



Dear Parents and Carers

Our school community has been shocked and saddened by the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

George Floyd mattered, Black Lives Matter, challenging racism matters.

As a school we are deeply committed to challenging racism in all its forms.

One of our four core values is respect. We stand for equality and diversity. We recognise the global need for change and that, in the words of Angela Davis, ‘it is not enough to be non-racist, we must be anti-racist’.

Over the last few weeks, we have been educating ourselves. The Prep School has held assemblies to celebrate famous black lives and this week the Senior School has held assemblies focussed on Black Lives Matter and the recent events in America and around the world.

We are committed to making sure that our community challenges racism and recognises their privilege.

To help with conversations at home we have put together a few resources that you may wish to read and research with your family and friends.

Alongside this document we are also posting a link to the Senior School assembly slides, the pdf contains presentation notes and hyperlinks that you may wish to follow up.



Books

Teaching for Change Project have listed a selection of multicultural and social justice books for children and young adults:

<https://socialjusticebooks.org/booklists/black-history/>

16 children's books to help support conversations on race and racial injustice:

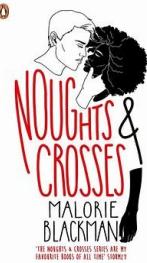
<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/uk/lifestyle/editors-choice-book-reviews/g32754174/childrens-books-about-race/>

20 Books to Support Conversations on Race:

<https://www.prestwickhouse.com/blog/post/2020/06/20-books-to-support-conversations-on-race-in-the-classroom>

The YouTube site ‘Sankofa Read Aloud’ is full of read aloud picture books:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLBquMlehDL8Mv0ttSv6lzQ/featured>



Noughts + Crosses

If you haven't read the books, you can now watch a televised adaptation of Malorie Blackman's 'Noughts + Crosses' series. Suggested age range 14+

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p082w992/noughts-crosses>

Malorie Blackman's website: <https://www.malorieblackman.co.uk/>

2013 Newsround Interview with Malorie Blackman:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/22755230>



Newsround has many child-friendly articles that may help with conversations about the death of George Floyd, the Black Lives Matter movement and the protests being held around the world.

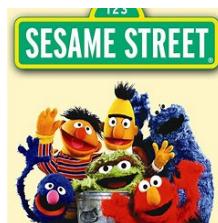
De'Graft presents a Newsround special programme all about racism in the UK: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/53075349>

George Floyd: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52813673>

Anti-racism speeches: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52917648>

Edward Colston statue: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52965665>

Advice if you are upset about racism: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/53068444>



Sesame Street - Elmo's dad Louie explains why people are protesting across the US

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bqlroj9y4vl&feature=youtu.be>

<https://edition.cnn.com/2020/06/06/us/cnn-sesame-street-town-hall-racism-trnd/index.html>



Cbeebies - Watch these dads and daughters discussing everything from Rosa Parks to the Jamaican football team together during Black History Month:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/black-history-month>



What are racism and racial bullying? – Childline

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/crime-law/racism-racial-bullying/>

Resources for Older Children, Young Adults and Adults



How to be a true ally to Black Lives Matter

Watch the recently recorded video clip by actor Obioma Ugoala

<https://twitter.com/ObiomaUgoala/status/1268276909206638598?s=20>

Books mentioned:

@akalamusic's Natives:

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/natives/akala/9781473661233>

@afuahirsch's Briti(ish):

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/brit-ish/afua-hirsch/9781784705039>

@renireni's Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race:

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/why-im-no-longer-talking-to-white-people-about-race/reni-eddo-lodge/9781408870587>

@AdamRutherford's How to Argue With a Racist:

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/how-to-argue-with-a-racist/adam-rutherford/9781474611244>



The danger of a single story

Watch Novelist Chimamanda Adichie's TED talk.

Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. Novelist Chimamanda Adichie tells the story of how she found her authentic cultural voice -- and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9lhs241zeg>

Recently televised programmes:



Panorama – George Floyd: A killing That Shook the World

The death of George Floyd in Minneapolis has prompted the biggest protests about race and police brutality in America for 50 years. Around the world, thousands of people have joined marches against racism. Reporter Clive Myrie asks if this could be a moment that changes race relations in America for good. He hears from protesters, eyewitnesses and former police officers about why this killing has had such a powerful impact, and speaks to people from black and white communities in Minneapolis about their hopes and fears for the future. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000kbjm/panorama-george-floyd-a-killing-that-shook-the-world>

Sitting in Limbo: A shocking drama inspired by the Windrush scandal. After 50 years in the UK, Anthony Bryan is wrongfully detained by the Home Office and threatened with deportation.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-52743684>

The Unwanted: The Secret Windrush Files: David Olusoga opens secret government files to show how the Windrush scandal and the 'hostile environment' for black British immigrants has been 70 years in the making. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00068sk>