



Welcome to the 6th issue of Fountain Head House School's 'The Splash'!



At Fountain Head House School we try to promote high levels of attendance for all our pupils. It is important children attend school regularly because:

- attendance has a direct link to attainment. If a child is not in school regularly, they are not fully accessing the curriculum and the learning opportunities available to them. Many of our pupils have missed school in the past and this means that they may already be facing challenges.
- achieving at school builds a child's self-esteem, as well as enhancing their future prospects.
- attending school and being part of the school's community gives a child a sense of belonging and promotes their social development.
- attending school regularly helps to build resilience and other key social skills that your child will need for life.
- by attending school regularly your child will get used to the routine and this will help them to be more settled. Missing school, on the other hand, can impact their behaviour and cause anxiety. This in turn can build further reluctance to attend.

We want to help all of our pupils to feel happy and safe at school and to attend every day. If your child is feeling anxious about school or you would like to discuss their attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us and discuss the issue.

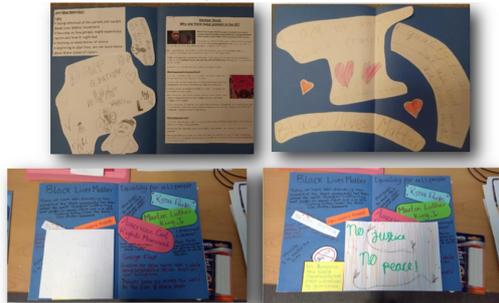
Black history month

Black History Month is the annual celebration and commemoration of moments in history, achievements and contributions that Black people have made. First brought to the UK in the 1980s, Black History Month was initially introduced to the country by a member of the Greater London Council, Akyaba Addai Sebo.

Since 1987, Black History Month has been celebrated annually in the UK, to eradicate discrimination and encourage racial equality.

At Fountain Head House School, we have been honouring the contributions made to society by people of black heritage and their communities. As well as dedicating time over the month of October to this, we believe that it is important to introduce our children to elements of this over the whole academic year.

Children across the school have been looking at different elements of this important month and interpreted it in many different ways including listening to books and music by people of black origin, researching and presenting work on the Black Lives Matters movement and discussing the term discrimination in whole group discussions. Please see some of the work completed above.



Happy Halloween!

A few pictures of our Halloween celebrations!

It's been a busy first day back after the half term break, filled with fabulous costumes, sensory trays, squiggly spaghetti and some seriously scary make up! Thank you to everyone for your efforts.

More Halloween photos can be found on the school [Facebook page](#).



Next coffee morning dates

It was wonderful to see our October coffee morning so well-attended. Thank you!

Our coffee mornings are held on the last Wednesday of every month **9.00am –11.00am**. The next dates for your diaries are:

- Wednesday 30th November
- Wednesday 14th December

They are a great opportunity for our parents and carers to get together and enjoy an informal chat over a cup of tea or coffee, with a biscuit or slice of cake.

We are also looking forward to hosting some 'afternoon tea' events, where parents, carers or staff members with particular areas of expertise will be able to give an informal talk and share ideas and tips. More details to follow!



22/23 term dates

Our 22/23 term dates have now been added, so you can view our term dates by clicking on the button below.

[Term dates](#)

Where else can you find information, help and support?

Parenting and family support - Family Lives:
www.familylives.org.uk

Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families:
www.annafreud.org

Young Minds: www.youngminds.org.uk

Parent/carer online survey

All of our parents and carers should now have received an email containing a link to the online Autumn term survey. If you've not received it (please check your spam and junk folder first), please let us know.

The results of this anonymous survey will be collated as part of our ongoing drive to ensure that we provide the best possible personalised, enriched and balanced education for your child in a safe and supportive environment. We would really appreciate it if all parents and carers could spare a few minutes to complete the survey by Friday 4th November.

Thank you in advance!



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