

Weekly Parent Prayer Reminder!

Monday 27th February
9am, Small Meeting Room
Parents' prayers for the Blue school community.
We also take prayer requests.
Everyone is welcome.

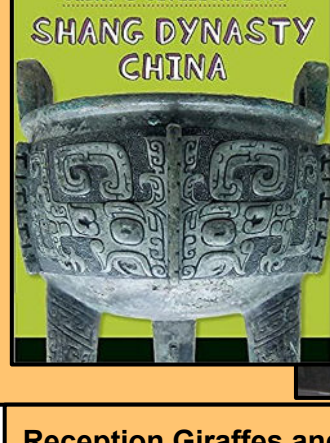
We always love exploring history in varied and creative ways in the Blue School and encourage the children to develop key skills as historians, such as making comparisons, asking questions and understanding that the interpretation of historical events often changes with time.

Year 6 have recently finished their Civil Rights topic, which has prompted amazing discussion about rights and equality. They focused specifically on the Civil Rights movement in 50's America and wrote evocative and powerful recounts, imagining they were a child watching Martin Luther King's 'I Have a Dream' speech at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963.

Year 5 are embarking upon the epic topic of Medieval Monarchs. They will be examining the significance of the Magna Carta and drafting their own charter. This topic extends right up to the reign of Elizabeth I; children will be looking at why this period in history was called The Golden Age.

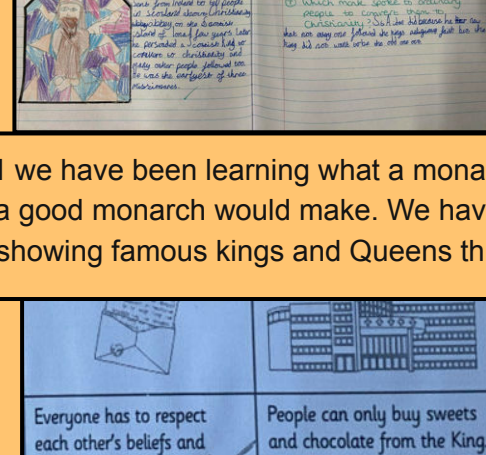
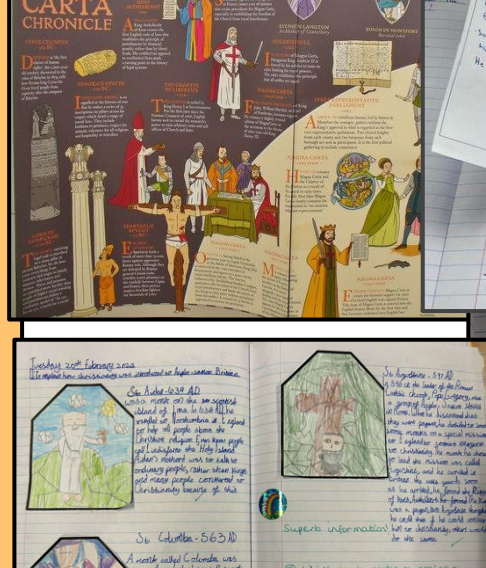
In **Year 4's** Anglo Saxons topic, children have been learning about pagan religions and how Christianity was introduced by monks such as Columba, Augustine and Aidan. The children have been looking at how settlements were designed to support the hierarchy of communities and the Anglo-Saxon way of life, and examining artefacts to see what they can tell us about how Anglo-Saxons lived.

Year 3 will be starting their new history topic looking at The Shang Dynasty, which reigned in China from 1600-1046 BCE. The children will be studying how artefacts such as oracle bones, cowrie shells and pottery can tell us about this ancient and powerful civilisation.

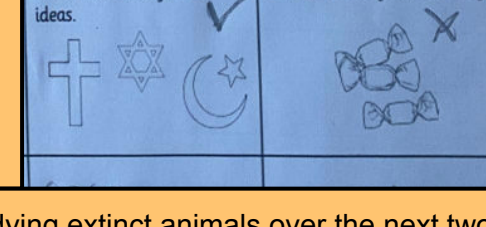


History at the Blue School this Spring.

I was there
It was August 28th, 1963 and I was sitting in the Lincoln Memorial with my Dad to watch a speech that would change the world. I just didn't know it yet.
It was a warm, hot day and after my breakfast my Dad announced that he was going to Martin Luther King's speech. I begged him the first time "Martin Luther King" he said "Would you like to come?" And being the 10-year-old I was, I said yes - even though I thought it would be boring.
When we arrived, I remember thinking that it was right I couldn't see a thing but it was loud! Hearing from my father, I was pushed through the crowd my father being elated and shouting at us in the process. And when he couldn't get any further he lifted me up on his shoulders leaving me not being able to see, but only to listen over the noise of the crowd. I heard my father calling my name, he told me that the



In **Year 1** we have been learning what a monarch is and what choices a good monarch would make. We have also created a timeline showing famous kings and Queens throughout history.



Reception Giraffes and Kangaroos will be studying extinct animals over the next two weeks and making 'fossils' using clay and toy dinosaurs. They will be learning to look after a dinosaur egg and making prehistoric habitats. The theme will be threaded throughout the curriculum into English, maths and Science from counting to writing predictions.

Y1 Design & Technology Workshop



Earlier in the month, Y1 children enjoyed their food workshop with Chef Ullisse. They discussed the Eatwell Plate and named a variety of fruit and vegetables - avocados and figs proving trickier to name! They then had fun sorting them according to whether they had seeds, roots, stems, flowers, leaves or pods.

The Y5 and Y6 girls attended a Football Tournament on Thursday.

Despite the horrendous downpour the girls were in great spirits and showed amazing sportswomanship!



IMPORTANT

Term Dates
2023-2024 & 2024-2025 Academic Year

Anti-bullying Policy

Headteacher Vacancy

Parent Consultations Meetings 5-6th March
Please book your slot on [Arbor](#).

A friendly reminder there are no clubs w/c 4 March with the exception of JA Sports- please make alternative arrangements. Pick up on the 6th March will be at 3.00pm. Thank you!

Parking safe notice
Please be mindful of how you park on North and South Street to be respectful of local residents and to keep our children safe. Please NEVER park in front of the school gates or in front of people's driveways incase emergency services need to get access.
If you see someone illegally parked, please report to the police and LBH.

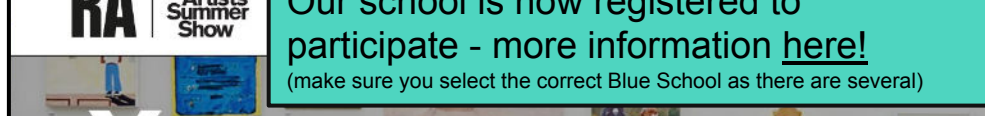
Class Worship
All parents and carers are warmly invited to their child's Class Worship
1st March Y3 Oaks
22nd March Y3 Elms (9.00-9.20am)
Please enter the school via the North Street hall entrance **(No photography permitted)**

young people: relationships and sex in the digital age
tues 27th feb 7.45pm tickets £6
all souls

All Souls Church
Join us for a virtual seminar, presented by Jason Royce, on relationships and sex, informed by the latest research and timeless parenting wisdom.
It will be aimed at parents of children who are older primary / secondary school age. You'll leave with strategies and insight to confidently guide your children through these crucial topics. [More information here](#)

Young Artists' Summer Show

Our school is now registered to participate - more information [here!](#) (make sure you select the correct Blue School as there are several)



World Book Day BIG BOOK SWAP

PLEASE BRING ALL YOUR PRE-LOVED CHILDREN'S BOOKS TO MORNING DROP OFF FROM 27.02.2024 UNTIL 5.03.2024 WHERE YOU WILL FIND A TUB TO PLACE THEM IN. THANK YOU



Save the Dates!

**** (Childs) First Aid****
Tues 12th March 7.30pm.
Daisy First Aid are coming in to do 2hr first aid course focusing on children.

****Bunny bingo****
Thurs 21st March.

****Disco****
Friday 26th April.

****Car boot sale****
Saturday 4th May.

****Bounce****
Fri 7th June (in school hours).

Football tourno
Fri 14th June (to kick off Euros)

Outdoor cinema/ BBQ/ bar
Fri 19th July.

More details to follow...

Sound bath

AT THE BLUE SCHOOL

Please join us for an acoustic sound healing journey that relaxes the body, clears the subconscious, calms the mind, and activates your body's natural healing systems.

It is a great way to de-stress and give your body the self-love it needs.

29th FEBRUARY
8pm to 10pm
£15

For further information and to book your tickets, please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/blueschoolpta/index.cfm?event=Shop

Outside of School Highlights!

Jacob, in Y1 Rabbits very kindly donated his hair to the Little Princess Trust and raised £545! Well done Jacob - what an inspiring achievement! The school community and your teachers are so proud!

Well done to Rose, Olivia, Amayai, Ava and Laila who all made their promise at Rainbows.

Elianna in Y5 Sycamore has recently joined The Blue School and is a member of the Richmond Gymnastics Association's acrobatics squad. She has participated in a gymnastics competition as part of the London Acro League, last weekend which took place in Hillingdon. Elianna and her partner Isla came in 1st. What an amazing achievement- well done!

Leon, in Y3 Elms went skiing over half term to Italy Livigno. He was in a ski school and they had a slalom race at the end of the school. Leon performed incredibly, and got first place in the slalom race. He received a diploma and trophy- he was so excited about it. Well done Leon!

If your child has achieved something special outside of school, please email office@theblueschool.com so we can share with the school community!