



George Floyd, Racism & Black Lives Matter Assembly

Today's Assembly

Good Morning,

Today's assembly is on a topic that may feel uncomfortable, it may also be upsetting for some of you. But it is a topic that is greatly important to discuss, reflect upon and take in. Racism has been a part of our history for years. Racism is still happening today and recent events have shown us just how important it is for everyone to speak up and ensure it does not continue in the world we know.

We are incredibly lucky in our school community that racism and racist incidents are extremely rare, even so If you feel that racism is miles away then you are wrong. I personally have witnessed racist incidents while in my local community and I am sure many of you have too. I am also sure that some of you have even been the victim of racism.

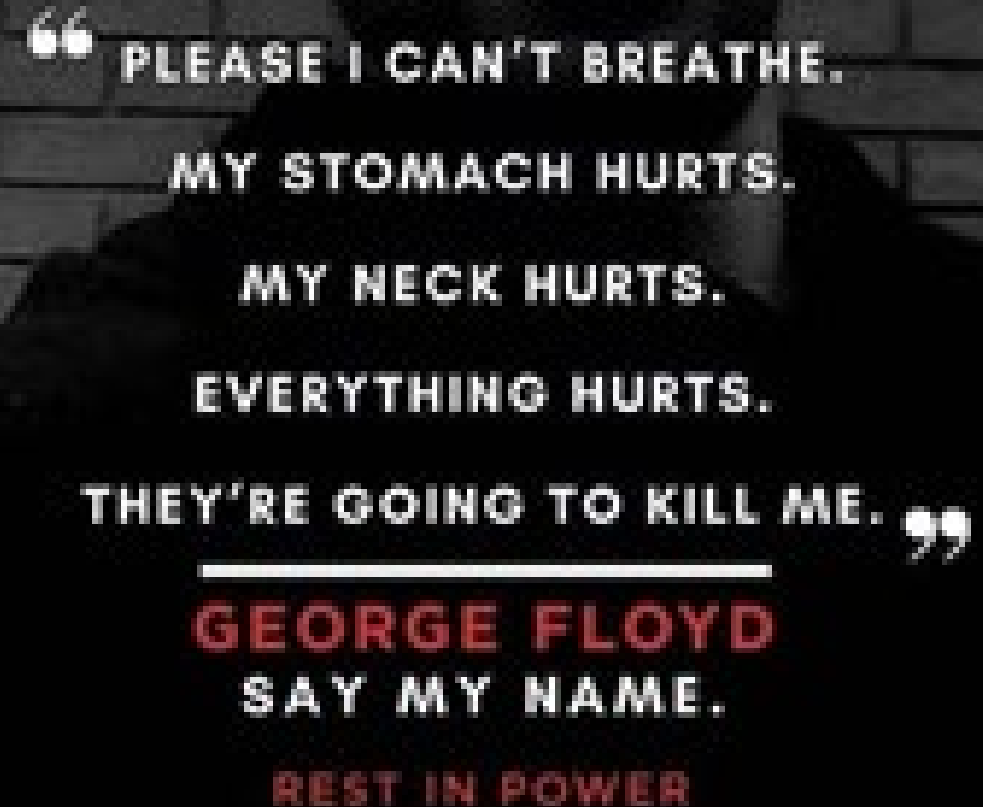
Seeing and hearing what is happening on the news has been upsetting for all of us, staff, students, parents, the whole school community has been effected in some form. We are all trying to make sense of what has happened and while putting this assembly together I too have been trying to make sense of what is happening in today's world. I do not claim to be an expert on these issues but I hope that this assembly allows you to try and make some sense of what is happening but most importantly why it is happening.

We are all here to support you so if you are effected by any of this then please reach out to your parents, teachers, AM's, House leaders or whoever you feel comfortable talking to.

George Floyd

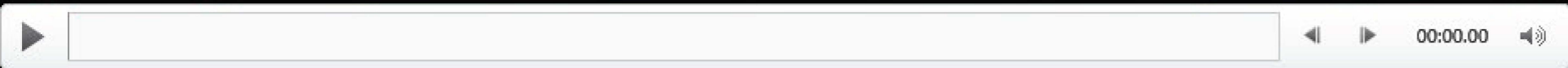
On May 25th, George Floyd, an unarmed black man, died during an arrest by police officers, one of whom had his knee placed on Floyd's neck for more than eight minutes, a restraint tactic banned by most forces.

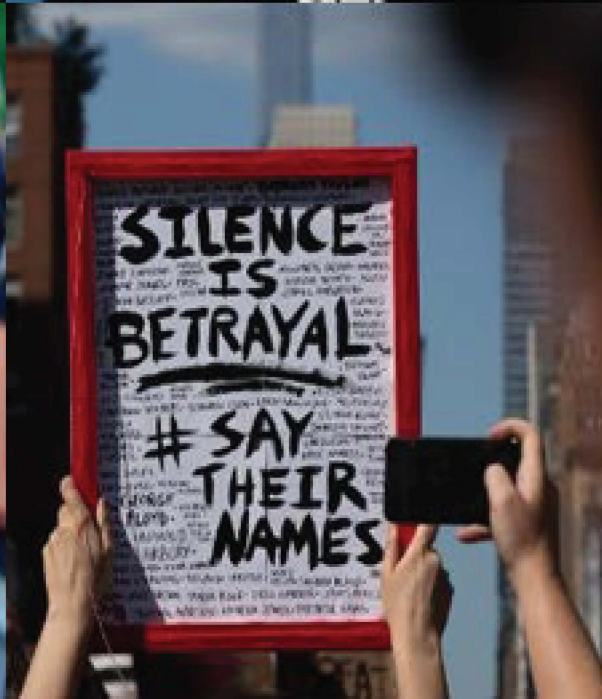
Caught on video by shocked bystanders, Floyd's death has sparked fury in the US and around the world, reigniting the Black Lives Matter movement and causing protests in other major cities.





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What Is Racism?

- It divides people into “us” and “them”, based on where we come from or the colour of our skin. And it happens when people feel that it’s okay to treat others badly as they go about their daily lives.
- Racism happens in lots of different ways.

RACISM
IS
NEVER
JUSTIFIABLE.

SEE HOW IT COVERS OVER BLACK



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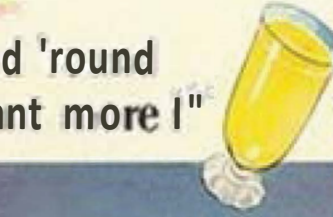
Of course they want more! You should expect repeats—with a juice like this.

See that satisfied look as your guests catch its fragrant bouquet. And those smiles of instant pleasure. How they carry its thrilling flavor!

Here, indeed, is the answer to perfect hospitality. A juice as fresh and sparkling as the gayest conversation. The kind of juice you'd expect to get if you could pick a luscious, big, golden-ripe pineapple on some sun-flooded plantation, and drain it directly into your glass.

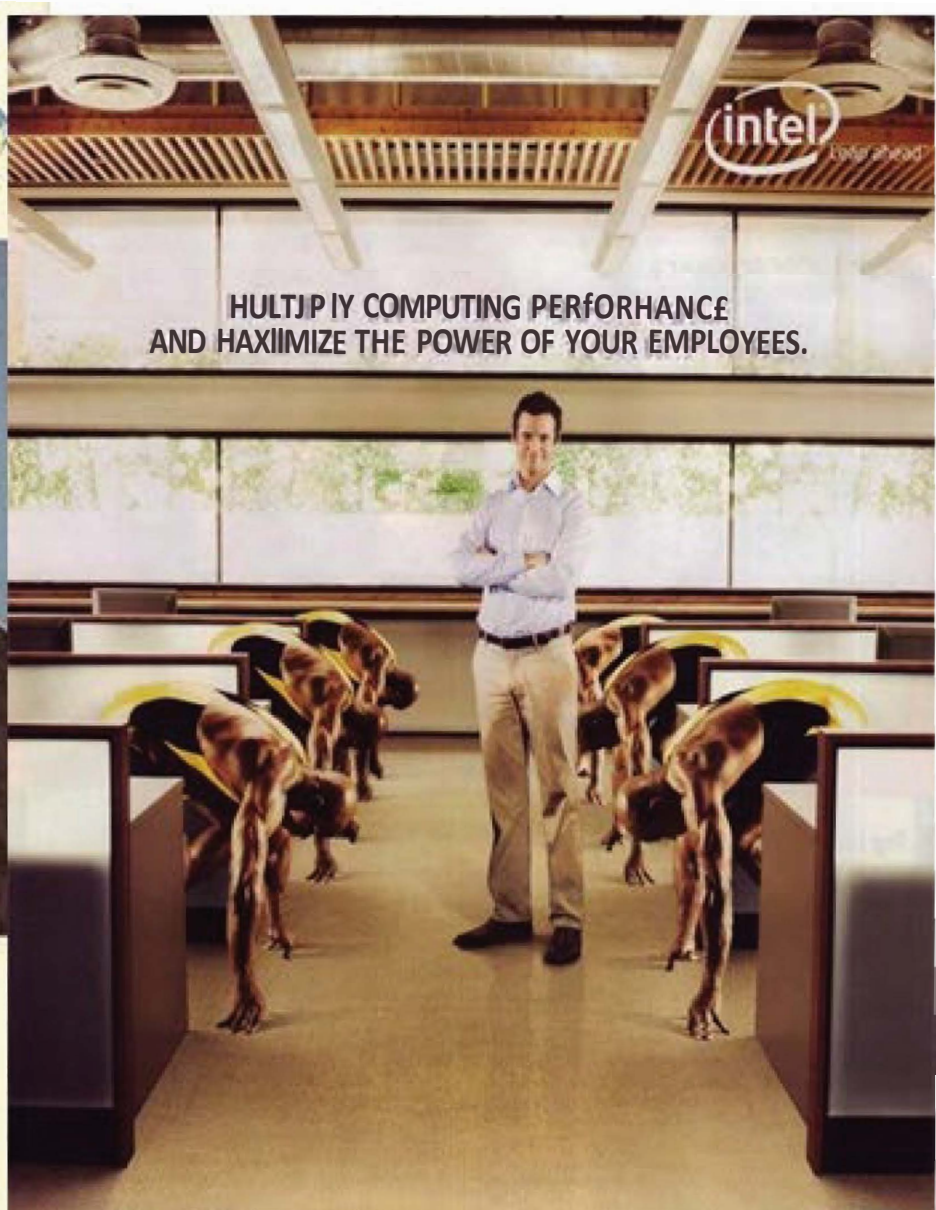
In short, a pineapple juice with all the fine family traits of all the other Del Monte Foods you like so much.

If you haven't discovered its matchless goodness yet—well, lift a glass to your lips—and join the crowd in a toast to real enjoyment!



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Black Lives Matter

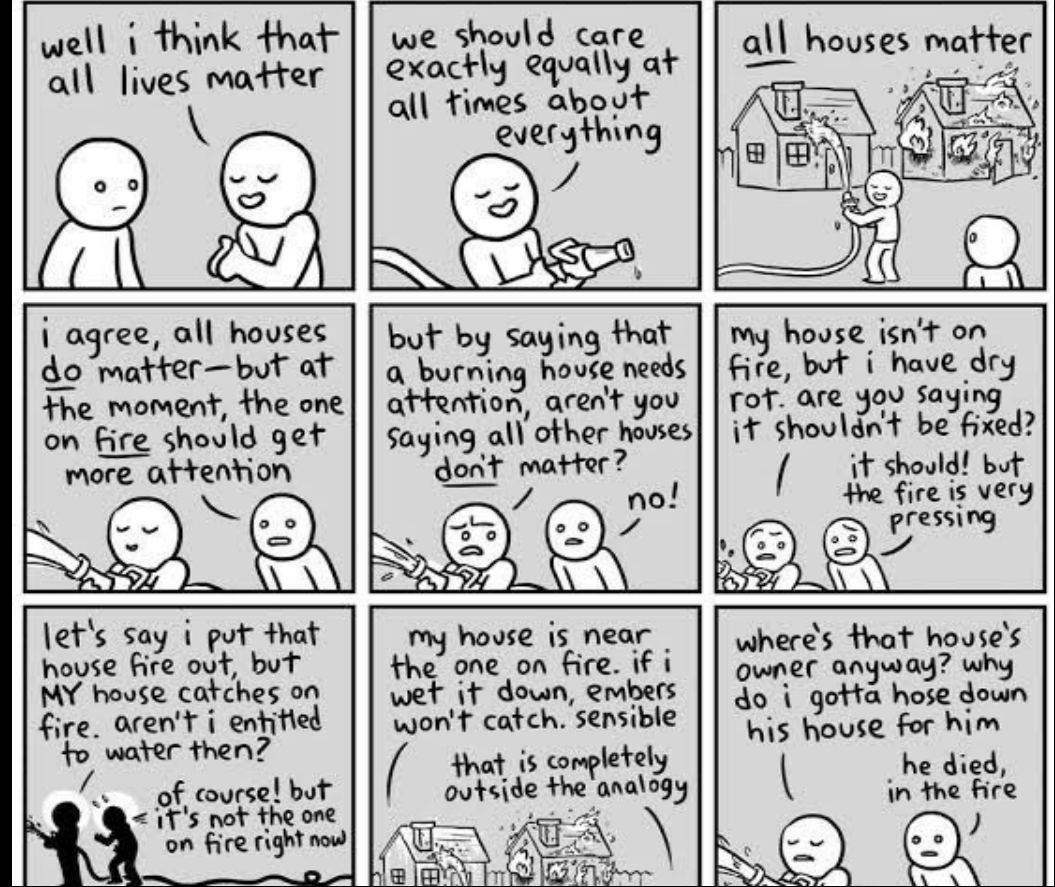
- #BlackLivesMatter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer.
- Black Lives Matter Foundation, Inc is a global organization in the US, UK, and Canada, whose mission is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes.
- By combating and countering acts of violence, creating space for Black imagination and innovation, and centering Black joy.

**BLACK
LIVES
MATTER**



Why Not 'All Lives Matter'?

- By saying 'black lives matter' we do not mean than other lives do not matter.
- We are saying that at this moment in time we need to focus on the racism and discrimination towards black people.
 - By saying 'all lives matter' this is a bland universal statement that seeks to downplay racism and shift the focus of the Black Lives Matter movement.



But all this is
only in the
USA right?



The police brutality we have seen in the news in the USA is awful and hard to watch.



The reason why we are seeing big protests in the USA is because people have had enough of black people being treated appallingly by some police officers.



But this does not only happen in the USA, it happens all over the world, including here in the UK.

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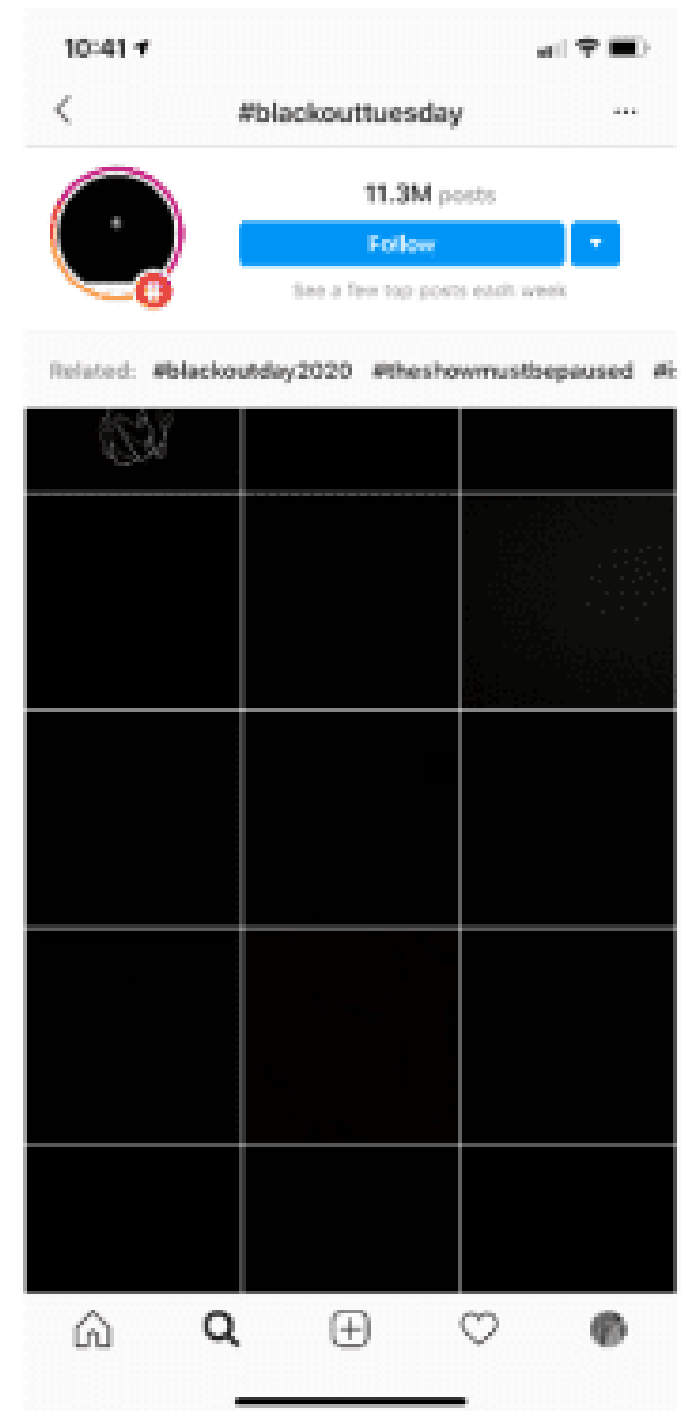
The Media's Influence

- Watching the news it is very easy to think that violent protests are happening all over the USA.
- However, this is not the case. Most of the protests are peaceful and the police even showing solidarity with the protestors.
- When watching / listening to the news always think that there is a bigger picture.



Blackout Tuesday

- Did you see on social media recently that lots of people posted black squares as part of the movement against racism and police brutality.
- The simple posts were intended as a way of expressing solidarity with the [Black Lives Matter](#) protests that have swept the US after the death of George Floyd.



What Next?

- It is hard to say what will happen next although the awareness of racism and inequality towards black people has risen hugely and there will hopefully be a change with racism across the world.
- We need to continue to educate ourselves and others around us.
- Have a look on the next slide some links you can use to do this



READ	LISTEN	WATCH
<p>https://scroll.in/article/963417/the-history-of-police-brutality-in-the-us-goes-back-to-slave-patrols-of-the-1700s</p> <p>https://blacklivesmatter.com/</p> <p>https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/feb/22/institutional-racism-britain-stephen-lawrence-inquiry-20-years</p> <p>https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/jun/01/george-floyd-protests-editorials-worldwide</p> <p>https://www.reclaimtheblock.org/</p>	<p>https://www.ted.com/talks/alicia_garza_patrisse_cullors_and_opal_tometi_an_interview_with_the_founders_of_black_lives_matter?referrer=playlist-talks_to_help_you_understand_r</p> <p>https://www.ted.com/talks/heather_cmcghee_racism_has_a_cost_for_everyone?language=en</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p08ftycl</p> <p>https://www.aboutracepodcast.com/</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZgkjEdMbSw</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFQkLp5u-No</p> <p>Time: The Kalief Browder Story – Netflix (Ask your parents first)</p> <p>13th – Netflix (Ask your parents first)</p>

**I WANTED TO PAUSE FOR
A MINUTE THIS MORNING**

