

# THE FRIDAY POST



**READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE, CURIOUS, INDEPENDENT, CONFIDENT, INVOLVED**

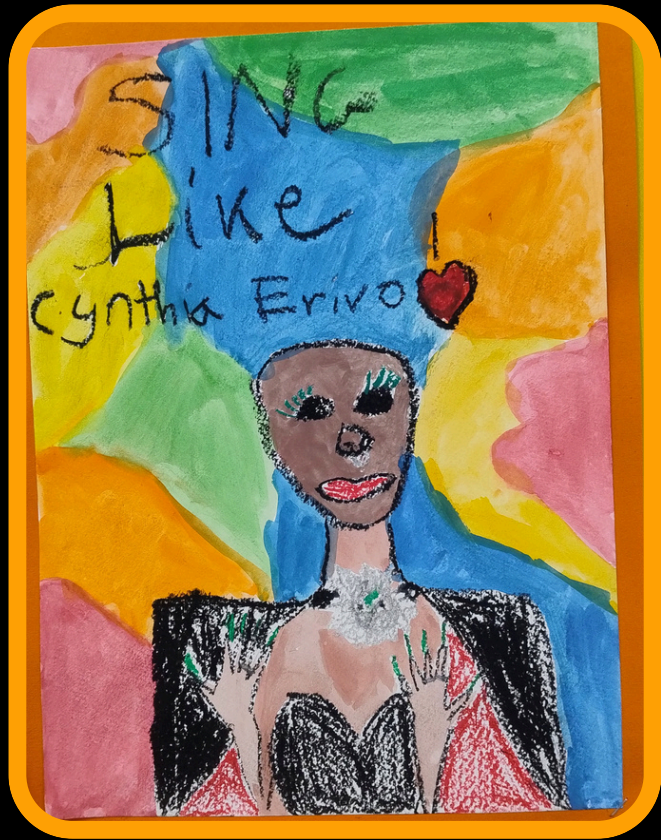
**This week has been all about reading, and I'm so proud of our whole school community!**

From our Reading Fair, with both new and second-hand treasures, to our Reading Buddies visiting emerging readers to practise reading with fluency, independence and confidence, to our continued Reading Mornings in Year 1 families, everywhere I looked there were books, books, books!

A huge thank you to our staff, pupil leaders and families for nurturing a love of reading in school and at home. When children see those around them enjoying books, it helps them grow into lifelong readers who read not just for school but for pleasure. As the wonderful Maya Angelou once said, "Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of their deep and continuing needs, is good for them."

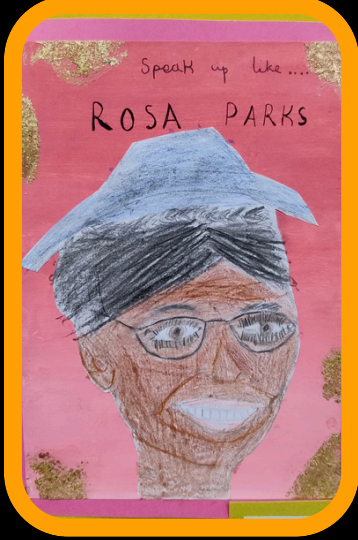
I'm looking forward to continuing to celebrate stories, curiosity and the joy of reading together!





# BLACK HISTORY month

This week, our KS2 pupils celebrated figures from history and presented resilience, strength, and unwavering commitment to progress that defines the Black community across the globe.



### Sunshine, Style, and the Power of Music

We had a fantastic Friday celebrating World Mental Health Day! Our pupils enjoyed a non-uniform day, expressing themselves through their favourite fashion choices. We encouraged everyone to wear yellow, bringing a burst of sunshine into our classrooms. We were also treated to three incredible assemblies from Rock Steady, showcasing the power of music in promoting teamwork, celebrating one another, and building a strong sense of community!



**REMINDER: SAFER STREETS**

We are proud to be part of Redbridge School Streets which helps make the roads around our school safer and cleaner for everyone. The aim is to reduce traffic at drop-off and pick-up times, protect children from busy roads, and encourage more families to walk, scoot or cycle to school.

As a new member of our school community, it has been wonderful to see so many of our pupils arriving on foot, scooter or bike, full of energy and smiles. A quick reminder, though, that while this scheme limits through-traffic, some cars, such as those belonging to local residents, are still permitted on the road, so please continue to take care on your journey to and from school. Staying alert and looking out for one another helps keep our whole community **safe**, which is one of our school values. Thank you for helping to make our safer streets truly safe for everyone.

**LOCAL DONATION DRIVE:**

The 9th Wanstead Park Beavers and Cubs are doing their second donation drive for our Thoughtful Thursday pantry on Monday 13th October. They will be going door to door around the local Aldersbrook estate. Your previous generous collections were well received. As well as food items, toiletries and cleaning products are especially useful. Money is always welcome too as supermarket vouchers can be purchased for those in need.

**Celebrating Success in the Japan House London “My London Pictogram” Competition**

Earlier this year, many of our pupils took part in the Japan House London competition, My London Pictogram, a creative design challenge for young people aged 7–16. Participants were invited to design a pictogram that represented their vision of London - its people, places and spirit.

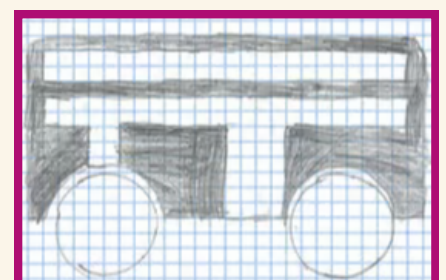
We're delighted to share that two of our pupils were recognised for their exceptional creativity and effort! Suwaybah was shortlisted for her imaginative entry, which is currently on display at the Japan House London exhibition. Her design can be viewed via QR code at the exhibition or online [here](#).



And in wonderful news, Alfie, who has since moved on to secondary school, was selected as one of the competition winners! He was invited to a special reception at Japan House over the summer holidays, where he had the incredible opportunity to meet the Japanese Ambassador, Hiroshi Suzuki.



We're so proud of both Suwaybah and Alfie for their creativity, dedication and enthusiasm for design. Congratulations to them both for representing our school so brilliantly!



Left: Alfie with the Japanese Ambassador, Top Right: Afternoon Tea by Alfie, Bottom Right: London Bus by Suwaybah



For the attention of Parents and Carers only:

### **Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books**

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

Mrs McDermott  
Safeguarding Lead



ALDERSBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

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**5-6 PM - Y2 & Y3**

**6:30-7:30 PM - Y4, Y5 & Y6**