

BLACK HISTORY MONTH NEWSLETTER AT EGS 2025

Standing Firm in Power and Pride!

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Our Black History Month Focus

Black History Month is celebrated across the United Kingdom every October, recognising the achievements and contributions of Black people throughout history. This year, while the national theme is *Standing Firm in Power and Pride*, our school has launched its own focus. We are encouraging students to reflect on what pride and empowerment mean within our community and to think about how these values can be shown through their words and actions every day.

Black History Month: Week 3 Engagement

Black History Month Reading Relay: Benjamin Zephaniah

This week, the BHM Reading Relay took students on an inspiring journey through the words of Benjamin Zephaniah, a poet, author, and activist whose writing is full of rhythm, truth, and energy. Students explored his work, shared their thoughts in lively discussions, and brought his messages to life through creative activities. It was a brilliant way to celebrate his legacy and the power of words to inspire change.



Assembly Focus: Words that Inspire

This week, four of our students from year 11 led the assembly on “Words That Inspire.” Every word we hear and every story we share has the power to inspire and shape who we become, and our students demonstrated this beautifully. As part of our Black History Month celebrations, they shared quotes and messages from influential figures who inspire them, explaining how these words motivate and guide them in their daily lives. Each reflection linked closely to our PRIDE values – *Passion, Resilience, Integrity, Determination* and *Empathy* – and echoed our school motto, “*Tant Que Je Puis*” (*As much as we can*), reminding us that true inspiration comes from striving to be our best and living our values every day.



Cultural Food

This week, our canteen was filled with the mouth-watering aroma of curry goat served with white rice, creamy coleslaw and jerk chicken. Every bite was bursting with rich, spicy flavour and gave us a true taste of the Caribbean. To finish, we enjoyed a warm slice of banana bread that was perfectly soft and sweet. Students and staff couldn't get enough; it was definitely a crowd favourite!

A huge thank you to Ms Roberts, Ms Jarvis, and our amazing catering team for creating such a fantastic feast and filling the day with flavour, smiles, and community spirit. Their hard work and creativity made this week's cultural food experience truly unforgettable!

Student Quotes:

"The curry had just the right amount of spice!" *Year 8 student*

"The banana bread was *elite*! Everyone at my table was asking for seconds." *Year 10 student*

"Loved every bite. Big respect to the catering team for bringing real Caribbean flavour to school!" *Year 9 student*

"Definitely the best week yet." *Year 9*



Black History Month Celebration Showcase

Friday 17 October 2025 was an unforgettable night of culture, creativity, and community as we held our first Black History Month Celebration Showcase. Students and staff wowed everyone with live performances, while DJ Miah kept the music pumping and the atmosphere buzzing throughout the night. Guests enjoyed delicious food served by students and refreshing drinks from FECS, while the rooms were transformed with colourful stalls showcasing beautiful Kente fabric, Caribbean cakes, handmade products, ceramic bowls, pots, candles, Christmas decorations, clocks, and much more.



Visitors loved the Fidget Fusion stall run by our entrepreneurial students, the lively hair and glitter stall, and the raffle with amazing prizes, which thrilled everyone who took part. The wonderful Mayor also attended, giving a speech and highlighting how beautiful and inspiring the event was. The night ended with everyone dancing the night away, celebrating culture, creativity, and community in the most joyful way.

A special thank you goes to Ms Roberts and Ms Green for bringing these ideas to life, The live band performances from Mr Escott and our students. Ms French for creating the picture board and framing the pictures, Ms Akaydin for capturing the wonderful photos with our students, Ms Rudolph for making the library stand look beautiful and selling raffle tickets with Mr Mckoy. Ms Ishaq for organising the reading relay. Ms Walsh for her thorough editing and review of the newsletter prior to publication. Thanks also to Ms Jarvis, the kitchen team, the site team, IT team, all staff who were present and supported, our amazing students, and everyone who came along to join the celebration.







Headteacher Final Words:

So, October is nearly behind us and we have had a FANTASTIC month at EGS. The theme of "Standing Firm in Power and Pride" has oozed from many pores throughout the school over the month; in lessons, assemblies, guest speakers and of course, our amazing Cultural Evening that took place last Friday. What an evening!! Food, music, garments, spices, ornaments, speeches, dancing.....The Mayor of Enfield and VIP Garage legend Norris "Da Boss" Windross. Thank you all so much for supporting us with all these wonderful events.

I'd like to give a HUGE nod to Mr Obeng who is our new EDI lead who orchestrated such a wonderful month of celebration and festivities that the boys and all members of our community thoroughly enjoyed.

I wanted to share a section of an email that I received over the weekend from a parent who attended last Friday evening - "As someone who teaches African history year round and has spent nearly 20 years in education, I've seen Black History Month be really poorly acknowledged. This was honestly the most well planned and impactful celebration of this month that I've seen in any school. I think the boys will remember it in years to come."

Together we rise.

