



Friday 18 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week we will be celebrating **Diversity Week** from **21st-25th June**, to promote equality for our LGBT pupils and families. This is an important area, as we are an inclusive school that is proud to have a variety of faiths, cultures, backgrounds and all should be respected equally. Many pupils around the world are bullied due to being from the LGBT community and as a school it is our duty to ensure that all pupils are treated equally and are safeguarded.

The aim of diversity week is to spread awareness and remove stereotypes, so that our pupils develop into respectful, tolerant and socially aware adults, with a knowledge of the wider world and how diverse our society is. **Homophobia has no place in our community.**

Please find attached the list of topics we will be covering in school during Diversity Week.

In response to questions raised in relation to what is being covered in school during Diversity Week, Mrs Harris and Mrs Leary will be holding a virtual information session via TEAMS on **Monday 21st June at 3:45pm**. If you wish to attend the session, please email Miss Harris at mharris@bggs.com.

If you are unable to attend the session, please feel free to email any questions to Miss Harris, who will produce a FAQ document following the session.

Stop-Hate UK

As part of our drive to promote understanding and eliminate racism, we have an external company, [Stop Hate](#), coming in to run some workshops for Year 7 next week. Stop Hate UK is one of the leading national organisations working to challenge all forms of Hate Crime and discrimination, based on any aspect of an individual's identity.

Each class will receive four 1-hour sessions in total which will be on the following topics:

1. Migrants
2. Racism
3. Media Bias
4. Being an Upstander

Transition to Year 7

May we remind parents of Lady Royd children who will be moving up to Year 7, or those with further siblings joining us in September - please complete the [Modern Foreign Languages Form](#). Thank you if you have already responded, you do not need to complete the form again.

In Year 7, students take either French or Spanish as their foreign language. To aid planning and to try and accommodate all preferences, we therefore need to know which languages are preferred. We will try to honour your preference, but places are limited. If there is any additional reason why you would like your child to learn French or Spanish, please let us know in the box provided. We would be grateful if you could submit this form by **Wednesday 23rd June 2021** at the latest.

Please note, we will be in touch very shortly with further information about our Virtual Transition Day.

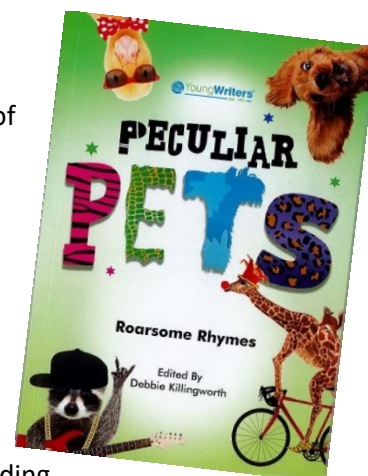
Primary PSHE Curriculum

In response to questions raised in relation to the Primary PSHE topic 'Changing Me', Mrs Poole along with other members of staff from Lady Royd will be holding a virtual information session on **Tuesday 22nd June** at **3:45pm**. If you wish to attend the session, please email Mrs Meares in the Lady Royd school office at: ladyroyd@bggs.com. If you are unable to attend the session, please feel free to email any questions to Mrs Poole or the Lady Royd office, who will produce a FAQ document after the session.

Young Writers

Earlier in the year, children in Year 5 entered the national Young Writers Poetry competition and were tasked with writing a short poem about a peculiar pet. Out of 15,000 entries from schools across the whole of the UK, our budding poets so impressed the judges with their magnificent, and often crazy and very funny poems, that they are now featured in this year's Young Writers 'Peculiar Pets' book of 'Roarsome Rhymes'.

All Year 5 children should have now received their own copy of the publication and we will now proudly add this to our school library.



Carnegie Literacy Awards

On Wednesday, a group of students from Years 7,8 and 10 joined thousands of reading groups across the UK to watch the live streaming of the Carnegie Book Awards. These awards are the UK's oldest children's book awards, which recognise outstanding reading experiences created through writing and illustration in books for young people.

Students selected titles from the list of books that were shortlisted for the award and read, discussed and reviewed the books before 'shadowing' the judging of the overall award, by selecting their own 'shadowers' winner. Voting criteria was based on focuses on outstanding reading experiences, asking 'shadowers' to reflect on the experiences and representation within each nominated book, the author's treatment of the characters and plot, and the book's relatability to and potential resonance with its readership. Further details of the 'Shadowing' initiative can be found at: [Carnegie Book Awards](#).

At the end of this letter, we have included details of the 8 shortlisted books, and the 'shadowers' winner 'Run Rebel', also our student's favourite, which you may want to encourage your daughter to read. Please note the 'age appropriate' details of each book which have been observed in school. Copies of each of these titles are now being added to our library.

Primary Stars of The Week

Huge congratulations and well done to all our Lady Royd pupils who have been awarded 'Star of the Week.' These awards are presented according to achievement points earned for demonstrating the ASPIRE Values: Accountability, Self-Confidence, Perseverance, Integrity, Respect, and Empathy.

Each of our 'Stars' will now receive their 'Star of the Week' achievement certificate:

RL: Urwah Fauzan	3P: Alisha Nasir
RP: Muhammad Musa	4L: Mohammed Abdullah
1L: <i>(class isolating – not in school)</i>	4P: Alishba Khan
1P: Haadia Wasim	5L: Maya Rashid
2L: Aqib Ahmed	5P: Aaminah Batool
2P: Favour Adenuga, Hana Hussain	6L: Shahzayb Shaukat
3L: Aaban Nawaz	6P: Sidra Naveed

Primary Fundraising Event

Today our children in primary have been holding a fundraising cake sale for Amnesty International and Alzheimer's Society. This has been organised by our school council and many other children in the primary phase. Children were invited to bring £1 into school to spend at the sale and could choose from a wide selection of cakes and sweet treats.

We would like to thank Café Regal and Morrisons for all their support and for kindly donating a variety of cakes, and to many of our parents who have clearly been very busy baking delicious cakes and treats, with some also making tasty samosas and kebabs.



Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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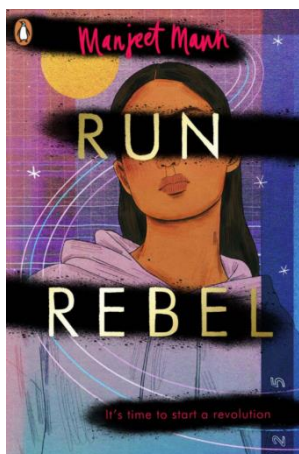
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2021 Carnegie Award



SHADOWER'S WINNER:

When Amber runs, it's the only time she feels completely free-far away from her claustrophobic home life. Her father wants her to be a dutiful daughter, waiting for an arranged marriage like her sister Ruby.

Praise for *Run, Rebel* - a Guardian best book of 2020:

A tightly crafted series of punchy, often heart-breaking narrative poems . . . Mann's brilliant, coruscating verse novel lays out the anatomy of Amber's revolution, and the tentative first flowerings of hope and change. Guardian

Shortlisted Books:

1. **Clap When You Land** by Elizabeth Acevedo (age 13+ years)
2. **The Girl Who Speaks Bear** by Sophie Anderson
3. **The Girl Who Became a Tree** by Joseph Coelho
4. **On Midnight Beach** by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick
5. **Run, Rebel** by Manjeet Mann (age 13+ years)
6. **Look Both Ways** by Jason Reynolds
7. **The Fountains of Silence** by Ruta Sepetys (age 14+ years)
8. **Echo Mountain** by Lauren Wolk

