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Anti-Bullying Week

Unfortunately it is a sad fact of life that bullying exists in many areas of our society and not just amongst children and teenagers. We aim to teach children about how we can tackle bullying through our taught curriculum, but also through dedicated days and weeks throughout the year.

Anti-bullying week will be from the 16th to 20th November and you, as parents may want to explore this as a family. You may find the following website useful.

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

Digital support for parents

Google and Parent Zone are delighted to launch a series of **digital drop-ins** about the online world - on everything from Cyberbullying to Sharing Carefully.

We asked you to tell us what Be Internet Legends could help you with - and then developed the livestreams based on your answers!

Delivered on **YouTube** and led by Parent Zone's experienced team, digital drop-ins take a 360° look at a specific topic, offering

- practical strategies if you're concerned
- activities for families who just want to learn more
- learning points from Be Internet Legends
- signposting to other resources and games

https://parentzone.org.uk/parentsessions?utm_source=Be%20Internet%20Legends&utm_campaign=cf2fc1db63-

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PE and Games

We will be undertaking PE outside for the foreseeable future, so all children, other than Reception, will need to have warm clothes for going out in the changeable weather! Due to their age Reception children will use the hall.

Please ensure that your child has leggings/tracksuits/sweatshirts/trainers for exercising outside as we cannot leave them in the classroom unattended and they cannot spend time in another class.

Swimming

Coming soon ... Woodmancote Swim Club!

Would your child like the opportunity to swim in a group with his/her friends/classmates and be the best swimmer they can be?

My name is Tracy Murphy and I have been teaching swimming to children of all ages and abilities for 17 years.

From November 2020 I will be teaching small groups on Fridays at Dean Close school 4-6 pm in 30 minute classes with no more than 6 children per group.

Before I offer these slots to children from other areas/schools on my waiting list, I wanted to give children from our school from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who can swim 20m or more the opportunity to develop and maybe represent the school in an annual swimming gala and a swimathon raising money for the school.

Understandably, we will not be able to run any inter-school events currently due to Covid-19 guidance/regulations, but it is



hoped that this is something we can get to in the future.

Please be assured that the group sessions will be run with all relevant safety measures in place (small groups, sanitizing, appropriate distancing etc), all in line with guidance from the professional body for swimming, the ASA.

Members of the groups will benefit from water safety skills for life, working as part of a team and gaining an excellent stroke technique.

I will be looking to have trial lessons on 23rd October 2020 to assess levels and suitability etc. If you would like to book, or require any further information please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email: 07973631427

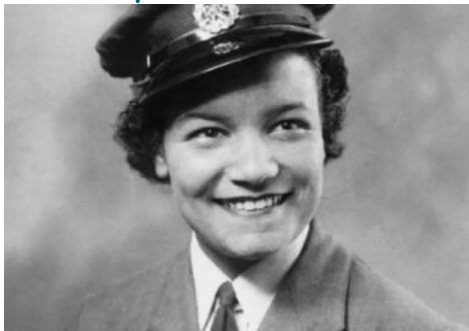
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Let's find those super swimmers at our school and make a splash!

Black History Month Firsts: Lilian Bader

The contributions and efforts of Lilian Bader to World War Two for the Caribbean community actually starts before her birth, with her Father's contribution in World War One.

Written by Abdul Rob 13/10/2015



Marrying in 1913, Marcus Bailey was a Barbadian born migrant who found himself in England, coupled with an English born, Irish raised woman* on the outbreak of war. The possibility of a happy family was postponed as war broke out in 1914 and Marcus would find himself serving in the Royal Navy as a Merchant Seaman until the war finished.

However, upon the wars end, the Baileys would parent three children, one of which would be Lilian Bader. Born in 1918, she would go onto to be quite possibly the first Black woman to join the British Armed Forces.

The influence of Lilian's father in her decision to join the Armed Forces is questionable as Lilian and her two older brothers would be orphaned when she was nine years old due to an unknown incident.

Now without parents, the trio would be separated and Lilian would have to battle her personal losses with racial prejudice at a young age. Despite her struggles, Lilian would go on to be a class leading student and popular friend, setting herself up for a bright future in any career she could want.

The reality of being a Mixed Raced Woman, in Britain in the early 1930's, would be one her intelligence and popularity would never be able to escape and at the age of twenty, Lilian would still be at the Convent she joined as a nine year old, simply because nobody was willing to hire her for work.

However, the outbreak of World War Two in 1939 would be a surprisingly positive point for Lilian who now found herself accepted as a Canteen Assistant at NAAFI, Catterick Camp and away from the convent for the first time.

It took only seven weeks for Lilian to be disappointed, as she was sacked from her



role due to the fact her father was born outside of the UK.

The story is that the District Manager had toyed with the decision for several weeks, sympathizing with Lilian's Irish and Roman Catholic backgrounds as he himself was Irish and Roman Catholic.

Determined not to let her background be a stumbling block, Lilian found work again in January 1940. Now working on a farm near RAF Topcliffe, Lilian was once again feeding soldiers who ventured outside of the base.

She would leave the farm voluntarily and would take up the role of a domestic servant until 1941, where a chance to join the army once again surfaced.

"I heard some West Indians being interviewed on the radio... They'd been turned down by the Army and accepted by the RAF."

Lilian was accepted into the Women's Auxiliary Air Force on 28th March, 1941 and was sent to York. Yet turmoil was to strike once more for Lilian and two weeks into her training, her Brother would be lost at sea whilst serving as a Merchant Seaman, just like their father.

Returning from compassionate leave, Lilian embarked on a twelve-week training course, qualifying her as an Instrument repairer; a relatively new job that had been made available to women in 1940.

Her academic prowess and personable nature once again shone through and after passing several exams, Lilian graduated as a First Class Airwoman and was soon in Shropshire where her skills saw her being promoted to Corporal and leading Aircraftwoman.

The true influence of Lilian and her crew is difficult to fathom. As servicewomen, their role may have been limited to running routine repairs and replacing sensitive equipment. However, the simplicity of their work does not negate its importance. Furthermore, the sheer scale of the work these women undertook was of a magnitude many would have found reason not to enjoy. It is because of their importance and well-documented professionalism that I could consider Lilian Bader for our 'Community Heroes' section, but as her achievement is something worth of note, Lilian Bader fits well within our 'BHM Firsts' - no question.

Lilian would go onto marry another mixed raced serviceman, Ramsay Bader in 1943 and in 1944; would be granted compassionate leave as she left to start a family with the Tank driver.

Lilian Bader's achievements do not stop once she left the army. Now a mother of two children, she thought it necessary to go back to school, achieving the necessary 'O' and 'A' levels to secure a degree at University of London; a degree that would let her go onto be a teacher.

Lilian Bader passed away at the age of 97.

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Dates for the Diary

October	Black History Month https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/
13 th October	Parent Consultations via School Cloud
15 th October	Parent Consultations via School Cloud
16 th October	Last day of Term 1
2 nd November	First day of Term 2
16 th - 20 th November	Anti-Bullying Week 2020: United Against Bullying
27 th November	INSET for staff No children at school

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