

THE PRESTON PAPER



A warm welcome

Hello Preston Hedges!

Welcome to the first edition for 2023/2024! This year we will share our amazingly unique intel and keep you in the know! Here are some of our favourite ideas that we will be bringing to you over the year:

Celebrations, TTRS battle results, poetry corner, wildlife articles and strange news. This edition includes, TTRS results, Black History Month facts, what clubs around school have been up to and much more!

Whilst you may be getting ready for the spooky season, not long till Halloween! So if you dare to choose to adventure ahead into our amazing articles, you will experience all the excitement to come!



BY LILY AND MAISIE



Want to know more about TTRockstars? Well you're in the right place! TTRockstars is an amazing platform where you can practice your times tables and get rewards along the way! There are many different areas on TT that you can explore. Jamming is a great way to learn your times tables because there's no timer making a less pressured way to do any times table from your 2 to 12 and beyond. Then there's Garage. Garage is very popular for you can earn a ton of coins in which you can then spend in the shop to customize your avatar!

This term there have already been two battles and it is has been great to see so many children get involved.

Results from Battle 1:
1st places awarded to: 6H, 5R, 4H and 3R

Results from Battle 2:
1st places awarded to:
6H, 4H and 2H.

Well done to everyone for taking part, who will be victorious next time?

BY MCKAYLA

Meet the Team

Firstly, a big 'thank you' to the previous team who worked really hard to produce some amazing editions, including about the historic King's Coronation and Eid.

Introducing some our new team who are excited to bring you editions of Preston Paper over the next year.



Clubs

What have our clubs been up to since we started back in September?



Wellbeing Champions have given out our new wellbeing books, which are double the size this year! The wellbeing champions have also been there for any questions and have been focusing on the wellbeing check-ins in the classroom.

Ecowarriors launched 'The Big Recycle Week' and we hope that many children have been taking part at home. Don't forget to enter the competition, details can be found on classroom windows.

The Equality and Diversity team have been busy compiling research linked to Black History Month, including one of our very special visitors who came in to talk to all the children, Vice Lord Lieutenant Morcea Walker. Facts about her can be found in Worldly Wise article.

Radio club have already recorded their first podcast for the year, don't forget to go and have a listen!

BY HESALI AND ARJUN

WEIRD AND WONDERFUL!

Random facts you never knew you needed to know!



1: Your brain feels like a mushroom

2: A cat has 32 muscles in each ear

3: ARACHIBUTYROPHOBIA is the fear of getting peanut butter stuck on the roof of your mouth

4: The tallest house of cards ever built was made in 200 and created using 1800 packs of cards! It was 7.87 meters tall!

Look out for more weird and wonderful facts next time!

BY ASARA

Black History Month

By Milan and Jack

Black History Month is a time to celebrate about black people from the African and Caribbean communities. They have been a key part of British history and society long before 1948. It is also called African – American history month. This year’s theme in Black History Month is Saluting our sisters. It is about Black women. In America, Black history month started in February 1984 to include the birthdays of two Americans who played a prominent role in shaping Black history, the Americans name’s are Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. It was Carter G. Woodson who started Black history month, he chose to do it in February. But in England

Black History Month is in October because October is when African chiefs and leaders gather to settle their differences so this month was chosen to reconnect with black people’s roots.

Black history month has been recognised every year since 1967 and we believe it is important to keep on celebrating it.

As part of Worldly Wise Week, the whole school have been focusing on Black History and have enjoyed visitors throughout the week, including from Northampton Saints and Vice Lord Lieutenant Morcea Walker.

WORLDLY WISE WEEK VISITOR - VICE LORD LIEUTENANT MORCEA WALKER

* Born in Jamaica, Morcea has always been proud of her heritage.

*She is the eldest of four children and often reflects on the fact that aged 9 years, with her father already in Great Britain, she and her mother come to join him. This meant leaving behind her sisters and brother who eventually came to England 8.5 years later.

*She was a founder member of the Northampton West Indies Parents’ Association and heavily involved with the Northants Black History Association.

*Morcea received an honorary degree from the University of Northampton in 2008 for her outstanding contribution to education.

As an Advisory Teacher (Equalities) Morcea used the Arts as a platform for learning. This has meant that she has promoted the whole issue of gender, race, disability etc through this medium. Morcea became the co-ordinator for Supplementary Schools in Northamptonshire, and this remains her favourite activity – apart from being a wife, mum, and grandmother! These schools run language and cultural classes e.g., Arabic, Chinese, Polish, African Caribbean, Russian, Gujarati. Morcea’s knowledge and understanding of communities gave her a good standing in this role. She has a passion to celebrate and value the diverse communities of the County of Northamptonshire.

*As the Vice Lord Lieutenant, Morcea assists the Lord-Lieutenant in the performance of his duties, also standing in when the Lord-Lieutenant is absent.

BY THE EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY TEAM



A HIGHLIGHT FROM THIS TERM

Year 2 were really excited to be welcoming several visitors into school as part of their celebration day, including Italian restaurant, Sorrentino, owner and Karin, who was able to share facts and language from Germany.

Mr Sorrentino kindly offered to supply and make pizzas with the children as part of their geography topic, 'Tour de Europe.' What a fantastic way to learn about food from another country!

Thank you to both of the visitors who made Year 2s celebration day so special.



Joke Corner

1) What do dentists call their x-rays?

Tooth pics!

2) What did one ocean say to the other ocean?

Nothing, it just waved.

3) What did the tie say to the hat?

You go on ahead and I'll hang around.

Do you have a joke that you want to share? Pass it on to a member of the Preston Paper and you never know, you might see it here next time!