



Barrow Hills

SCHOOL

Mr Crisell's Assembly
Monday 5th October 2020
'Black History Month'

This month is Black History Month



What is Black History Month?

Black History Month is a time set aside each year to celebrate the achievements of black men and women in the past and today.

Throughout history, people have been treated differently because of the colour of their skin.

Black people were not seen as equal and were not treated in the same way as white people. For example, they had to sit in different seats on a bus or public places like the cinema.

Lots of people knew that this was wrong and wanted things to change.

In 1926, in America, a man called Carter G. Woodson introduced a "Negro History Week," which later turned into Black History Month.

In 1987, the first Black History Month took place in the UK.



Things have changed but racism still exists in society. Most people want it to stop and rightly so. High profile celebrities and sports men and women are doing their bit in the hope that those who need educating will listen to them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38oCLZ9Xm1M>



Some famous black men
and women...

Have you heard of any of them?



Nelson Mandela
1918-2013

Nelson Mandela was the first black South African president. He spent 27 years in prison for trying to change things so they were equal for both black and white people.

Many people around the world thought he was a hero and respected him for his courage and wisdom in bringing people together and living in Peace.



Rosa Parks
1913-2005

It was on December 1, 1955 that Rosa made her famous stand (while sitting) on the bus. Rosa had settled in her seat on the bus after a hard day's work. All the seats on the bus had filled up when a white man boarded.

The bus driver told Rosa and some other African-Americans to stand up. Rosa refused. The bus driver said he would call the police. Rosa didn't move.

Soon the police showed up and Rosa was arrested. Montgomery Bus Boycott Rosa was charged with breaking a segregation law and was told to pay a fine of \$10. She refused to pay, however, saying that she was not guilty and that the law was illegal.





Jesse Owens
1913-1980

Jesse Owens was an American track and field athlete. He took part in the 1936 Olympic Games and won 4 gold medals; the 100m, the long jump, the 200m and the 400m relay.

Adolph Hitler wanted the games to be a display of German white supremacy but Owens, along with other black athletes, defied him by winning many medals.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zq4DJtLgbHk>

We are all different and that is what makes us all special. God loves each and every one of us and sees us as equals.

If we try to be good people and do the right thing, say sorry when we make mistakes, then regardless of our skin colour, religion, language, abilities, disabilities, we should respect each other.

Monday's Prayer...

Father, you have given all peoples one common origin.
It is your will that they be gathered together
as one family in yourself.

Fill the hearts of mankind with your love
and with the desire to ensure justice for all.

By sharing the good things you give us,
may we secure an equality for all
our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

May there be an end to division, strife and war.

May there be a dawning of a truly human society
built on love and peace.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

Amen



Monday's Hymn... 'Peace, perfect peace'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aoh5VfwEjw0>