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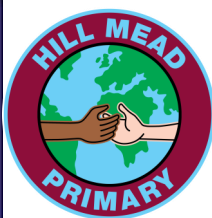
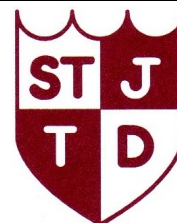
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## Brixton Learning Collaborative and London Wildlife Trust Art project

Talented young artists from 5 of our primary schools have worked with Art Specialist teacher Miss Littlejohn and Miss Adesigbin to produce some fantastic pieces that are currently on exhibition at Pop Brixton, Brixton Station Road, and on permanent display as part of the development of the Milkwood Road/Lowden Road roundabout scheme. This project has been inspired and supported by the London Wildlife Trust as part of their Lost Effra river project, funded by GLA, Lambeth Council and Thames Water. The children learnt about the hidden rivers in London, covered over when the Victorian sewers were built, and sometimes emerging in times of flooding. To give the water somewhere to be absorbed safely back into the ground the London Wildlife Trust are working with partners to create green spaces. The children explored many art techniques including printing and tile making to produce an exhibition about the project which will be on show at Pop Brixton until 28th December, and a permanent piece of art in the form of a beautiful mosaic on the Lowden Road/Milkwood Road roundabout. Many thanks goes to Miss Littlejohn and Miss Adesigbin for their wonderful teaching and to Helen Spring from London Wildlife Trust. We hope you will take the opportunity to go and see this beautiful work over the Christmas holidays.



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## The Other Georgians: Poetry and Cartoon drawing with Black Cultural Archives

This term children in year 5 from 3 of our schools have been writing poetry, creating cartoon drawing and learning about inspirational characters from Georgian times, linked to the Black Georgians exhibition currently showing at the Black Cultural Archives in Windrush Square. This project has been generously funded by the Clore Duffield Foundation and the Ernest Cook Trust. The children worked with poet Adisa and cartoon artist Steve Marchant and produced some thought provoking work, which went on display at the Archives on 4th and 5th December. Characters that the children learnt about included abolitionists Ignatius Sancho, Mary Prince and Olaudah Equiano, as well as former slaves who gained fame in Georgian times such as boxer Tom Molyneux and entertainer Billy Waters. We hope this will be the start of a fruitful partnership between the BLC and the Black Cultural Archives for all our schools.



### BLC Early Years Forum

Our Early Years forum, made up of Nursery and Reception staff from across the cluster, continues to work together exploring and discussing aspects of Early Years learning and developing best practice together. This term the group has done Natural Thinkers training, with Assistant Head and Natural Thinkers lead Dougal Morton from Jessop Primary, and looked at how to progress children's learning and talents in Music, with Steiner School teacher Kevin Campbell Davidson and Anna Gawthorpe from St John's Angell Town. We are very lucky to have so many fantastic Early Years teachers in our cluster and welcome teachers from other clusters to share our sessions. In February we look forward to a forum looking at the Teaching of Reading, led by Deputy Head of Effra Claire Bradley. The photos below show teachers taking part in some practical Natural Thinkers activities in the great outdoors!



#### A snap shot of some of the BLC activities planned for the beginning of 2016:

January: Year 12 reading mentor project starts in primary schools; Reception teachers baseline joint moderation session; BLC Steering group meeting; BLC Head teachers meeting; SENCO forum; Houses of Parliament trip and workshop.

February: Photography and Literacy project INSET and weekly workshops begin; Early Years Teaching of Reading forum; Southwark Cathedral Gifted and Talented Maths and Science day; Maths INSET: Problem Solving



Wishing all children, families and staff in the Brixton Learning Collaborative a happy Christmas season and looking forward to working together in 2016.

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