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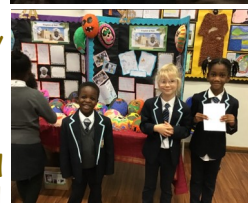
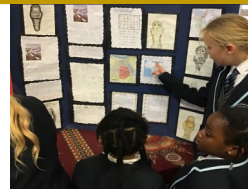
Black History

This year for Black History at St Francis' we are focussing on Ancient African Kingdoms. For too long, Black History has focussed mainly on the fight for civil rights, immigration and slavery. While these topics are very important and need to be studied, for many, Black History begins and ends with these themes.

At St Francis' we try and delve a little deeper and help our children realise that we cannot truly understand British and world history if we do not think about Africa and people of African descent.

Africa is home to some of the world's most ancient cultures, and was home to various kingdoms and empires before the era of colonialism. With the notable exception of Ancient Egypt, ancient African civilizations do not often appear in our history curriculum. These other kingdoms and empires knew about each other and they traded with each other.

So at St Francis' we are delighted to focus on these kingdoms to widen the children's understanding of world history, a world where Africa was an integrated and equal part. From the Empire of Mali, through Ancient Ghana to Great Zimbabwe and the Kingdom of Aksum, the pupils of St Francis' will shine a light on these amazing kingdoms lost to history.



Important Dates

21st October 2022
Last day of half term

31st October 2022
No School-Staff INSET

1st November 2022
First day of half term
All Saints Day Mass

Week Beginning
15th November 2022
Anti-bullying Week

16th & 17th November
2022
Parents' Conference
Meetings for years 1-6

7th December 2021
Panto Years 1-3

8th December 2021
Panto Years 4-6

12th December 2022
EYFS Parents' Conference
Meetings
(school closed to EYFS)

20th December 2022
End of term (2:00 pm)



Junior Leadership Team

We are proud to introduce the Junior Leadership team for the academic year 2022-2023. The team comprises of 7 members from the year 6 classes. There is a Head boy; a Head girl; 2 Deputy Head boys ;2 Deputy Head girls and a secretary.

The presentations from the children this year, in their applications for the post were of exceptionally high standards. This team of vibrant young leaders will work closely with the Head Teacher during the year ,generating their own ideas on how to improve the school


 Going for Gold 
 Congratulations to all pupils who have been on
 Gold since 5th September 2022



A vibrant bulletin board titled "The Canticle of Creatures" is displayed against a yellow background with a black scalloped border. At the top, the title is written in large, colorful, patterned letters. In the center, a figure of St. Francis, dressed in a brown robe and holding a staff, stands with his arms crossed. To the left of St. Francis, there are several panels: a sun, a hand reaching out, a landscape with a river, and a series of vertical strips with text. To the right of St. Francis, there are more panels: two large pink sheets of paper with text, two landscape paintings with blue water and green hills, and two circular diagrams with text. The entire display is decorated with small brown gift-like boxes at the top corners and various nature-themed illustrations in arched frames along the sides.

