



# Holland House School

Dear Parents

October is Black History Month and we have been putting aside time each week to talk to the children about inspirational Black people that we can all look up to and admire. It is very important to us that children of all heritages realise that black history isn't just about slavery, oppression and segregation. It is a far richer tapestry and the school library has a wealth of diverse books the children can choose from in order to broaden their horizons. As you all know, I am a strong supporter of parents reading with their children, particularly dads (why would your son read if he never sees his father reading?) This is essential so that you can discuss the ideas and vocabulary in each paragraph, helping your child to understand trickier elements. When your child comes home with a book, please have a look at it with them and engage them in a conversation about it.

Parents may be worried about speaking to younger children in an age-appropriate way about racism. There is sometimes the thought that pointing out race and difference makes children aware of these things that they were previously oblivious to. However, research shows that children can internalise racial bias between the age of 2 and 4 so it is essential that this is nipped in the bud and eliminated before it has a chance to begin: please talk to your children, especially the younger ones about racism in way your child will understand, for example, about the importance of being fair, kind and accepting of others for who they are, regardless of the colour of their skin. Holland House is a school that welcomes and nurtures children of all ethnicities and every child has the right to be happy here; it is not enough to not be racist - we must all be anti-racist.

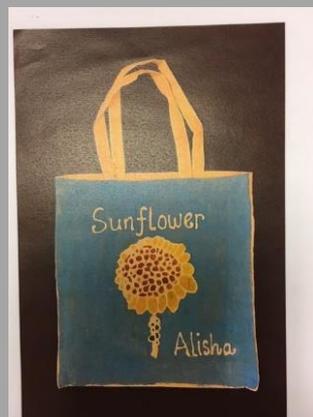
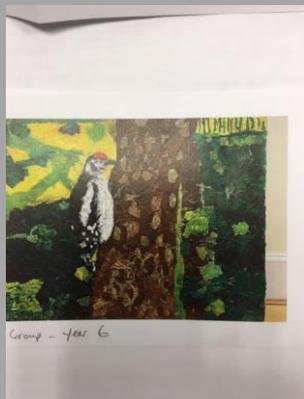
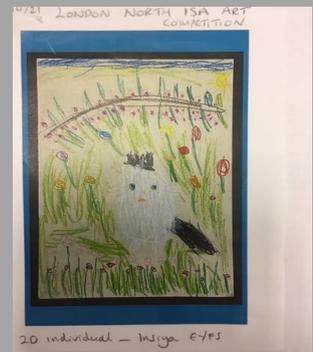
Wishing you a wonderful weekend

*Emily Brown*

*Headmistress*

*Holland House School*

**Congratulations to our amazing artists who swept-the-board in the ISA 2021 Art Competition**



## Certificates Awarded this week

Rachel Liu Y3

Tara Cuddis Y3

Oreva Orivri Y2

Anya Liu Y2

Leela Mistry Y2

Josh Mistry Y5

Dylan Shah Y2

Yusuf Tharoo Y4

Sanvi Randeria Y4

Sienna Bhudia Y4

Toniloba Akinosi Y4

Isabella Chung Y1

Jay Gill Y1

Vaanya Chadha Y5

Ari Jalil Y5

Aanya Sachdev Y5

Saad Hashishi Y6

Ishani Kansagra R

Kiyanna Mehta R

Message from Sally

Please make sure that hair longer than shoulder length is tied back and ensure that all uniform is labelled clearly.