

Friday 9 October 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Black History Month

Black History Month takes place in October each year, and this month the children are learning about notable black Britons and the contributions they have made to British society over the last few decades. Parents who wish to support their children with further learning in this subject can find lots of additional information at the following website:

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/section/bhm-firsts/>

Our curriculum offer at Concordia is diverse and the children learn about notable people from a variety of backgrounds throughout the year and in each year group, this includes a number of notable women who have made stand-out contributions in their respective fields. However, BHM is still important due to the historical legacy of black people being under-represented in history books and the contributions they have made to help shape the United Kingdom.



The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson has said it's important to celebrate the influence black people have had shaping Britain's history:

"For countless generations people of African and Caribbean descent have been shaping our nation's story, making a huge difference to our national and cultural life and helping to make Britain a better place to be. It is this contribution of black British people that I am proud to be celebrating Black History Month this October."

School Uniform

Children should now be back to wearing full school uniform every day that they attend school. We have noticed that a number of children are arriving at school in trainers, or other items that are not school uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform each day.

Attendance

The children have missed months of learning due to the Covid-19 lockdown, so it is crucial that they attend school every day that they are able to. Please ensure that, unless your child has an illness or injury that prevents them from attending school, you send them to school on time every day. School staff are working incredibly hard to close the gaps in learning that the children have as a result of the lockdown, but that is difficult to do if the children are either late or not in school. **This does not apply to absences related to symptoms of Covid-19. Children with symptoms will be sent home, or should be kept at home, with a test sought as soon as possible.**

Kind regards,

Mr Raheel Akhtar
Headteacher



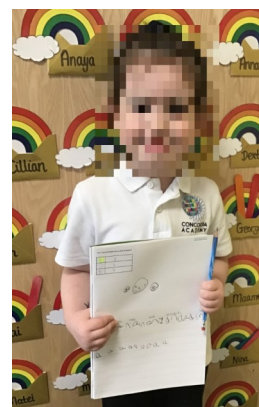
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HEADTEACHER AWARDS

This week in Bluebell Class, Eva received a Headteacher Award for her wonderful writing during our 'Weekend News' literacy task. Eva used her phonic knowledge to form a simple sentence which included the spellings 'and', 'nan' and 'dad'. Fantastic effort, Eva!



In Daisy Class, Ansh, Tolu and Faith have all received a Headteacher Award this week for fabulous independent writing. During a literacy activity they were able to blend phonic sounds to write words without support. They have all been working extremely hard in RWI to learn all of their Set 1 sounds and have been using Fred Talk. Keep up the great work!



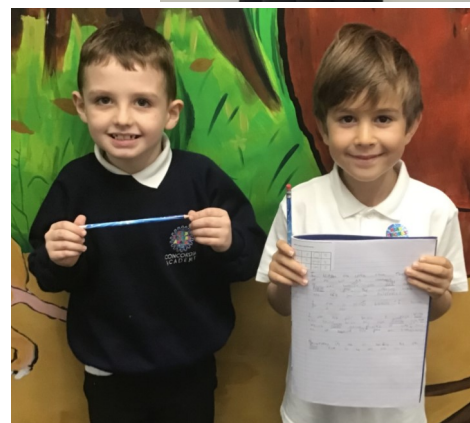
This week, we have two Headteacher Award winners in Sunflower Class. Abbie received an award for using super sounds in Guided Reading, she remembered to use the special friend a -e to write the word cake! Nicole received an award for her superb writing about the lifecycle of a butterfly. Nicole used lots of excellent wow words in her writing and worked hard to sound them all out so she could write them. Great work girls!



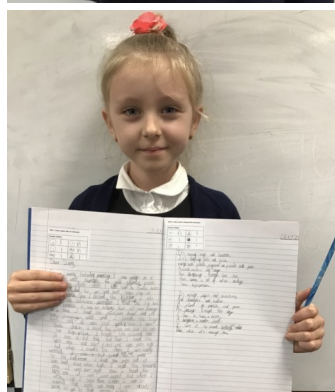
The Headteacher Award in Daffodil Class goes to Zafyra. Zafyra has shown great effort and perseverance in maths this week. She has been trying her best when learning to count in steps of two. Well done Zafyra, keep up the fantastic work!



Poppy Class have two Headteacher Award winners this week - Logan and Arin! Arin went above and beyond in his literacy work, coming up with great ideas and fantastic wow words in describing a strange creature who comes to visit the king in our RWI Comprehension story. Logan showed real focus this week in Guided Reading, asking for help when he needed it and then sounding out words so that he could spell all the modes of transport in his group's Project X book.



Karolina in Y3 won an award for excellent effort during Literacy lessons. She produced great writing containing capital letters, accurate punctuation and neat handwriting. Well done! Deny also won the award this week for setting a great example with his behaviour by being respectful and eager to learn during all lessons. Great job Karoline and Deny!



Antonia in Orchid Class won the Headteacher Award for consistently being a good role model for other students within Y4. She has also supported a new child in Y4 to settle quickly into the class by being a helpful friend. You are a star, Antonia!



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STAR OF THE WEEK



Star of the Week in Daisy Class is Younes. Younes has a fantastic attitude to learning, and always tries his best. He is also a super role model to other children in the class, he is a kind friend and always follows instructions.

Star of the Week in Buttercup Class this week is Mustafa! Mustafa is a good role model and is always demonstrating 'Star Sitting' when the children are on the carpet. Well done Mustafa!

Star of the Week in Bluebell Class is Evelyn! Evelyn always goes out of her way to help others. She is a great role model to her peers, especially when it comes to tidy up time. What a fabulous start to the school year, Evelyn. Great job!

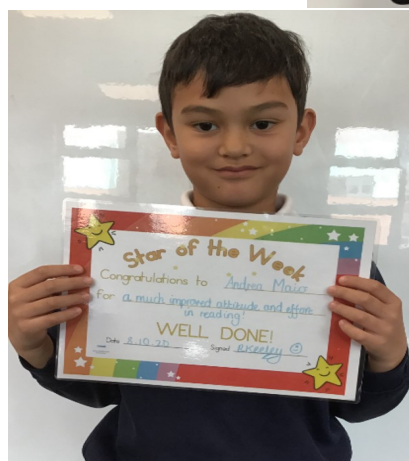
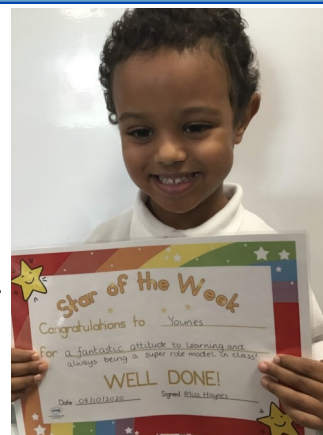
In Daffodil Class, our Star of the Week is Sridatree. Sridatree is always found to be making the right choices and is a great role model for her peers. She has made a great start to the year and if she keeps this up will make excellent progress. Well done Sridatree, keep it up!

Star of the Week in Sunflower Class is Ahmed. Ahmed has been trying super hard to answer lots of questions in class discussions, especially in Maths. He has also been showing super partner talk when discussing how to solve problems with his partner. Great work Ahmed!

The Star of the Week in Poppy Class is Molly! Molly always has a positive attitude in school and is focussed on her learning. She is always eager to share her ideas with the rest of the class, as well as help out any classmate who needs it. Great Concordia spirit Molly!

In Carnation Class, Ms Woodgate's Star of the Week is Alicia for always setting a great example and sharing her ideas clearly. Alicia always works hard and as a result she is making super progress. Keep it up!

Andrea is the Star of the Week in Orchid Class! Andrea has shown a much improved attitude and effort in reading this week. Keep it going, Andrea! Reading every day is very important.

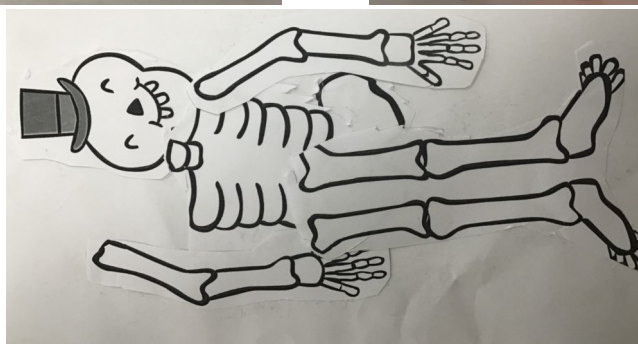
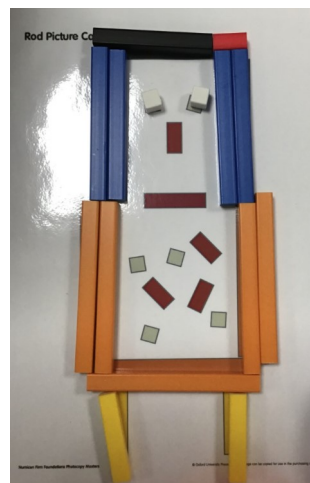
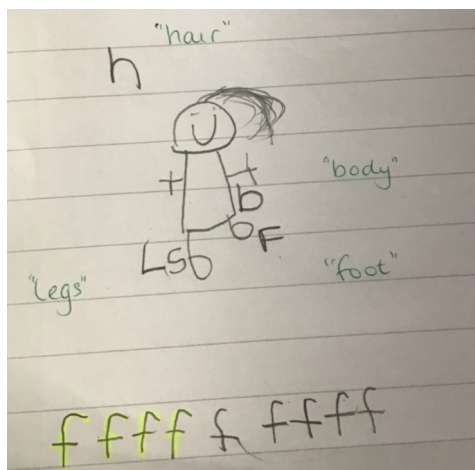


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CURRICULUM CORNER—RECEPTION CLASSES

In Reception, this half term our topic is 'All About Me'. We have been talking about our families, feelings and senses whilst developing our communication and language skills. We have read stories to help us develop our listening skills and encourage discussion around our topic. During activity time, we are learning to share and play with our peers whilst completing tasks set around the stories we read. In Literacy, we have been learning our Set 1 sounds and beginning to blend sounds together to read words.

We are very proud of the children in Reception, they have really settled well into school life.



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