

Black History Month

Year 5 have marked the annual Black History Month celebrations by finding out about significant individuals throughout history. Linking to their studies of space and our solar system, the children looked at the amazing Katherine Johnson and how she helped Apollo 11 reach the moon and return safely with her mind-blowing mathematics and terrific



trajectories. The children used their computing unit, which focused on vlogging and green screen technology, to create their own

biographies of the pioneering calculator. The children also used their homework comprehension studies to find out about the founding of Black History month, how black civil rights activists fought for equality and the plans for the future.

Noah: We learned all about the life of Katherine Johnson, including how difficult it was for her to be a black woman in the 1950s.

Enterprise

The sun was shining and the suds flowing this month as Year 5 took part in their annual enterprise activity raising money for their Arete trip next year. The children managed to raise an amazing £202.20 through their



tireless effort. It was great to watch the teamwork and resilience along with the wonderful support of the Newchurch

community, who left with 'shiny' cars.

Geography

Some of us dream of sun and sand but Year 5 have been learning all about the snow-capped peaks of the Alps this month. Finding out about the location of the mountain



range, from picturesque Italy to tiny Lichtenstein, the children

looked at the features of the Alps and how they vary from their own location. They have begun to investigate what life is like for those who live there and the role that tourism plays in the local economy.

Oscar: I enjoyed learning all about the Alps. I now know all about the climate and the different countries that the Alps cover. We used a n atlas to help us locate the different countries.

My Happy Mind

Getting to know ourselves and what affects our emotions can lead to improved wellbeing and prepare us for the challenges we face in

our lives. Year 5 have been getting to know their own brains this half term and developing

their awareness of the effects which negative emotions have upon them. This has included the make-up of the brain, the role of different part of the major organ and how the body reacts in various situations.

Beatrice: I've learned how our bodies and minds work. It's interesting to know that our brains give our bodies messages like when to feel scared.

