

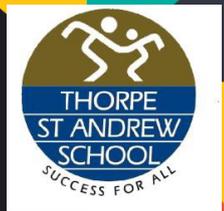
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CELEBRATING

BLACK HISTORY AND CULTURE MONTH



Issue 6 – 15 October 2021

Black History Month 2021: Proud to Be - As you know, the school has been busy celebrating Black History Month throughout October. We finish our in-school celebration of the event by asking all students to reflect on who they would be 'Proud to Be' when they grow up. All students will reflect on the life and achievements of Ella Fitzgerald who came from humble origins but aspired to become the best she could be, culminating in receiving the Presidential Medal of Honour.



If you would like to find out more about Black History Month, please see their 'ezine', which can be found [here](#). Also, Black History Month events will continue throughout half term so if you would like to participate further in celebrating Black History Month, you can find the official listing of activities on in Norfolk [here](#).

Please click [here](#) for a PDF of local events.



P. Bignell



We are holding a bookable Open Event on Thursday 21 October 2021. Please [click here](#) or scan the QR code if you would like to visit us. Places are filling up fast. Book now to secure your place.



We ARE Thorpe, and we ARE Ready

110,000 ARE+ have been awarded this term. This is a staggering number! Well done everyone who has been rewarded since our return, we are Proud of you. This week, in response to World Mental Health Day, we reflected on the words of American Poet Alison Malee who said "Ah, kindness. What a simple way to tell another struggling soul that there is love to be found in the world." We challenged our students to send thank you notes to each other, their families and staff as a way of spreading kindness around the school.

Next week, we will also be encouraging all students to aspire and remain purposeful and calm as we also end our celebrations of Black History Month at school. We look forward to seeing how our students will rise to that challenge next week.

Mr Lambert

Cultural Awareness On 14 October, Imade Gray, a Year 11 student, led a session with a Year 7 Form about cultural awareness. In this session, Imade talked with students about black history and got students discussing what equality looks like and how we can react in different scenarios. The Year 7s were keen to get involved and made some excellent contributions about respecting other cultures and traditions and how they would challenge unacceptable views and behaviour. Imade planned and delivered this session and it was absolutely brilliant - well done Imade! We are planning for this session to take place with all Year 7 forms in the coming weeks.



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1968 Mexico Olympics - Liam Cooper (Year 13)

On 16 October 1968, African American sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos, the gold and bronze medallists in the men's 200-meter race took their places on the podium for the medal ceremony wearing human rights badges and black socks without shoes while raising a fist in the air in solidarity with the black freedom movement in the United States.

Both Smith and Carlos were members of the Olympic project for human rights. The IOC (International Olympic Committee) deemed this as a political statement and as a consequence, both Smith and Carlos were ordered to be suspended from the US team and banned from the Olympic village. When the US Olympic Committee refused, the head of the IOC threatened to ban the entire US track team. This threat led to the expulsion of the two athletes from the Olympic games. Today we celebrate their bravery in the face of opposition and understand the power sport can have on politics. Their role undoubtedly played an impact in our football players recently taking the knee in the fight against racism.

Interested in finding out more about Black History Month? There is a workshop in N128 on Monday, after school for KS3 students for an hour to celebrate stories, a Q and A, along with a student discussion. All Year 7, 8 and 9 students are invited.



ITV Anglia visited some of our Year 8s and Sixth Formers to see what they have been growing in the allotment. The students told ITV how they are learning and understanding how growing your own food dramatically cuts the food miles of your meals and therefore reduces your carbon footprint as well as home-grown food being nutritious and much tastier.

We are so proud of how confident they were in front of camera.

Make sure you catch ITV Anglia tonight at 6.00 pm (Friday 15 October 2021) to see how amazing they all were.

Please come along to our Allotment Club on Mondays and Thursdays 3.05 pm to 4.05 pm, everyone and every year welcome.



Paediatric First Aid Course



On Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 October 2021, a number of our Year 12 and 13 Health and Social Care, Childcare and Sports students took part in a two day Level 3 Paediatric First Aid Course. We learnt about a range of injuries and illnesses from minor cuts to cardiac arrest and mild asthma to meningococcal septicaemia. We had great fun using the Resusci Anne and practicing using AEDs (automated external defibrillator). The session about allergic reactions and anaphylactic shock meant that we were able to practise using training auto injectors which led to some questions as to whether there was actually a needle in it. Well done to all of the students who passed the written and practical test at the end of the second day.

Faith Cogman, Livia Bostin and Toby Coxall



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Vacancies at Thorpe



We currently have vacancies in the following roles:

- Ad Hoc Lesson Supervisor
- Business and Data Apprentice
- Caretaker Apprentice
- Raising Achievement Co-ordinator
- Part Time Evening Site Assistant

Please contact HR-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk or [visit](#) for more information.



Year 11 Reports are available to view on My Child at School.



Upcoming Events

**Year 6 Open Evening -
Thursday 21 October 2021
(School closed at 2.00 pm)**

**Half term - Friday 22 October 2021 to
Friday 29 October 2021**

**Thursday 4 November 2021 - Sixth Form
Open Evening**

**Tuesday 9 November 2021 - Year 9 Preference Event
Monday 6 December 2021 - Annual School Carol Service
Please follow this [LINK](#) to view the School Calendar.**



Keep on Testing There have been a few more positive cases this week in school, so we all need to carry on being careful to stop the spread of COVID-19. Please remind your child to follow a respectful distance from other students and teachers. Students can wear masks in communal areas if they wish as an extra precaution.

More testing kits have been sent out to Year 11, 12 and 13 this week. It is important for everyone to continue with twice weekly LFD tests.

If you have been identified by NHS Test and Trace or have been in close contact with a positive case (for example a family member or close friend), there remains a risk that you can still be infected with COVID-19 and pass it on to others so students need to do the following:

- Continue with twice weekly LFD tests and it is recommended that this is increased to daily testing for 10 days.
- If your LFD test is positive at any point, take a confirmatory PCR test within 2 days. You must isolate until you have the results of your PCR. If it is positive you must follow isolation requirements and if negative continue with LFD testing. If you do not take a confirmatory PCR or cannot take one within 2 days you must follow isolation rules.
- Wear a face covering if possible in communal areas in school and maintain a respectful space from students and staff to avoid possible spreading of COVID-19.



How will a child or young person know what is meant by 'close contact'?

NHS Test and Trace will contact those who test positive - or their parent or legal guardian - to identify close contacts. They will ask a series of specific questions to help the individual understand what is meant by a close contact, making it easier for them to be identified. Contacts in an educational setting would only be traced if the positive case specifically identified an individual as having close, prolonged contact. The education or childcare setting would not be contacted to provide details of close contacts.



How will a setting know if a student or member of staff has tested positive?

Students and staff members who record a positive LFD or PCR test should let their setting know. Individuals who return a positive LFD result will need to self-isolate immediately and order a confirmatory PCR test. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days and is negative, the individual no longer needs to self-isolate. If the PCR result is positive, the individual must self-isolate and contact tracing will be conducted by NHS Test and Trace.

If you develop symptoms at any time you must isolate and get a PCR test. You must stay in isolation until you have the result. If your test is negative but you feel unwell follow the NHS guidance [here](#). Take a precautionary PCR test as advised by Track and Trace.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS



Fever



Cough



shortness of breath or
trouble breathing



Loss of taste or smell