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Thank you for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. We hope you will find its contents useful.

Ducklings Hatch in Reception

The Reception children have been very excited this week about the arrival of five duck eggs on Tuesday. They created a special area for the ducklings in class ready for when they hatched. Hatching began today! The children created lovely pictures and wrote special messages for the ducklings to make them feel welcome. Once all the ducklings have hatched they will return to their farm in Kent.



Important Dates:

Half Term Holiday

Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun

Islington Book Lists

Islington libraries have produced a selection of good book lists to celebrate diversity. The lists also provide information about their free online ebooks and audio book service.

[Black British Authors](#)

[Celebrating Diversity](#)

[Found In Translation](#)

[World of Stories](#)



STARS OF THE WEEK



Emily	2 +
Savana	Lilac
Ali	Silver
Raima	Crimson
Aysha M	Yellow
Emily	Gold
Joan	Green
Adil	Pink
Rania	Purple
Skyanna	Orange
Maria	Brown
Muntaha	Red
Radwa	Blue

Well done superstars!

Islington Library

Islington Libraries have reopened so why not visit your local library? If you've seen a title you are interested in from one of the diversity booklists on this page, the staff will be able to order it for you if it's not in stock.

Click on the link for opening times, book lists and other information:

[Islington council | Libraries](https://www.islington.gov.uk/libraries)



Discussing Racism

Many children have questions about race. Tuesday 25th May marks the one year anniversary of the murder of George Floyd, a time for our community to reflect on the part that we can all play in raising anti-racist children.

It's important to encourage positive and open conversations about race and racism with all children. It can help explain that the human race is diverse and that this is a good thing.

Sesame Street have a range of resources to help you talk to your child about race and racism, including this [video](#) which explores skin colour. It's excellent for young children to watch and provides you with language and parenting strategies if you're having these discussions.



A PARENT'S GUIDE TO BLACK LIVES MATTER

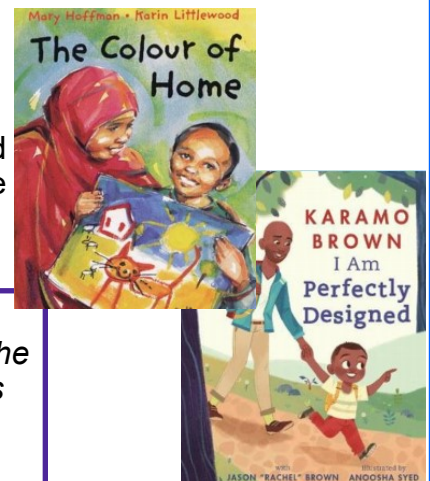


Resources, Activities, and Tips for Families to empower children to work towards racial equality

A **parent's guide to Black Lives Matter** has been produced and is attached in the link below. This is an excellent resource for parents and carers to help explain and explore the BLM movement with children. The guide is full of useful resources, advice and activities to help make children aware of concepts like racial inequality, prejudice and white privilege. It contains suggestions for parents on how to start having conversations with children about the Black Lives Matter movement.

[Parent's guide to black lives matter.pdf \(govdelivery.com\)](https://govdelivery.com/parent-s-guide-to-black-lives-matter.pdf)

To support parents and carers, Islington Libraries have developed a range of booklists (see previous page). The lists they provide offer a diverse selection of good literature for children.



"Books play an important role in shaping children's lives: these stories and characters will affect how they see themselves and the world around them, their motivation to read, and their aspirations to become authors and illustrators of the future."

Jill Coleman, Director of children's books at BookTrust

TINY Happy PEOPLE

Do you have a young baby in the family?

Tiny Happy People is available to help you develop your child's communication skills. Explore simple activities and play ideas and find out about children and their early development.

Click on the link: [BBC – Tiny Happy People](#)

You will find:

- ◆ Simple, fun activities to try with your child
- ◆ Advice on language learning and child development
- ◆ Tips and advice
- ◆ Films and articles about life with a new baby
- ◆ Nursery rhymes and songs



World Bee Day

What's all the buzz about?

Bees are so important to the health of our planet that they have their own special day.



World Bee Day takes place on 20 May each year. The aim of the day is to spread awareness of the significance of bees. **Newsround** has lots of information about bees, including videos, facts and quizzes. Take a look if you want to learn more about the importance of bees.

[Newsround - What's all the buzz about bees?](#)

Word of the Week

INCUBATE

- To hatch eggs by keeping them warm
- To cause bacteria or a disease to develop

Use of the word **incubate** in a sentence:

The duck eggs in reception class had to incubate for three days before they hatched.



Gardening with Marcia

Gardening club came inside this week as the sky was doing too much watering! Gardening Club children found some old tomatoes destined for the rubbish. Marcia taught them how to seed save by washing and drying the seeds ready for planting next week. They even had time to make their own labels ready for their planting session. Let's hope they get a good crop.



If you would like to grow some tomatoes at home why not look at this handy guide for children and have a go: [Kids Grow Tomatoes](#)

