



Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Black History Month

1<sup>st</sup> October will mark the start of Black History Month in the UK. This is a special time at Leopold where we focus and promote knowledge of black history, culture and heritage. However, to ensure that this is an integrated part of our children's history curriculum we focus on Black History for the entire Autumn 1 term and within topics throughout the academic year. Class teachers will ensure that our children understand the value and importance of Black History Month and why it is celebrated.

Throughout Autumn 1, children will learn about various elements of Black History. Each year group has a theme that they will focus on:

**Year 1** - Frank Bailey - London's first black firefighter.

**Year 2** - Nelson Mandela - inspirational leader and advocator for equality.

**Year 3** - Windrush generation and London Transport - case study on Ruel Moseley

**Year 4** - Windrush generation and NHS - case study on Nola Ishmael OBE

**Year 5** - Somalia and case study on influential Somalian heroes such as Mo Farrah

**Year 6** - History of Syria - focus on representation in Parliament and focus on leading black politicians such as Bernie Grant, Dianne Abbott, Sir David Pitt.

We will use resources from Brent Museum to support our children's learning so that they can look at and examine artefacts and original images relating to these topics.

Children will use art lessons to create art pieces which relate to their topic and we will have a celebration assembly at the end of Autumn 1 so that children can share their learning and understanding of Black History Month.

We would love if parents or carers could share their history, culture and heritage with us whether it is through storytelling, Q&A sessions with children or arts and crafts. If you would be interested please let the office know.

Kind Regards  
Ms Garland

(History Lead)