celebrate our staff and students' identities. We are a community built on an ethos of equality and respect where hair texture and style have no bearing on anyone's ability to succeed.

Such a busy week of learning this week, be sure to ask your child what they have been learning in class! Next week Black History Month begins, and there is lots of exciting learning taking place. We can't wait to see you at our exhibition on Friday 14th October.

Black History Month

We are excited to be learning about and from different styles of music, as a window into ideas about race and how we treat each other.

In addition to this learning in class, there will also be smaller art and music workshops for groups of children.

Events in Lambeth

There are lots of events in Lambeth for Black History Month. Check out their website for what's happening - you might find something great to do at a weekend!

BHM Events

BIM2022

DIG DEEP, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

The Halo Code

At Streatham Wells we are adopting The Halo Code. The Halo Code is a campaign pledge, signed by schools and businesses, that promises members of the Black community that they have the "freedom and security to wear all afro-hairstyles without restriction or judgment". This includes any child who wishes to wear their hair however they choose to in school. Our hair is our halo. To find out more, check out The Halo Collective by clicking [here](#).

Coming Up...

Here are some dates for your diary, more information to follow in the coming weeks:

**Macmillan Cancer Coffee and Cake Morning
AND CAKE SALE - Friday 30th September**



**Black History Month
Friday 14th October**

**AM - Exhibition of work and coffee morning
PA 03:30pm - Diverse Book Stall and food!**

**Family Reading Morning - Friday 21st
October 9:00 - 9:30am**

The **last day of each half term will be a dress up day**. The theme for this half term is **DRESS AS SOMEONE FROM HISTORY WHO INSPIRES YOU**.

Cost of Living

We understand that many of you may be concerned about the rising cost of living, and we want you to know that we are here, and will help in any way we can. We will be writing to you soon with some things we can do to help and some suggestions for support in the community very soon. In the meantime, check out the **Help for Households** website for support you may be eligible for.



Reading for Pleasure

Each year, we choose targets to work on as a whole school, and these targets become our school development plan.

Two of our targets this year are:
Developing more inclusive practice



and
Enhancing reading for pleasure.

These two are inextricably linked because the more inclusive our practice is, the more we enable and inspire children to read for pleasure. This means **all children** being **DESPERATE** to read and absolutely loving it. Some things we have put in place already...

- Interviewing and appointing Pupil Librarians
- Parent volunteers for reading and the library

Some things we plan to do...

- Develop our reading spaces - more non-fiction books such as magazines, graphic novels, comics - if you have any to donate, please do!
- Develop an outdoor reading space - we want a Reading Shed in our playground, filled with lovely books to create a little hub for readers at playtime and lunchtime. If anybody has any contacts at B&Q or the like, who could donate a shed to us, PLEASE let us know!

Here's a great FREE training session for parents and carers on "Raising a Reader" if you're interested:

**Raising a Reader - course
for parents/carers**

