



SSPP School News

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**WE PLANT THE SEEDS,
BUT GOD GIVES THE
HARVEST**



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*We show our love for God, in the way we treat each other.
Together we follow Jesus, by learning, and sharing our gifts.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of the first half term in this very unusual year! The children have been amazing; they have adapted well to the new procedures in school and are enjoying some of the more positive benefits such as more space in the playground at lunchtime. They also have extremely clean hands!

So far, we have not needed to close any areas of the school due to children testing positive for Covid. We have been made aware of parents who have tested positive and in these cases, their children have self-isolated for 14 days, even though they have not displayed any symptoms. It is vital that parents maintain the safety measures in place; you must wear a face covering when you attend the school site, even when queuing outside the school gates. Face coverings must cover your nose and mouth and should not be removed when talking. We have noticed that small groups of parents are congregating in the playground after collecting their children; please leave the site as soon as you have collected your child. Redbridge is now in Tier 2; therefore we must do all we can to avoid a local lockdown, please see our school website for Covid advice and guidance. (Click on the links below – pdf version only)

If you are told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app

COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection

Covid-19 : Guidance for Parents and Carers on Supporting Children and Young Peoples Mental Health and Wellbeing

If your child has a positive Covid test in the half term, please phone the school ASAP and a leave a message, alternatively, please email head@sspeterandpauls.redbridge.sch.uk

Well done to Year 3, who celebrated their learning with a wonderful assembly on the work of acclaimed poet and activist Maya Angelou; this can be viewed on their class blog. Excellent poetry recital Year 3!

Shine club is now offering the facility to book your child into breakfast club and after school club, at very short notice, via their website.

<https://www.shineclubs.com/ss-peter-and-pauls>

Please pray for our First Holy Communion as they prepare to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at SS Peter and Paul's Church this weekend; may they always feel His loving presence and follow in His footsteps.

I wish you all a lovely relaxing and safe half term.

God Bless.

S. Johnson

Headteacher

Headteacher

Mrs Johnson

Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Hull

Assistant Headteacher

Mr Roca-Mas

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd October

Last day

26th-30th October HALF TERM

31st October

Deadline for Secondary School applications

2nd November

Books home

4th November School Closed

Parent consultations

16th November

Start of Anti-Bullying Week

LINKS

School Website:

<https://www.sspeterandpauls.redbridge.sch.uk/>

School Blogs:

<https://sspeterandpaulsblog.net/>

UNICEF Article 24

Every child has the right to the best possible health.

Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Gospel Reflection Matthew 22: 34-40

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us what the two greatest commandments are. They are so important that the ministry of Jesus can be summarised with these commandments.

Jesus says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and the most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like it: 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself.'

The whole Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets depend on these two commandments."

As we celebrate Harvest festival, we are asking you where possible, to reach out to our neighbours in the local community who need our support at this time.

Prayer for the week

God our Father, we thank you for your never-ending and abundant love. Help us to love others, as you have loved us. Amen

Star Pupil Awards

N	Hareem, Joanna
RS	
RM	Joe
1K	Sarah
1M	Clara
2B	Adam
2P	Elijah
3H	Harleen
3I	Archita
4S	Akshatha
4W	Kishan
5B	Niamh
5S	Ainara
6B	Kaya
6R	Keri



Please let the school office know if your contact details have changed or if additional people are collecting your child.

School Photographs

The school photographer will visit on **Friday 13th November** to take individual pupil photographs; due to the current arrangements in school, we are unable to have sibling photographs.

School Games Values Certificates

Congratulations to Zachary 2P and Maya 4W for receiving School Games Values certificates.

Attendance w/e 23rd October

Class	% (Target 95.5%) Class attendance percentages since the 4 th September 2020 Gold = Highest Green = Above 96% Red = Below 96%
RS	95%
RM	97%
1K	93%
1M	96%
2B	98%
2P	96%
3H	99%
3I	96%
4S	90%
4W	97%
5B	93%
5S	95%
6B	98%
6R	94%



Respect

- Accepted decisions made by officials
- Congratulated opposition even in defeat
- Accepted victory and defeat with grace
- Has respect not only in sport, but for everyone



Honesty

- Played within the rules of the game
- Be honest with yourself and others
- Does the right thing in a difficult situation
- Does not cheat



Determination

- Never gave up
- Achieved their outcomes
- Kept on competing even when in difficult times
- The very best they can be
- Didn't hold back



Teamwork

- Treating everyone equally
- Supported team mates
- Worked together and encouraged
- Positive player
- Celebrated in other's success



Passion

- Encouraged others
- Never gave up
- Gives 100% all the time
- Helped teacher with equipment setting up/packing away



Self Belief

- Believed they could achieve
- Confident
- Achieves personal best

Firework Art Competition

Thank you to all who took the time to enter the competition; there is clearly something about a firework which brings out a child's inner glitter-self. It was a really difficult decision to pick the winners, but those who were selected each received their prize this week. A total of £292.26 was raised; thank you to the Friends of SSPP for organising this competition.



SCHOOL NEWS

Harvest

The impact of Covid-19 is far-reaching and goes beyond the issues it has caused with people's health. Never has it been more important to give a little of what we have at harvest time.



Every year, we are overwhelmed with your generosity in donating items for our harvest collection and we are once again reaching out to you.

In the week we return after half term, we are asking children to bring in a donation from home – this will be quarantined in class boxes for a number of days before it is further sanitised and then distributed where it is most needed.

Consider donations of items such as: rice, pasta, tins (soup/tomatoes/vegetables/tuna/custard/fruit), biscuits, cakes, tea/coffee/sugar/squash/fruit juice/long-life milk, cereal, cooking oil, instant mash, shaving foam/shower gel/soaps/shampoo/deodorant, kitchen roll, washing-up liquid, nappies, adult socks/hats/scarf/gloves.

Every donation, no matter how small, will be most welcome.



"Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others."

Health Advice

Redbridge COVID-19 cases are among the highest in London. Act now to avoid a local lockdown.



For the latest government guidance please follow this link -

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

For the latest advice from the NHS please follow this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Year 3 Gardening

3H and 3I enjoyed an afternoon of planting the new daffodil and crocus bulbs in our sensory garden.

They had the opportunity to explore the soil and brainstorm what they could see in it before putting the bulbs in their right places ready to grow.

They were kindly guided by Mrs Vidler, our very own gardening club lead.

This lovely afternoon created a brilliant introduction to the new topic they will start after the half term: Plants.



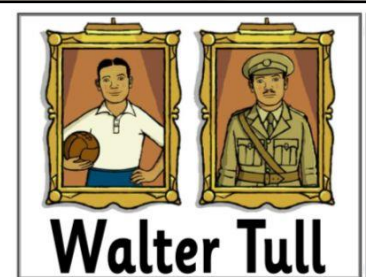
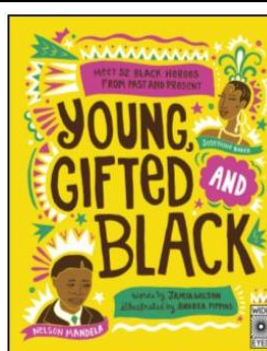
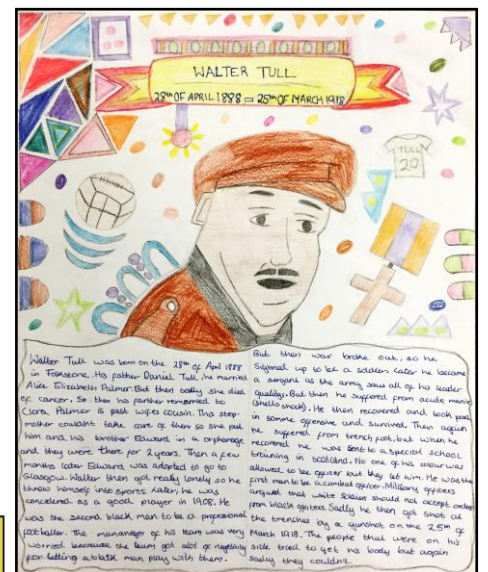
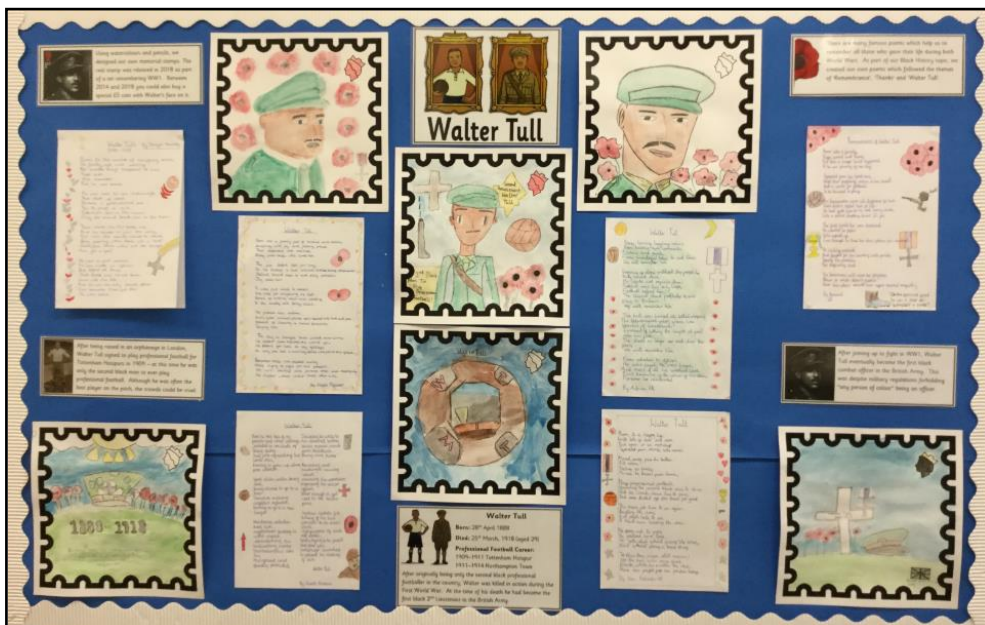
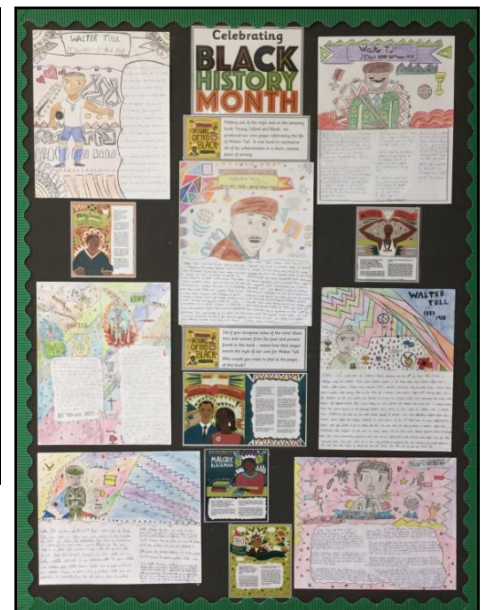
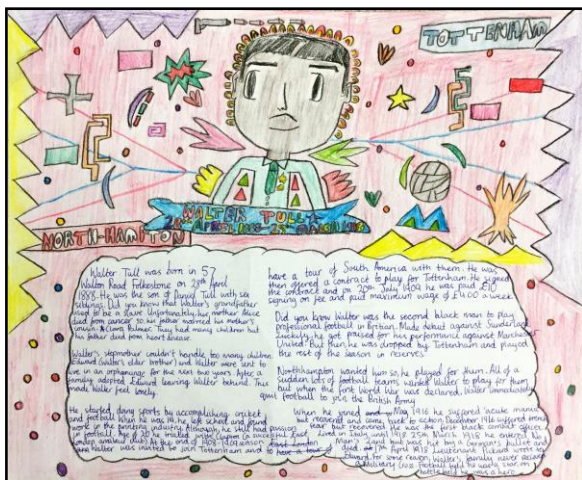
Black History Month

Throughout the month of October (and beyond) we will be showcasing the fantastic work completed by our pupils during their Black History Topics. Please visit the relevant Class Blog to see videos and further photos.

Year 6 <https://sspeterandpaulsblog.net/6r21/> & <https://sspeterandpaulsblog.net/6b21/>

Year 6 made further links to their topic of World War One when they studied the life of Walter Tull. After losing both of his parents, Walter grew up in a London orphanage. He threw himself into sport, and eventually joined Tottenham as only the second ever black professional footballer. Despite being forced to face racist chanting and attitudes, Walter was an exceptional player whose career was only cut short when WW1 broke out. At this time, he left his job and immediately signed up to fight in the army. His natural leadership skills saw him rise to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant, becoming the first black officer in the entire British Army, even though, at the time, this was against army rules. He gave his life on the battlefield in 1918 – a hero and an inspiration to all.

Year 6 created large, biographical pieces in the style of a text they have worked from called 'Young, Gifted and Black'. They went on to use watercolours and pencils to make commemorative stamp designs before producing thoughtful and emotive poems about Walter's life.



Y6 – Y7 Secondary Transition – Final Reminder

If your child is in Year 6 you need to complete an application for a secondary school place by **31st October 2020**. You will need to set up an account at <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/secondary-school-admissions>

Please be aware, if you are applying for a Catholic secondary school, there is an additional form which will need signing by your Parish Priest. This is needed to supplement the online application.

Books Home

On Monday 2nd November, your child will bring home some of their exercise books for one evening. Please take the time to look through the work they have completed in the first half term. There is a space given for you to provide a comment on what you have seen. These need to be returned the following morning, so that they can be used again by the children in class.



Scholastic Book Club 1 – Final Week



Remember that we are running our first SSPP Book Club, making use of the fantastic offers on Scholastic's website.

For every £1 you spend, our school earns 20p!

How Does It Work?

Use the unique web address shown below.

Browse the latest Book Club range.

Parents order and pay securely online (this means no cash needs to be transferred to school).

The books are delivered to school for FREE.

Our Unique Address:

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-peter-pauls-rc/digital-book-club>

For this Book Club, please place your order online by:

October 31st 2020

Recommended Read Year 5



James is fed up. His family has moved to a new cottage - with grounds that are great for excavations, and trees that are perfect for climbing - and stuff is happening. Stuff that is normally the kind of thing he does. But it's not him who's writing strange things on shopping lists and fences. It's not him who smashes bottles and pours tea in the Vicar's lap. It's a ghost - honestly. Thomas Kempe the 17th century apothecary has returned and he wants James to be his apprentice. No one else believes in ghosts. It's up to James to get rid of him. Or he'll have no pocket money or pudding ever again.

If you liked this then try:

+ 'Moondial' by Helen Cresswell

+ 'The Wolves of Willoughby Chase' by Joan Aiken



Recent Tweets – @SSPP_Primary



Our Nursery pupils have been learning about Garrett Morgan. He was an inventor who helped to make the world safer by inventing the traffic light. The children were shown the importance of the colour system and even had a go at using the 'traffic light' (Miss Rama) to cross safely



Y3 have been looking at performance poetry and in particular the work of Maya Angelou. Maya worked alongside people such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. They performed her powerful poem 'Caged Bird' which describes the opposing experiences between two birds.



1K Weekly Running – Important

Wednesday (Y3/4) and Thursday (Y5/6)

Please note that children who have been given a band to run on Wednesday or Thursday mornings will only be allowed entry to school when the front gate opens for the Infant classes. Please DO NOT buzz the gate before this time, as they will not be allowed entry.



Parent Consultations

Teachers are emailing out the Zoom meeting login details (check your email spam folders). Please make note of these accurately, and ensure you have them to hand on Consultation Day (**Wednesday 4th November**).



Each meeting will have a small group of parents assigned to it; you will be asked to login in good time for your slot, you will then be admitted to the meeting once the previous parent/s have logged out. Please be patient and follow any instructions provided closely.

Your meeting slot of 10 minutes will be private between yourself and the class teacher/s.

SSPP Well-being Questionnaires – Reminder

Please remember to complete our well-being and home learning questionnaire about your child's experiences during lockdown, so should we have to lockdown again, we can provide you with the best support possible. To complete the questionnaire, please make use of this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSddlgAOlOXFULHQ2gxi1PS8rBWxphiq7ABieMM_dp81B2AphA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

PE Kit

Children will be bringing their PE kit home for washing over the half-term break. Please make every effort to ensure that your child's name is written on EVERY piece of kit (including plimsolls) as it disrupts learning time when children mix their kit up with others that are also not labelled. It is important that all children bring their full PE kit to school on the first day after the break – Monday, 2nd November. Also, as we enter the colder period of the year, please ensure that your child has a plain navy or black tracksuit, which will be worn for outdoor PE lessons.



Article 12 - Every child has the right to say what they think in all matters affecting them and to have their views taken seriously.

After holding their meeting, each councilor returned to their own class to start generating ideas around our theme of making SSPP an eco-friendly school and convincing the community to really think about its recycling and any littering which takes place.

Pupils

Remember, if you have a pressing concern, speak to your class councilor so that they can raise it at the next meeting. These could be ideas you might have to improve the school and the environment or perhaps it is something which could be implemented to help make break time more engaging (even in these strange times).

