

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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**How does change
happen?**



Let's look at this week's story

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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



How does it make me feel?



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This week's story looks at events related to ...





Read through the information below all about Olive Morris and the impact she had.

Who was Olive Morris?

Olive Morris was a Black community leader and activist, who was born in St Catherine, Jamaica, in 1952. When she was 9 years old, she moved to London to join her parents, who had already migrated there as part of the Windrush generation.

She achieved a great deal throughout her life, becoming a powerful activist in the fight against discrimination in the 1970s.

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Aged just 17, she intervened in the arrest of a Nigerian diplomat outside a record (music) shop in London. She was herself arrested and later fined £10 and given a suspended sentence.

This incident was to form the start of her activism, and she soon joined youth groups fighting to oppose racism as part of the struggle for the rights of Black people in the UK. She also helped found a women's group in 1974.

Lambeth Council honoured Olive's activism by naming a children's playground Olive Morris Gardens in Myatt's Fields, London.

In 2020, Google's home page featured a graphic ('Doodle') honouring Olive Morris (pictured above) on what would have been her 68th birthday. A company representative said, 'We hope that by recognising and celebrating Olive Morris with a Google Doodle, we can inspire others to keep pushing forward for change'.

Why do you believe her work and legacy is considered so important?



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about Black History Month.

In the UK, Black History Month is in October.

It was first officially celebrated in the UK in 1987.



In the past, Black people did not always have their voices heard, they were not always treated fairly and their contributions were not always recognised.



Black History Month promotes, celebrates and raises awareness of the contributions Black people have made.



Each year there is a theme. Last year's theme was 'Time for change. Actions not words'. This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters'.



Have you ever celebrated Black History Month? How did you celebrate?



Look at the resource below, which shares some more information about trailblazing Black women from UK history.

Nicola Adams



Up until 2012, women were not allowed to box in the Olympics. Nicola Adams made history when she became the first woman to ever win an Olympic gold medal for boxing. She has fought many stereotypes as she was also the first openly LGBT boxer to win a medal.

Diane Abbott

In 1987, Diane Abbott became the first Black woman to be elected to parliament. Diane has spoken out many times about the abuse she faced throughout her life as a Black woman. She has set up programmes to help Black women in business and to communicate the issues faced by Black children in schools.

Evelyn Dove

Evelyn was a British singer and actress. She became the first woman of African heritage to be on BBC Radio. She was first broadcast in 1925, just three years after BBC Radio was launched. Throughout her career, Evelyn performed in Europe and beyond and appeared in numerous productions on the radio. Evelyn died in 1987. Although she achieved great success and made trailblazing contributions to music, she was not well known when she died. In 2016, historian Stephen Bourne wrote the biography *Evelyn Dove: Britain's Black Cabaret Queen*.



They tried to tell me that I couldn't make it. And I had to say to them; 'But I think I can do it, and that's what matters, isn't it?' I didn't realise that the reason they were saying that, because I was somebody that got As in most of my subjects, was because they couldn't imagine a Black girl going to Oxford or Cambridge.



Diane Abbott

Have you heard of any of these women before? How do you feel about their achievements? How do you think they have impacted society?



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Reflection



Olive Morris understood the unfairness of how some Black people were being treated in the 1960s and 70s in the UK and felt that someone had to act. We can learn from Olive's actions, remembering that if we see or experience injustice, we have a choice to do something about it.





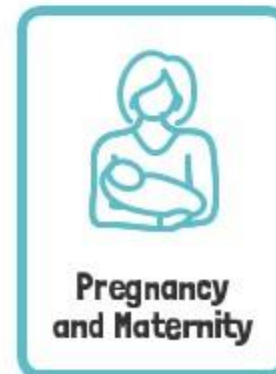
Democracy

In the past, some people have been ignored because of their colour. Everyone has a voice and the right to be heard.

Protected Characteristics



Nobody should ever be overlooked, ignored or treated unfairly because of their colour.





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We all have rights
no matter who we are,
where we live, what we
look like or what we think.
We should never be
treated unfairly for any
reason.



Useful vocabulary



Activist

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Legacy

A situation that has developed as a result of past actions and decisions.

Why do you believe her work and **legacy** is considered so important by many?

Migrated

Moved to a new area or country to find work or better living conditions.

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Can you use them in your writing this week?

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- Look at this week's poster image. Does anyone know what we may be discussing today?
- This month is Black History Month. Share any prior knowledge you have about it.
- Read through the information found on the assembly resource and watch this week's useful video, explaining more about the history of Olive Morris. Why do you believe her work and legacy is considered so important by many?
- Talk about how Olive Morris spoke out and took action against things she didn't feel were fair. Can you think of an example of when you have seen or experienced something that wasn't fair? What happened?
- Discuss why you think sometimes people choose not to act or say anything when they feel something is unfair. Think about how it can be quite scary to speak up and that it takes courage to act.
- Black History Month is one of many awareness days, weeks and months that exist. Can you name any others? Do you think awareness days are important?

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KS1 focus

What is Black History Month?



- Write 'Black History Month' on the board. Have you ever heard of this before? What do you already know about it? Can you explain what history is?
- Look at resource 1, which shares some information about Black History Month. Have you ever celebrated Black History Month? How did you celebrate?
- In the past, Black people were not always treated fairly. How does this make you feel? If we learn about the past, it can help us now.
- Think about this year's theme 'Saluting our Sisters'. It focuses on celebrating Black women throughout history, who have achieved some amazing things. Can you name any Black women who have achieved something amazing?
- Black History Month raises awareness and celebrates. Make a list of different ways you could do this e.g., read a book written by a Black author, learn about famous Black people, write a card to thank a Black person for their contributions.
- The UK celebrates Black History Month in October. However, it is important to remember we can learn about Black people all year round! The pictures we see, the books we read, the people we learn about should be represented by all ethnicities.

Reflection

Since 1987, Black History Month has taken place in October in the UK. It promotes, celebrates and raises awareness of the contributions Black people have made.

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KS2 focus

Who are some of the other trailblazing Black women from UK history?



- Think about the word 'trailblazing'. What does it mean? Have you ever heard of someone described as a trailblazer?
- A trailblazer is the first person to do something. Trailblazing is introducing new ideas and methods. Can you name anyone who you think is a trailblazer? What new ideas or methods did they introduce?
- Look at resource 2, which shares some more information about trailblazing Black women from UK history. Have you heard of any of these women before? How do you feel about their achievements? How do you think they have impacted society today?
- Focus on Evelyn Dove. Her achievements have been more widely celebrated in recent years. Why do you think this might be?
- Read the comment from Diane Abbott. Can you imagine being treated unfairly because of your colour? What do you think it takes to achieve your goals or dreams despite being overlooked and ignored by others?
- Can you name any other Black women who you would describe as a trailblazer? Tell someone about them to help celebrate this year's Black History Month!

Reflection

There are many trailblazing Black women throughout history, who have shaped society despite being overlooked, ignored and treated unfairly. We can celebrate these women during October and any other time of the year too!



KS2 follow-up ideas

Option 1

When Olive Morris was 9 years old, she moved to London to join her parents, who had already migrated there as part of the Windrush generation.

- What do you already know about the Windrush generation?
- What would you like to find out?

Read and research to find out more about the Windrush generation.

- Who were the Windrush generation?
- When did they arrive in the UK?
- Why did they travel to the UK?
- What challenges did they face?
- What happened in 2012?

Option 2

Use this week's poster and the Google Doodle found on resource 2 to inspire your own digital graphic of a Black woman who has influenced you. Think about:

- Who will your digital graphic depict?
- What have they achieved? Will you represent this in your digital graphic?
- What impact have they had?
- How have they inspired/influenced you?
- What software will you use to create your picture?

Once you have completed your work, share them with each other so you can learn about more Black women. You could even set up a gallery and invite members of your family and local community to view your work and allow them to celebrate Black History Month with you.



KS1 follow-up ideas

Option 1

Learn about the life of Mary Seacole, who has achieved some incredible things and shaped the world we live in today.

Watch the video found here:

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zns9nrd/articles/zjsxcqt

Think about:

- Where was Mary born?
- How did Mary help people?
- How might Mary have felt when she wasn't chosen to be a nurse in Crimea?
- How did she overcome this?
- Would you spend all your money helping others?
- What words would you use to describe Mary Seacole?

Option 2

Use this opportunity to explore your reading areas and share some books written by Black authors.

- What is the title of the book?
- Do you recognise the author? Have you read any of their books before?
- Does it have any illustrations? If so, who is the illustrator?
- Is the book fiction or non-fiction? If it is fiction, who is the main character?
- Did you enjoy the book?
- What did you enjoy most/least about the book?
- Would you recommend the book to someone else?



This week's useful websites

This week's news story

<https://bit.ly/3ryWFPb>

This week's useful video

History of Olive Morris

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZfcEepuEjHY

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Robotic Surgeon



Pictured: Da Vinci surgical robot and surgical team celebrating with cake.
Source: Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust Facebook page.

A robotic surgeon celebrates its 10,000th procedure by cutting into a special cake. The robot surgical team at Guy's and St Thomas' hospital has celebrated completing 10,000 operations with the Intuitive da Vinci robot. The robot has been helping patients at the London hospital for over two decades. Surgeons control the machine's four thin arms to conduct operations with higher precision and greater flexibility than can be achieved by the human hand. Ben Challacombe, Head of Robotics at the NHS trust said, 'Da Vinci helps surgeons perform operations and it

improves outcomes for patients.' He also previously said, 'The benefits of robotic surgery include increased operative precision, leading to less pain, smaller scars and less time in hospital so patients can recover quicker.' Prokar Dasgupta, consultant urological surgeon at Guy's and St Thomas' said, 'When we started robotic surgery 20 years ago, we didn't really know how big the service was going to grow. From one early robotic system to the largest programme in the UK, we have come such a long way and helped so many of our patients.'

Largest Asteroid Sample on Earth

NASA has announced that the OSIRIS-REx has completed its mission to collect and transport to Earth its largest asteroid sample ever, and that the specimen has landed in the Utah desert! OSIRIS-REx spacecraft, which stands for Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security-Regolith Explorer, has been on a 7-year mission to explore and sample an ancient asteroid named Bennu. Scientists believe that this near-Earth asteroid sample could help them understand how planets formed, life began, and improve our knowledge of asteroids that could come into contact with our planet. An asteroid is a small rocky body that orbits the Sun. After travelling for over two billion kilometres, OSIRIS-REx landed on Bennu for a few seconds and used a robotic arm to collect a sample of dust and rocks. The sample was then transported to Earth in a capsule that was released from the spacecraft. It glowed red hot as temperatures inside increased to 2,800°C, when it hit the upper atmosphere. The sample landed safely in the desert, using parachutes deployed at the very end of its journey. Scientists then retrieved the capsule and took it to a clean lab for analysis. The event was described on

NASA Astromaterials X page as, 'A scientific treasure box'. They also stated that 'Scientists gasped as the lid was lifted from the OSIRIS-REx asteroid sample return canister, showing dark powder and sand-sized particles on the inside of the lid and base.'



Pictured: The OSIRIS-REx asteroid sample return canister.
Source: NASA Astromaterials @Astromaterials X page.

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Missing Poster Prompts Return of Lost Lego Man

When 10-year-old Jack Steel from Ulverston in Cumbria realised that he had lost his beloved Lego figure, he wasted no time in starting the search. He produced a 'missing person' poster and asked his mum to spread the word. She posted it on her Facebook page along with an appeal for the Lego man to be returned. The poster (shown above) described the missing toy and how much he meant to Jack, stating, 'Lost: has anyone seen this Lego man? He is very special to me.' The poster also contained an accurate drawing of the minifigure, also named Jack, as Jack created him to look like himself. The poster included a detailed description of what Lego Jack looked like, 'Light brown

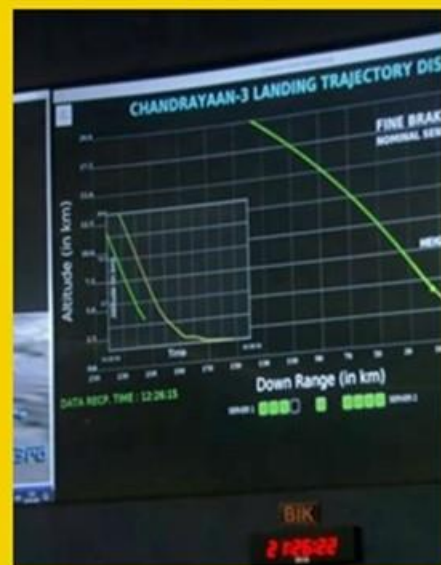


Pictured: The 'missing person' poster made by Jack that helped him find his missing Lego man.
Source: Lorna Walker's Facebook page.

quiff with matching eyebrows. Hawaiian Shirt (blue with palm trees and an orange stripe on the bottom). Dark green pants.' Jack knew that the Lego figure had gone missing whilst he was on his way to school so the search could be narrowed down to a certain route. Joy ensued when the poster Jack had created prompted another mum to contact Jack's when her daughter had found Lego Jack on her way to school, and he could be returned to his owner! The girl received a lovely box of chocolates as a thank-you gift!

Last week's topic:

How important is space exploration?



Yes, I think it is important because it is good to know what is going on outside of our planet. Without this we would not know about the weather.

William

I think it is very important to explore space and other planets. There is so much that we can learn from the universe that can help us today.

AI

It is important to learn about our universe, but it is very expensive, and it takes a long time. I think we should think about what else we could spend the time and money on if we didn't explore space as much.

Bashira

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Things to talk about at home ...

- Share what you already know and understand about Black History Month in the UK.
- This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters'. What are some of the ways that you think we could do this?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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