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## **SPECIAL EDITION - CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**



#### Welcome back

BY MCKAYLA

We hope you've all had an amazing half term! We're sure there's lots of things that you're looking forward to this term- so are we and we'd love to tell you all about it in our 6<sup>th</sup> edition! In this article, there will be.....Terrific term highlights, all about cheerful Chinese new year, youthful young citizens day, splendid sports and wonderful women in history, read on to find out more about it!

### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

#### BY THE PRESTON PAPER TEAM

During an assembly we found out all about Women's History Month, which runs from the  $1^{st}$  March –  $31^{st}$  March.

We explored the reasons for having the month, which included:

- It is a ways to promote equality and avoid gender stereotypes
- To recognise that women haven't always been treated fairly and have in the past been discriminated against
- A way of learning lessons from the past
- A reminder that all professions and roles are open to everyone, regardless of gender
- A reminder that women have not always had right, such as the right to vote





Finding out the reasons behind Women's History Month made us think about other people who have played a part in changing history or who have inspired others to believe they are important, gender (but also race, disability or belief).

Here are some of the people who have inspired the Preston Paper Team.

Sky Brown – skateboarded who won a Bronze medal at the 2020 Olympics at the age of 14.

"She achieved something at such a young I, maybe I can too." – Jack



Mary Earps – England football goalkeeper. Challenged big companies for not making replicas of her kit. When they eventually did, it sold out in less than 24 hours. Ellie Robinson – Paralympic swimmer whose in many competitions. She had a record in the butterfly category.

"Even though she has a disability, she is a fast swimmer and competes at a high level" – Arjun



#### Women's Independent Day BY MAISIE AND HESALI

As part of promoting Women's Independent Day, which takes place on the 8<sup>th</sup> March, we spoke to Mrs Winstanley about a woman who inspires her.

She shared that she is inspired by her sister because: her sister helps people all over the world, goes to countries on her own to work (including Afghanistan, Yemen, Ethiopia and South Sudan) and works tirelessly to support others to make a difference. What is lovely is that Mrs W shared that her siser doesn't even realise how inspiring she is because she just genuinely wants to make a difference. Another way her sister inspires others is on the hokey pitch, leading the team and also through her commitments to support charities, including running marathons and her most recent event, 'Walking 94 km in 19 days for Gaza.'

We also found out some information about the Suffragettes, who were a group of women who protested for the right for women to vote. After doing some of our own research, we found out that parliament first noticed the protest was the 18<sup>th</sup> November 1910.

"She showed them that it doesn't that she is women or that she plays as a goalie, she can still be inspiring." - Milan



She may not be known by the whole world, but the work she does plays a big part in helping to make the world a better place.

After finding out who inspires one of our teachers, maybe you might like to think about who inspires you?



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## YOUNG CITIZENS DAY

BY MAKAYLA

Have you ever heard of Young Citizens day? Well, I'm here to tell you all about it. On the 7<sup>th</sup> February our Year 6's which went on a school truip to the Deco Theatre. When we were there, we had six different workshops. These taught us their about: Fire / Water safety, celebrating who you are and why it is important, staying safe out and about, the dangers of drug us, railway safety and we even got a performance of why setting fires and why bullying is wrong.

We also got an amazing life act on why you should stay safe online during our lunch. Although it was fun, the reason for this trip were to help us make good decisions going forward. Overall, it was an incredible experience, as well as educational.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR

BY LILY AND ASARA This year Chinese New Year was on the 10<sup>th</sup> February

We interviewed Miss Phillips, the Year 2 Teacher, and she told us what some of the children got up to on the 9<sup>th</sup> February, which was when we celebrated Chinese New Year at school.

First of all, they had a visitor who told them all about Chinese New Year and its history. They also had a go at making some rattle drums. These are drums used in the dragon dance. Lastly, they all learnt to say, 'happy Chinese New Year' in Chinese!

Miss Phillips also told us about the celebrations at her house. She told us they has a big family meal at home with traditional Chinese food.



The order of the Chinese zodiac from 2008 are: Rat -2008, 2020 Ox-2009, 2021 Tiger-2010, 2022, Rabbit-2011, 2023, Dragon-2012, 2024 Snake-2013 Horse-2014 Goat-2015 Monkey-2016









Long ago, in China, the Jade Emperor decided there should be a way of measuring time. On his birthday he told the animals that there was to be a swimming race. The first twelve animals across the fast-flowing river would be the winners and they would each have a year of the zodiac named after them

This Chinese New Year we

What year are you born in?

celebrated the year of the dragon.

#### LAST TERM'S ROUND UP...

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BY ARJUN AND MILAN Last term we had lots of events including:

Year 5 pancake day and film afternoon– 5's which the children earned due to filling up their values jar. During the afternoon, they decorated pancakes and the best part, got to eat them! Yum!

Year 3 trip to Woburn – despite miserable weather, the children got to see many animals around Woburn Safari Park. This trip linked to their geography topic all about Africa, which they also did their assembly on, which was brilliant!



Reception Pirate Day – they dressed up in pirate costumes and took part in activities associated with pirates, including walking the plank! Thankfully there were not sharks or crocodiles to contend with.



Worldly Wise Week – the whole week was focused on religion and we were lucky to have visitors in to talk about their experiences. Mr Kang shared his work with charities and was inspiring to listen to. It was great how he made it relatable to us, giving us knowledge in a fun way.



Rooster-2017 Dog-2018 Pig-2019

## YEAR 6 TRUST PUPIL PARLIAMENT

BY ROSE

In November, Year 6 performed a speech as to why Year 4 and 5 should vote for them. Many great speeches were performed, but thanks to Year 4 and 5, Ollie (6H), Rose (6H), Kairi (6A) and Charlie (6A) were chosen for the role of Trust Pupil Parliament.

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, we had our first ever meeting. Holne Chase, Parklands and Pineham were visitors to our school. Like us, they too had an election. To add, if you see anyone in Year 6 wearing an dark teal green tie, they are in the Rust Pupil Parliament Team. So if you have any ideas on how to make the school an even better place, please do not hesitate to speak to Ollie, Rose, Kairi or Charlie. Thank you!

SPORTING NEWS

BY JACK On the 14<sup>th</sup> of February the year 5/6 netball tournament happened at Benham Sports Centre, where Parklands won. The Preston Hedges team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in a really tight final, which went to next score wins. Even though the result did not go our way, the Preston Hedges team had a good time. Now onto the next sport: Hockey training has started for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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