

Commonwealth Update

Save the Date!

July 19th - Carnival Day! All children will have the chance to walk in a carnival promenade based on their class's Commonwealth Country that they are studying - they will be working with an artist to design and make their costumes and accessories for this. They will also be performing a dance, created in partnership with Autin Dance Company - over the next half term your children will be having workshops for this. It's going to be the celebration event of the year!



Congratulations to Josh in Y6 for his successful audition to feature in a film for the Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony! This will be shown in all of the Commonwealth venues and will be broadcast to millions over the world - remember where you seen him first!



Our Y3 Young Researchers have made their first visit to the university of Birmingham to undertake their study and are very thankful to all those who responded to their Forms Questionnaire. After half term their interviews will begin. The outcome of this will also be made into a film to share with the visitors who for the Commonwealth Games will be coming to Birmingham over the summer. Its part of a collection of research studies to find out what is special about Birmingham and what brings people here. This film will play on screens all around venues and training areas that welcome visitors and again will be seen by thousands over the summer.



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Y4 have had the honour of meeting Olympic gold medal winner Emily Campbell into school (with her gold medals and multiple awards too) she has shared her journey from her school days to achieving her first gold medal with the children and talked of her motivation and determination to succeed. So very inspiring and exciting. The children have been working with Stan's Cafe to create a special performance which will be performed next half term called Precious Emily (you may have seen the posters around the city - two of our children in our school uniform modelled for the poster!). They have also been working so hard on a Commonwealth cookbook in partnership with Digbeth Dining Club CIC, looking at recipes from different places and generations that have been handed down over time and between countries. They have been working with an artist called Karl to create a display of their work that will be exhibited and used in the book itself.

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Dining Club.



Talking of food, we also hosted our annual Junior Bake Off - this year on the them of Trinidad and Tobago - our partner country for our Commonwealth Connections project. A fabulous day was had by all and the children and our guest judges picked two amazing star bakers that day - but every one of them was a winner!



As if that wasn't enough, our Y6 children were only invited to decorate the Edgbaston Stadium with their artwork for the Commonwealth Games too! These have already been received and they will be using all of them! Their artwork is based on their essential promise which is to **"Make a world of difference at the Games for everyone"**. The **"FREDIE"** (Fairness, Respect, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion, Engagement) and so we are super proud to be promoting and supporting this message.



Coming Soon...

Our School Councillors have been working behind the scenes to create a digital postcard to send to our Commonwealth Connections school in Trinidad and Tobago. They have reported information about the city itself, food and drink, Raddlebarn Primary and Nursery School, Landmarks and much, much more! They children worked with film maker Sima Gonsai and is due for completion after half term, so keep an eye on our website, Facebook and Twitter pages for this, when its complete.



Anne Brierley will be coming into school after half term to work with our Y2 children to complete some printing sessions for an Art exhibition, based on Trinidad and Tobago and then later with Y6 children too. These will form part of a Commonwealth Connections exhibition and part of a celebration event held at Kings Heath Boys School in mid July.



Sports Day - what is that I hear? Well after 2 years without being able to have one, we are planning to create a Commonwealth Sports Day event which will be hosted by Jimmy Haarhoff who is the manager of Active Superstars (which deliver our Funshine Club) and Steps to Sport manager too. More information will be coming your way soon.

