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RE: Honouring Our Community - Black History Month 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, we had a wonderful Black History Month celebration at St John Fisher, and I would like to thank all the parents and carers who joined us for our assembly. It was a joy to welcome so many of you into school to share in the children's learning and celebrate the rich cultures, identities and experiences that make our community so special.

The children's performances were a real highlight. Each class shared their learning about significant figures who have inspired change, challenged injustice and helped to make the world a better place. It was wonderful to see the children performing with such confidence and pride, reflecting on the achievements of others and considering how they, too, can make a positive difference in the world.

I would also like to thank the parents who contributed to our celebration by sharing their talents and stories with us. Your contributions helped to make the occasion even more meaningful and highlighted the wonderful experiences and talents within our school family.

Our celebration was about more than learning about historical figures; it was an opportunity to celebrate who we are, recognise the importance of our heritage and ensure that every child feels proud of their identity and knows that they belong. As we continue our journey together, this year is one of honouring our community, recognising the many ways in which our families enrich school life and ensuring that everyone feels valued and included.

As a Catholic school, our faith calls us to recognise the dignity and worth of every person, created in the image and likeness of God. Scripture reminds us:

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"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:28

These words reflect the heart of our Catholic community, reminding us that we are united through our faith, our love and our respect for one another.

As Headteacher, I feel incredibly privileged to serve this community. I am proud to lead a school where children are encouraged to celebrate who they are, where families are welcomed and valued, and where we work together to nurture children who are confident in their identity, respectful of others and courageous in standing up for what is right.

Yesterday was a beautiful reminder of the strength we find when we come together. Let us continue to honour our differences, stand united against injustice and inspire our children to become compassionate, courageous and hopeful leaders who help to build a more loving and just world.

Thank you once again for being part of our celebration. We look forward to continuing to grow together in faith, learning and love.

With warmest wishes,

K. Garrett

Mrs K Garrett
Headteacher