

# MPJ NEWS

The latest news, views and announcements from the MPJ Newspaper Team.



## A letter from the MPJ News Team

Welcome to the *MPJ Newsletter!*

The newsletter was first established in 2021 by Liliana (Y5), and has now grown into a strong, hard-working team of nine members.

Together, we have been gathering some amazing articles, fantastic reviews and loads more exciting things for you to read!

### Meet the MPJ News Team:

Liliana (Y5): CEO and Writer.

Miss Poole (staff): Editor.

Owen (Y6): Editor.

Lola (Y6): Science Journalist.

Beaux (Y4): Fact File Journalist.

Richmond (Y3): Quiz Master.

Emily (Y5): Assistant.

Suraiya (Y5): Assistant.

Emma (Y5): Assistant.

Gabriella (Y5): Assistant.

## We are looking for journalists and artists!

We are always looking for new stories, works of art and articles to be placed into our newsletter.

If you want to be published, then please post your work into the letterboxes around school:

Year 3 and 4 - the red box by Mrs Wright's Office.

Year 5 and 6 - the red box at the top of the stairs.



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH - POWERFUL WOMEN



Rosa Parks was an African-American activist who campaigned for the rights of black people. On 1<sup>st</sup> December 1955, Rosa refused to give up her seat on a bus for a white man. During this time, there was a lot of racial segregation. This means that white people were often seen as having more rights than those who were black. By Parks refusing to give up her seat for a white man, she had angered many people and had gone against what was believed to be "right" at this time. However, her actions here led to more people wanting to fight for their own rights and for everyone to be seen as equal.

Kamala Harris (second image) is currently the 49<sup>th</sup> vice president of the United States of America. Not only is she the first female vice president, but she is also the first African-American and the first Asian-American vice president. As a child, she was often discriminated against due to the colour of her skin. Many parents told their children that they could not play or even talk with Harris as she was black. However, her current role as vice-president shows that black people can be in power and that they are people to be listened to.



Mae Jemison is an African-American educator, engineer, physician and a former astronaut for NASA. As a teenager, she attended Stanford University in America, and studied chemical engineering. As one of the only African-American students in her class, she experienced racial discrimination daily. However, despite the constant hate towards the colour of her skin, she ignored those who put her down and became the first black woman in space.

By Liliana (Y5)

Black Lives



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### Black Lives Matter Protest

A drawing by Emma (Y5)

### Artist Work Wanted

We are looking for beautiful pieces of art work to put into our newsletter. Please post your art work into the red letterboxes around school.

## SCIENTIST SPOTLIGHT



Marie Maynard Daly was an American biochemist. She was the first African-American woman in the United States of America to earn a Ph.D. in

Chemistry. This means that she reached the highest qualification that there is for this area of research. Not only did she overcome both racism and sexism to reach where she wanted to be, her work also led to a better understanding of heart attacks and their causes.

By Lola (Y6)

## REVIEWS

**Hocus Pocus** ★★★★★

This is my favourite Halloween film! I watch it every year.

By anonymous

**Harry Potter** ★★★★★

The books, the film, the game and the studio tour are the best things ever.

By anonymous

Do you want to give your opinion on something? Then fill out a review form. These can be found by the red letterboxes. Remember to put your name on it!



## WHAT IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH?

Black History Month is an entire month (October) devoted to putting a spotlight on people of African and Caribbean backgrounds. Many of these people have encountered racism. Yet they ignored these negative encounters, and have made positive contributions that have helped to improve the world for everyone. Here are some amazing people and their achievements:

- The first successful open-heart surgery was performed in 1893 by a surgeon called Dr Daniel Hale Williams.
- John Rock was the first African-American person to be admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.
- Henry "Box" Brown was a slave who escaped to freedom at the age of 33. He then fought for slaves to be freed.
- Before Rosa Parks, a teenager called Claudette Colvin was also arrested in 1955 for refusing to give up her bus seat for a white woman.
- Annie Turnbo Malone was an American business woman who became one of the first African-American women to become a millionaire.
- Described as a forgotten pioneer, Althea Gibson was the first African-American to win the Grand Slam Title in Tennis.
- Rebecca Lee Crumpler was the first African-American woman in the United States to become a doctor of medicine.

By Beaux (Y4)

## PUZZLE SECTION

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Peace	Race	Culture
Discrimination		

## QUIZ

1. What was the name of the woman who refused to move from her seat on a bus so that a white man could have it?
2. What African-American music star was known as the "king of pop" and had songs such as *Thriller* and *Beat It*?
3. Mae Jemison is best known for what?
4. Who performed the first successful open heart surgery?



## ANSWERS:

Post your correct answers into the letterbox by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October, and one random child will be selected to win a small prize. (Remember to put your name and class on it!)