

# TCES NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2023

NORTH WEST LONDON

## Dear Families,

Firstly, thank you for your support and care this term with our learners and to me in stepping up as Headteacher this term. It is with pride and honour to be part of the incredible work that has taken place so far and the TCES Values that our school community demonstrates. I have enjoyed seeing so many families engage with the schools Family Council and Coffee afternoons, your feedback has been values and I look forward to working together in my new role.

This term we have seen really determination from students to be the best version of themselves. Through our transition back to school in September and returning with Leadership Week, students across year groups showed outstanding leadership qualities, high expectations of themselves and others and never give up attitudes. We broke the record of the amount of 'new' Headteachers through Step Up Day with five pupils from different year groups supporting running the school as Heads.

We have also celebrated and marked several events, including Black History Month which focused on 75 Years of the Windrush – pupils wrote poems, produced fantastic pieces of art and writing and were even successful in national competitions too. We welcome back Ruby's Reads – a diverse booksellers – where classes were able to choose books that celebrated black history and culture.

Other highlights include our McMillan Bakesale, where we raised over £264. Our whole school community were involved in buying and selling, with exceptional enterprise being demonstrated alongside their charity work. We have also had the opportunity to engage with a range of careers evets and look forward to even more across the year.



Towards the end of term, we have also had a range of festive activities and taken time to celebrate the successes of learners and staff.

I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous and happy New Year!

Warm regards,

Ms Carley Stephenson

## Key dates:

- **Wednesday 20th December (pupils break off for the school holidays) - End of Term**
- **Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th December 2023 & 1st January 2024 – Bank Holiday**
- **Tuesday 3rd January 2024 – Pupil Induction Day**
- **Wednesday 4th January – Start of term for all pupils.**
- **School calendar can be found [here](#):**



## MacMillan Coffee Morning

A bake sale and sunshine proved to be the perfect ingredients for fundraising success at our Macmillan Cake Sale. The event was attended by members of the local community and local priests from the St Aidan of Lindisfarne RC Church.



This was a great event, which was thoroughly enjoyed by our pupils, who used it as an opportunity to improve their interpersonal and baking skills.



## Leadership Week

Leadership Week took place during the 18th-22nd September. The week is an opportunity for pupils to learn, celebrate and showcase leadership skills.

Pupils presented their own presentations for a Student Council Panel Day to staff members including our Careers Lead, Interim Parent and Pupil Engagement Lead, a HR member and one of our post 16 students. They all took notes and asked the pupils questions and most importantly why they would like to join the Student Council committee. The roles included those of President, Vice President, Environmental Ambassador, and Safeguarding Lead.



There was also a 'Step Up Day' where pupils were given the opportunity to take on staff roles within the school, whether that was a Headteacher, administrator, subject teacher, or a Chef. They were focused and committed to their roles and what was required of them. Watch Leadership Week video [here](#).



# Black History Month – October

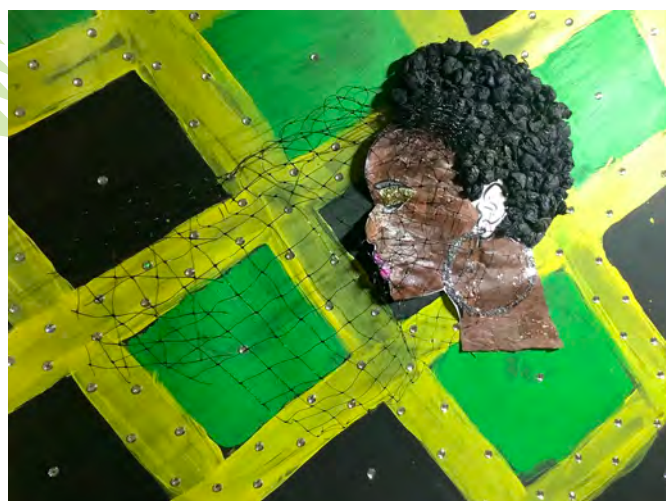
## Book Author Visit –

We welcomed Ruby and Nadia from 'Ruby's Reads' to our school in October for Black History Month. 'Ruby's Reads', is a black owned book company that promotes diversity and inclusion in children's books. Ruby and Nadia supported our pupils and staff in choosing interesting and motivational books. To watch a video on the highlights of the day view [here](#).



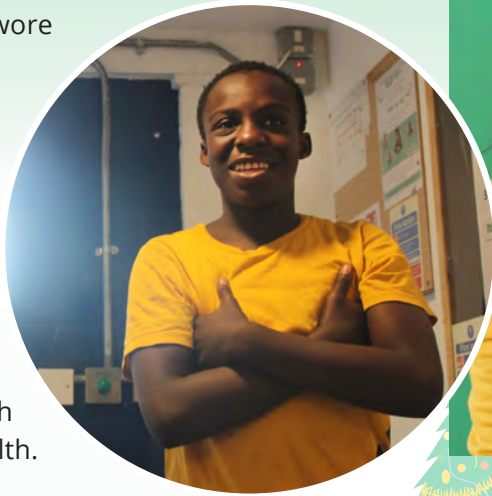
## Windrush Art

We explored and created the history of the Windrush generation through art and fashion. We used a range of collage and printing techniques to capture the aesthetics of the Windrush Generation in a series of elaborate art pieces.



## World Mental Health Day

On Tuesday 10th October, our pupils and staff joined thousands of people across the country to celebrate World Mental Health Day. We wore yellow to show support for the Young Minds' **#HelloYellow** campaign, which aims to raise awareness for young people who struggle with their mental health.



## Parent Coffee Morning

We hosted a coffee morning for our parents at our *Great Minds Hub* in November. Our Headteacher Carley Stephson, Roza Sheikani our Designated Safeguarding Lead and our wellbeing coach joined us for the morning. These gatherings serve as a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to build connections, exchange experiences, and gain insight into the support we provide for their children and of course, indulge in some delightful treats.



## Inset Day - Wellbeing Day

All staff participated in team building activities where it involves communication, listening to one another and working together as a team.

It was a great opportunity for our staff to build relationships and to help understand one another. It was a productive day where all staff can engage and interact.



## Post-16 student, Leo Murphy's Success story

We are proud of our talented student, Leo! During his work experience placement at the Wormwood Scrubs Pony Centre, he received awards for outstanding achievement from the British Horse Society's 'Changing Lives Through Horses' programme and Jack Petchey Foundation. Huge congratulations Leo, and thank you to everyone who supported his journey including the staff at the Wormwood Scrubs Pony Centre and the TCES North West London team and the dedicated Careers Lead, Niota Cover.



## TCES 24th Anniversary

On November 5th, TCES celebrated its 24th Anniversary. Thank you to all our staff and pupils for their hard work and dedication for so many years, and to the CEO and Proprietor, Thomas Keaney, for believing in his vision. As TCES has evolved over the years, it has become an institution that offers therapeutic education and bridges the gap between children with complex educational needs and mainstream schools. Over the years, the TCES multidisciplinary expert teams have positively transformed pupils' perceptions of their own skills, strengths, and abilities.



TCES are committed to achieving the best outcomes for each pupil by enabling access to education.

**We do not exclude pupils. We never give up!**

## Anti-bullying Week

TCES North West London welcomed Police Constable Andy Pidding from Ealing Metropolitan Police.

He was invited to our North West London school to support us with our campaign for anti-bullying week. Our pupils and staff were thrilled to meet Andy and they each took turns asking him questions about his roles and responsibilities.

Andy delivered one-to-one sessions with our pupils. The sessions focused on violent behaviour, inappropriate language, assault and respecting staff and fellow pupils. Andy encouraged our pupils to remain focused on their studies and take responsibility for their behaviour inside and outside the school, ensuring that they remain respectful, kind and vigilant in their surroundings.





### Christmas Jumper Day

The goal of Christmas Jumper Day is to bring joy, cultivate a festive ambience, and generate funds for diverse charitable causes throughout the holiday season. Our team embraced the festive season and came dressed colourful in Christmas themed jumpers; we were especially impressed with the high volume of pupils and staff involved. It was a day of festivity and togetherness.



## Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch serves to foster a festive atmosphere, promotes community and cultural understanding, encourages creativity, boosts morale, builds positive memories, and even emphasises healthy eating habits during the holiday season. It also contributes to a sense of togetherness and celebration within the school community.



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Merry Christmas