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Mangotsfield Newsletter



Issue 3

Newsletter Date: 8th October

October is "Black History Month"

Black History Month began in the USA in 1926 and has spread and grown across the world. Akyaba Addai Sebbo worked with the Greater London Council to organise the first UK event in October 1987.

Its purpose is to mark the contributions of Black people throughout history. The event has since expanded to include recognition of the contributions of African, Asian and Caribbean people to the economic, cultural and political life in Britain.

The former Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone said at the time "Despite the significant role that Africa and its Diaspora have played in the world civilization since the beginning of time, Africa's contribution has been omitted or distorted in most history books." With this sentiment in mind events and projects are organised each year by educational and cultural institutions and voluntary groups helped by the local community to redress the balance.

"The Black community uses this history month as an opportunity to share with the world its vast contributions: a time to demonstrate pride in its creativity, respect for its intellectual prowess and a celebration of its cultural identity which is far too often misrepresented, when it is not being ignored, in the mainstream."

The Black History Month Website

Olaudah Equiano has been described as the first political leader of Britain's black community





Flying Start Challenge

Design and make a glider

- In teams of four
- Special day for launch – various activities and tour of MBDA
- Work with real engineers
- Compete in national competition – prize of flying lessons
- Sessions after school on Wednesdays
- Need full commitment for whole session (about 10 weeks)
- Take a form and return to Mr Adamson (write other team members on your form if you want)
- Places are limited – maximum 30 (get in quick!)



Geography Homework Books

Every Geography student at both Key Stage 3 and 4 now have Homework booklets. They are issued at the start of each term and relate to the topics of study. Please can you ensure that your son/daughter is completing their homework on time to the best of their ability.

“The Witches”.

Rehearsals are now underway. We will be rehearsing every Friday until 5pm.

Technical Crew: We are looking for people to form a Technical Crew to assist with lighting and sound – if you are interested see Mrs Hillier (Drama Dept) ASAP.

Design Crew: We are also looking for people to design, make and paint the set. If you are interested see Mrs Hamblin (Art Dept) ASAP.



Year 10 Subject evening is on Thursday 21st October, 4.30-7.00pm. Please ensure you make appointments with subject staff.

Readathon 2010

Thank you to all of the students who took part in Readathon 2010 over the Summer Holidays. Altogether they raised a fantastic £74.50 for CLIC Sargant and The Roald Dahl Foundation.

The following students read an astonishing 24 books between them:

Sam Brayley 8.3 read 4 books: Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2 & 3, Goal and Cherub

Jodie Thatcher 9.8 read 2 books: New Moon and slave Girl

Mitchell Brain read 6 books: Eragon, Gorgeous Georgians, Slimy Stuarts, Incredible Incas, Angry Aztecs, Awful Egyptians

Tom Wareham 9.6 read 3 books: Last Light, The Zombie Survival Guide, Liberation Day

Abi Bowden read 6 books: Love, Lies and Lizzie, Breaking Dawn, Refugee Boy, Clarkson, The Killings at Badgers Drift and Withering Tights

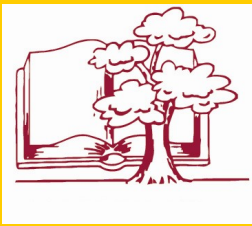
Rachel Di Nucci read 3 books: The Tiger in the Well, Maggie and The Wind in the Willows

Certificates and prizes have been awarded to all who took part and a special prize to Mitchell Brain and Abbi Bowden for reading a fantastic 6 books each!

Readathon money is not spent on research, and certainly not on animal experiments. It all goes to help children who are very ill with cancer, leukaemia and other blood disorders, epilepsy or acquired brain injury. **Readathon** money helps children and teenagers going through the long process of treatment. It helps mums and dads with homehelp, transport to visit hospital, household costs, wheelchairs, special holidays, special nurses, special social workers, in fact anything that will help get a very ill child better. I'm sure our £74.50 from Mangotsfield students will be very much appreciated- Well Done!

Miss Smith English Teacher and i/c of KS3 Intervention

From the end of September 2010 South Gloucestershire Community Learning Service will be offering free of charge, 15-week literacy and numeracy courses here at Mangotsfield School as well as 10-week basic computer courses. The starting date for these courses is Thursday 30th September starting at 6:30pm and finishing at 8:30pm. The courses are free. For more information please see our website or contact Teresa Howell on 01454 864619



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For a full description of each course please see our website

Free Courses for Parents

Events in **BOLD** indicate where booking is required (*see return slip below*)

Date	Evening title	Target audience	Time
21st September	Yr 7 transition evening	All yr 7 parents	4.30– 7.30pm Tutor clinics at 7.30-8pm
6th October	Yr 10/11 support evening	All yr 10 and yr 11 parents	7.00pm-8.30pm
24th November	Cooking with your child	All parents and their children	7.00-9.00pm
1st December	Yr 9 Information evening	All parents of yr 9 students	7.00-8.30pm
9th December	Improving your digital photography	All parents	7.00—9.00pm
10th January 2011	Parent's Drug awareness evening	All parents	7.00-9.00pm
4th February	Fitness testing for health	All Parents	7.00-9.00pm
25th March	"Yeah Whatever!" - How to communicate with your teenager	All Parents of teenaged children	7.00—9.00pm
27th April	Aim Higher Parents evening	All parents of Yr 8 students	7.00-8.30pm
19th May	Keeping your child safe on the internet	All Parents	7.00-9.00pm
May Date to be confirmed	A day in the life of a museum curator	All parents	7.00-9.00pm
21st June	Latin for parents	All parents	7.00-9.00pm
18th July	Art in different mediums	All parents	7.00-9.00pm

Booking Form

Name of adult:	Event:	Number attending
Contact Number:		
Address		
Name of Mangotsfield Student:		