

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As you are aware, Hitherfield was inspected by Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Our inspection last time (June 2023) was an ungraded inspection, so it is normal for Ofsted to revisit schools between 12 and 24 months later, so we were expecting a further visit.

This inspection is a Graded inspection, which means that the Ofsted report will give a grade on each of the 5 areas:

- The Quality of Education
- Behaviour and Attitudes
- Personal Development
- Leadership and Management
- Early Years provision

As of September 2024, Ofsted made changes to their reports, so there is no grade for Overall Effectives, as there used to be.

The school will receive a draft report from the Inspectors in a few weeks time and once that report has gone through Ofsted's quality assurance systems it will be published.

Whilst we do not know the exact wording of the report at this stage, what we can say that the school is happy with the feedback and the grades given and we feel it reflects the school as we know it. We look forward to reading the final report. This inspection was a far better experience for all staff and children than the one in 2023 and we thanked the team of inspectors for how they undertook their role in a professional and caring manner.

Thank you to all of the families who responded to Ofsted's Parent View survey. We heard that their system was not working on Monday evening and we reported this to the inspectors. Over 160 still managed to respond.

We will distribute the Ofsted Report to all families when we receive it, which is likely to be a couple of weeks after the half term holiday.

Chris Ashley-Jones  
Executive Headteacher

## Dates for the Diary

**Friday 11th October** – Black History Month  
Film Night 1 - 3:45pm main hall (The Princess & The Frog)

**Wednesday 16th October** - Individual and Sibling Photos  
(not Monday 14th as advertised in the annual calendar)

**Wednesday 16th October – Parents' Evening (Reception – Year 6)**

**Friday 18th October** – Black History Month  
Film Night 2 - 3:45pm main hall (The Queen Katwe)

**Friday 18th October** - Phonics and Early Reading Workshop 9:15am - 10:00am in the Main Hall.

**Friday 18th October** - 3 Anaconda Roman Britain virtual workshop in class 10.45-11.45am

**Wednesday 23rd October** – 2 Mongoose  
Class Assembly and open morning  
9:15am – 10:30am

**Thursday 24th October** – 2 Manatee Class  
Class Assembly and open morning  
9:15am – 10:30am

**Friday 25th October** – 2 Hummingbird Class  
Class Assembly and open morning  
9:15am – 10:30am

**Friday 25th October** - 3 Macaw Roman Britain virtual workshop in class 10.45-11.45am

**Friday 25th October** – Last Day of Term  
School finishes at normal time and ASC will be running

**Monday 4th November** – Children Return to School

**Thursday 14th November – THE BIG GIG**  
(see page 6 of the Herald for more info)

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## GOOD NEWS CARDS

Congratulations to these children who have really impressed their Teachers this week.

1 COBRA	1 DUGONG	1 SUNBIRD
Eliott and Zion	Rena and Nicole	Skye and Thomas
2 MANATEE	2 MONGOOSE	2 HUMMINGBIRD
Alice and George	Eli and Liyanna	Cole and Ariela
3 JAGUAR	3 MACAW	3 ANACONDA
Emmeline and Leo	Ariadne and Haram	FE and Joshua
4 HIPPOPOTAMUS	4 FLAMINGO	4 CHEETAH
Alistair and Elena	Frankie and Jonah	Eliza and Lucus
5 KINGFISHER	5 HEDGEHOG	5 OTTER
Manavi and Reece	Luca and Joe W	Abbie and Sam
6 ORCA	6 PUFFIN	6 WOLVERINE
Daniel J and Yasmina	To be announced next week	Micha M and Niah

**Celebrate**

## Black History Month

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Soul Smothered Chicken  
or  
Caribbean Style Sweet Potato & Vegetable Pie

Served with Coconut Rice  
or  
Roasted Red Pepper & Herb Jollof Rice

Garlic Greens  
Street Corn

West African Style Lime Cake  
Wheat, Egg, Milk

Pineapple & Lime Fruit Pot



**HARRISON**  
food with thought

Flu vaccinations 2024-2025 –  
Reception to Year 6

Please complete the form by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Please find below the e-consent link-  
<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2024/lambeth>

### Parents' Evening Update

Reception to Year 6 Parents' Evening was postponed and is now taking place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 14:00-19:00. Your appointment time will remain the same, if you would like to cancel or change the time then please log back in to make changes  
<https://hitherfield.schoolcloud.co.uk>

### Uniform Discount

My Clothing is offering a 10% discount until the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Use code: **Hitherfieldpri10%**

<https://myclothing.com/collections/hitherfield-primary-school-primary-school-10464/>

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## Black History Month films for the family

Come join friends and families for an afternoon  
of films, popcorn and fun.

3:45 PM MAIN HALL

Friday 11th October  
The Princess and the Frog



Friday 18th October  
The Queen Katwe  
PG rating

Bring a blanket, cushions or bean  
bags - anything to make yourself  
comfy



Popcorn will be available!!!

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**Hummingbird, Mongoose and Manatee classes had an enjoyable and interesting trip to The South London Botanical Institute this week.**

To support their learning about Mary Seacole in History, they hunted for medicinal plants in the garden, looked at different seeds and leaves using microscopes and even prepared their own aloe vera gel to take home. They then looked after an imaginary sick and injured soldier from The Crimea War and suggested which bit of which plant could be used to help nurse the patient. The children were curious, reflective, collaborative and extremely well-behaved throughout this visit. Thank you very much to all the adults who volunteered to support their children's classes to make this trip possible.

Please see the attached flyer for the open day (tomorrow) and forthcoming activities at The South London Botanical Institute.



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## LOVE TO SING?

WHY NOT JOIN

### HITHERFIELD'S CHOIR OF FRIENDS!

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF HITHERFIELD

- NO CHOIR EXPERIENCE NEEDED -
- ALL SONGS LEARNT BY EAR (NO SHEET MUSIC) -
- SING FOLK, POP, ROUNDS AND SHANTIES -
- AUDIO LEARNING TRACKS PROVIDED -
- A GREAT WAY TO MEET OTHER HITHERFIELD PARENTS/CARERS -
- FUN, RELAXED AND INCLUSIVE -
- BABIES/TODDLERS WELCOME -

AUTUMN TERM STARTS 7TH OCT  
NOT SURE IF ITS FOR YOU?  
FREE TASTER SESSION 7TH OCT!

EVERY MONDAY 9:15AM TO 10:15AM  
IN THE STUDIO (UPSTAIRS HALL)

£70 PER 10-WEEK TERM

FREE PLACES AVAILABLE TO  
THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM

Email choir leader Ian Bennett  
if you'd like a place or free taster session:  
[ibmuso@gmail.com](mailto:ibmuso@gmail.com)



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THURS 14.11.2024 - 6:30PM

# THE BIG GIG!

~ A HITHERFIELD PTA FUNDRAISER ~

A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT OF LIVE MUSIC, FRESH HOME-MADE ITALIAN FOOD AND BAR (LOW/NO ALCOHOL OPTIONS AVAILABLE). ALL PROFITS GOING TO THE HITHERFIELD PTA. HAVE FUN AND RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS TOO!



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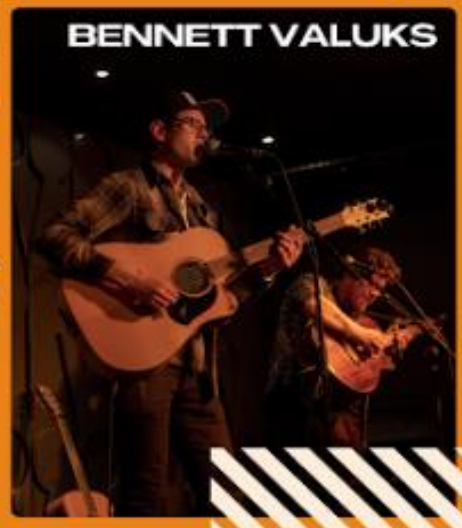
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CLAUSE 4



CHOIR OF FRIENDS



BENNETT VALUKS

THURS 14.11.2024



**BUY TICKETS VIA PARENTPAY**

SAVE ££ BY PRE-ORDERING  
MUSIC + FOOD COMBO -  
£15 ON PARENTPAY

MEAT, VEG AND VEGAN OPTIONS

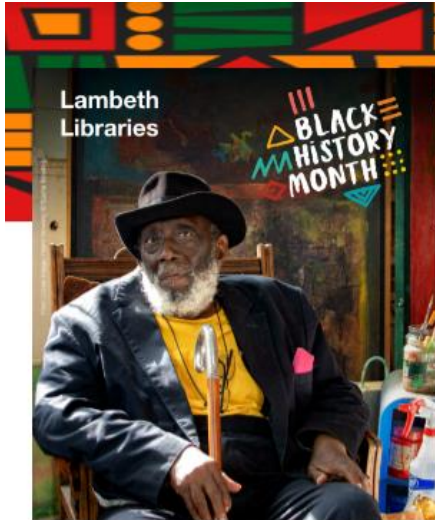
FOOD BOUGHT ON THE NIGHT - £10

LIMITED TICKETS - BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

MUSIC ONLY - £8  
MUSIC + FOOD COMBO (PRE-ORDER ONLY) - £15

VENUE: THE STUDIO, HITHERFIELD  
6:30PM BAR OPEN  
7:30PM DINNER (ITALIAN BY PAOLA. PRE-BOOK VIA PARENTPAY)  
7:30PM LIVE MUSIC

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## Happy Black History Month! Check out

### Join Author Ella Phillips for a Sensational Children's Workshop!

Embark on a captivating journey with author Ella Phillips in a multi-sensory workshop that blends storytelling, interactive fun and creativity to spark your imagination.



Gather for mesmerizing storytelling, brought alive with scents, sounds and textures. *Grandma's Magic Recipes* is a joyful celebration of food, family and the magic of cooking together.

Darryl Gaczkop

It's autumn and Zee and his family are carving pumpkins – just in time to make Grandma's famous monster soup! It's the perfect thing to warm up chilly nights and make Zee and his little sister feel brave. Join them as they celebrate a plant-powered autumn with their Magic Recipes.

**Saturday 5 October, 10.30am.**  
Upper Norwood Library, SE19 1TQ.

Bookings [Eventbrite](#)

### Drumming Workshop

Join Tony B of Happy Drums for a free drumming workshop for the whole family.

**Saturday 5 October, 10.30am.**  
Clapham Library

Bookings [Eventbrite](#)



**Saturday 5 October, 2pm.**  
Streatham Library

Bookings [Eventbrite](#)

### Tree Planting in memory of Benjamin Zephaniah

To remember Benjamin Zephaniah, a poet of our times, we will be planting a tree at Minet Library. The planting is part of the boroughwide Lambeth **Tree Planting Programme**. Those close to Benjamin, who died in December 2023 said:

*"We recommend, that if you want to, please plant something like flowers or trees anywhere you wish and name them as Benjamin Zephaniah in memory of him"*

The planting will be in collaboration with local primary schools, Lambeth Libraries and Tree Services and will feature nature-based poetry written by local children to celebrate the life and rhymes of Benjamin Zephaniah.

For more information email [treeguardians@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:treeguardians@lambeth.gov.uk)

**Wednesday 23 October, 10.30am.**  
Minet Library



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## Black History Month Storytime with Author Portia Mushambi

Get ready for some interactive fun with Portia, the author of the *Naniso & Shinga* book series, as well as the *Tarairi & the Safari Five* picture books. Ages 3 to 7 years.

**Tuesday 29 October, 10.30am to 11.30am. Streatham Library**



## Capoeira Workshop

Capoeira is a very unique martial art that was developed by predominantly enslaved West-Africans in Brazil over 500 years ago, as a way to train their bodies, keep mentally fit and fight against their oppressors. Capoeira combines self-defence, dance, acrobatics, philosophy, instrumental playing and singing. Join UINCAP International Union of Capoeira for an introductory workshop. Ages 7+

**Tuesday 29 October, 2pm. Durning Library**

**Bookings**

[Eventbrite](#)



## Grandma's Locs with Karen Arthur

Celebrating the beauty of natural Black hair, this debut picture book is an infectious, imaginative and colourfully illustrated tale about the love that is shared between family. Grandma has beautiful locs. Whenever she comes to visit, she wears them in so many wonderful ways!



Come along to Clapham Library and listen to Karen Arthur reading her new book *Grandma's Locs*. Find out about different Black hair styles, products and tools. Try out what you would look like with natural hair styles such as braids, locks and afros. Bring your own hairstyle and have a picture taken. Ages 4 to 12

**Tuesday 29 October, 2pm. Clapham Library**

**Bookings** [Eventbrite](#)



## Black Pioneers - Craft for Kids

Join this creative craft session in the celebration of Black pioneers, past and present, creating 'I Have a Dream', Pop-up Card and Rosa Parks 'Bus Crafts'. Ages 5+ years.

**Wednesday 30 October, 2.30pm. Streatham Library**



## Melanin Dreams Library Take-over

Join Melanin Dreams Bookshop for a Library take-over highlighting the best in Children's publishing. The day will include fun, fun, fun ... and lots of books. In the morning we'll have Arts & Crafts with create an African-themed music shaker and in the afternoon build a three-position traffic light inspired by Garrett Morgan.

**Wednesday 30 October, 11am to 4pm. West Norwood Library.**

## Badge Making

Design your own badge to wear with pride. Will it feature an inspirational figure from Black History, empowering quotes or your own unique design?

**Wednesday 30 October, 2.30pm. Brixton Library**

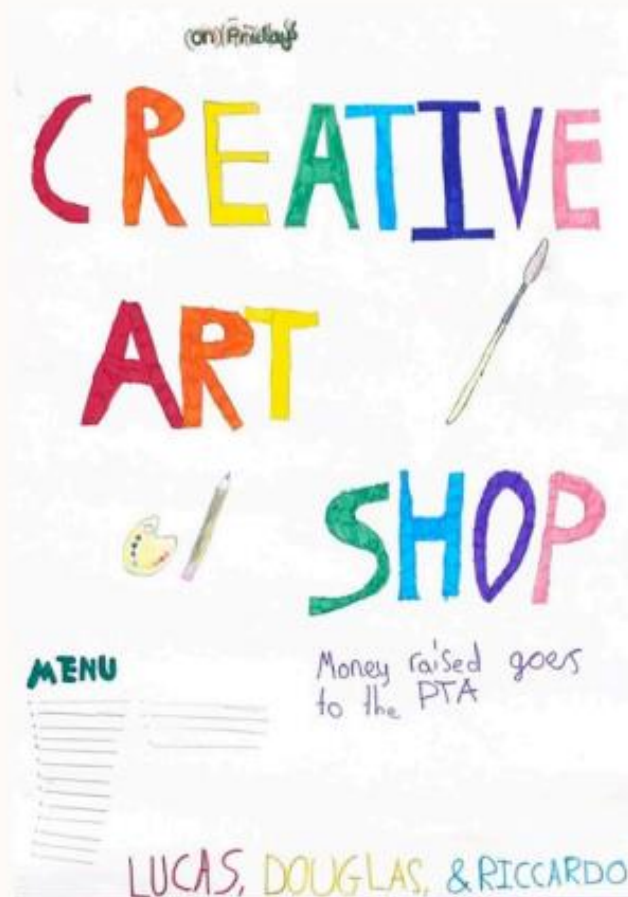




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## FRIDAY - CREATIVE ART SHOP

We're very proud to introduce this brilliant initiative from some of our Year 4 kids - Lucas, Douglas and Riccardo - who have come up with the fantastic idea of our kids doing a bit of art on a Friday after school to raise funds for the PTA!



Please come along to support them after school today, and take home your arty creation! They will be outside the office

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## The BiG Half-term 2024 Holiday Camp!

Engage in.....  
*Arts & Crafts*

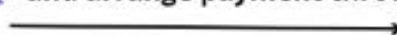
*Board games*



Register now for the BiG 2024 Half Term Camp at Hitherfield Primary School, Leigham Vale, Streatham SW16 2JQ - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024, 5 days in total (excluding weekends). **For all children between 5 and 13 years-old!**

**..... and just £80 per week!**

*Multi-sports games*

Places will be limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis so book now - <https://www.bigcic.org/big-2024-halfterm-camp-registration> - and arrange payment through scan and pay  and pay entering your child's name as the description. You can also scan & pay by copying this link - <https://url.atoa.me/pay/o6SbvMQN> - into your browser.

All enquiries to Lionel Best on 020 8676 3480 / 07957 208 930 / [lionel.best@bigcic.org](mailto:lionel.best@bigcic.org)



  
**Think BiG**

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WEST NORWOOD & TULSE HILL

## ALL HALLOWS' EVE FREE FAMILY EVENT

ST LUKE'S CHURCH  
THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER  
5-7PM

**ALL FREE!**

- Unlucky dip
- Amigo's Magic
- Face painting
- Come dressed in costume!
- BBQ food from St Lukes Church (donations welcome)
- Craft activities
- Nutty's Kids Disco

+ PLUS +  
HALLOWEEN TRAIL

DOWNLOAD THE ChooSE27 APP FOR EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO OUR LOCAL HALLOWEEN TRAIL!

Visit [stationtostation.london/event/all-hallows-eve](http://stationtostation.london/event/all-hallows-eve) or scan the QR code for more info

[www.stationtostation.london](http://www.stationtostation.london)

## CARGOS & CAKES

Come and meet other local parents for a chat about cargo bikes and how they can revolutionise your journey to school.  
Plus FREE CAKES!

TRY A CARGO BIKE

FREE CAKES

FRIDAY  
18th OCTOBER  
3.15-5.15pm

VALLEY ROAD  
PLAYING FIELDS,  
VALLEY ROAD  
SW16 2LD

[solvetheschoolrun.org](http://solvetheschoolrun.org)

@solveschoolrun



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HITHERFIELD

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[www.hitherfield.co.uk](http://www.hitherfield.co.uk)

## South London Botanical Institute October Programme

Monday 7th October	SLBI Members' Library Session
Saturday 12th October	Identifying Pavement Plants for Absolute Beginners
Saturday 12th October	Open House ft. Wild Flowers & Urban Botany
Tuesday 15th & 29th October	Mushroom University
Saturday 19th October	Mitcham Common Walk Series: Grassland Ecology
Tuesday 22nd Oct & 12th Nov	Mitcham Common Walk Series: Fungi Foray
Thursday 24th October	Turning Leaves: Weeds in the Library with Roy and Richard
Thursday 24th October	Spells and Science: Creative Writing Workshop
Monday 28th October	SLBI Members' AGM
Monday 28th October	Annual Lecture: For the Love of Plants: Plant Worlds in the Shadows of Empire (ONLINE)

To book or find out more, check out our website:  
[www.slbi.org.uk/events](http://www.slbi.org.uk/events)



**Saturday 12th October 2024**

**1pm-3pm**

Join us for drop in activities for all ages, snacks and a stroll around the garden.

Address: SLBI, 323 Norwood Road, Tulse Hill SE24 9AQ