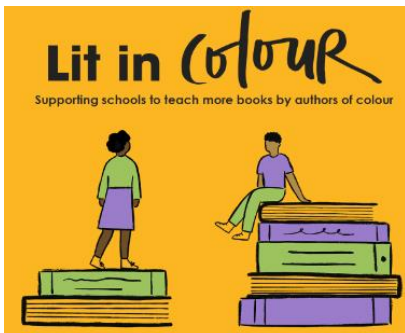




Introduction



This week, our assembly was a wonderful celebration of Black History Month. We took time to learn about the history of this important month and why it matters. It was an opportunity for our children to reflect on the significance of celebrating Black history and its impact on our shared culture.

We also explored Penguin's 'Lit in Colour' reading lists, which highlights a variety of books by authors of colour. The discussion emphasised the importance of reading diverse voices, broadening our perspectives, and celebrating stories from different backgrounds. Encouraging our children to read widely and appreciate the experiences of others is a vital part of their education. We hope this inspires them to discover new authors and appreciate the rich diversity that makes our world vibrant.

We were also pleased to welcome Ofsted inspectors to our school this week. We are incredibly proud of our children, who demonstrated their enthusiasm, kindness, and their wonderful spirit that makes Springwood Heath so special. The inspectors had the opportunity to see firsthand just how brilliant our school community is, and we look forward to sharing the final report with parents in the coming weeks.



Mrs Costello
Headteacher

Y5/6 Football Competition

The Y5 and 6 football team did us proud yesterday at their tournament at Stockton Heath. Despite playing against some highly skilled teams, they didn't give up, remained strong and demonstrated resilience throughout! Their sportsmanship shone through and they played with a smile from start to finish! Well done team!

FOSH Spooky Discos



FOSH are holding Spooky Discos at the end of term on Friday 25th October. Children are welcome to come to school wearing spooky clothes on this day. We will be enjoying lots of dancing, music and treats!

Thank you FOSH!

Please note masks will not be permitted.

Attendance

Reception	97.36%
Year 1	96.94%
Year 2	97.86%
Year 3	94.64%
Year 4	90.3%
Year 5	92.75%
Year 6	92.09%
Whole school	94.49%

**Dates for the Diary**

Date	Event
Wednesday 16 th October	Y6 Class Assembly 9am – Y6 Parents Invited
Thursday 17 th October	Y5 + 6 Girls Football Competition
Friday 18 th October	Feel-Good Friday – Autumn/self-esteem/confidence
Monday 21 st -Friday 25 th October	Let's Get Springwood Heath Reading Week!
Monday 21 st October	Y5+6 Parents Reading Workshop 2.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd October	SEND Reading Workshop 9am
Tuesday 22 nd October	Y1+2 Parents Reading Workshop 2.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd October	Y4 Class Assembly – Y4 Parents Invited
Wednesday 23 rd October	Y3+4 Parents Reading Workshop 2.30pm
Thursday 24 th October	Reception Class Reading Workshop 2.30pm
Friday 25 th October	FOSH Spooky Disco's – Wear a spooky outfit (no masks please)
Friday 25 th October	School closes for half term
Monday 4 th November	School closed – INSET Day
Monday 5 th November	School reopens – Autumn 2
Thursday 7 th November	Y5 + 6 Dodgeball Competition
Tuesday 19 th November	Reception Open Evening 4pm
Thursday 21 st November	Y3 + 4 Mat Ball Competition
Friday 22 nd November	Individual and Sibling Photographs
Tuesday 26 th and Wednesday 27 th November	Parents evenings 3.30-6pm
Wednesday 27 th November	Y5 Class Assembly – Y5 Parents Invited
Wednesday 4 th December - Tuesday 10 th December	Book Fair After School – Library 3.30-4pm
Thursday 5 th December	Y3+4 Multiskills Competition
Thursday 12 th December	Robins and Starlings Nativity 10am
Friday 13 th December	Feel-Good Friday – Christmas/appreciation/thankfulness
Monday 16 th December	Reception Class and Owls Nativity 2pm (2 tickets per child allocated)
Monday 16 th December	Y1 + 2 + Swans Nativity 9.30am (Y1 Parents allocated 2 tickets per child)
Tuesday 17 th December	FOSH Santa Visits
Tuesday 17 th December	FOSH Christmas Fair 3.30-5pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Y1 + 2 + Swans Nativity 9.30am (Y2 Parents allocated 2 tickets per child)
Friday 20 th December	School closes for Christmas 1.30pm