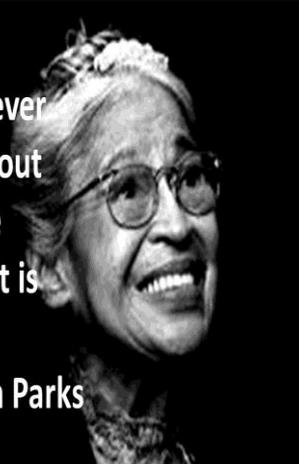


Courthouse Green Network News

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Happening in Courthouse Green



"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right."

Rosa Parks

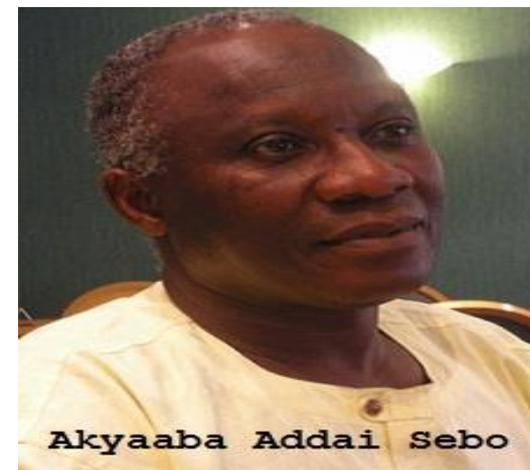
Courthouse Green is proud to be taking part in the celebration of Black History this week.

Black History Week (actually it is Black History Month) was first celebrated in the United Kingdom in 1987. It was originally organised by a man from Ghana called Akyaba Addai-Sebo because he overheard a child, who had been bullied, saying "Mummy why cant I be white?"

Akyaba was deeply upset when he heard this and decided he wanted to do something to make people aware of the persecution black people suffered in the past and to draw our attention to their contributions to today's society. From these roots it grew into a national celebration which schools across the UK take part in.

Questions:

- Why do you think the child made such an upsetting comment?
- How does this make you feel?
- How did Akyaba feel?
- What did Akyaba do?
- Why is Akyaba a hero? Who else do you know that has stood up for something that is right?





We are VERY lucky to be British Citizens and live in a country which is peaceful and free of war and conflict. Some countries are not so lucky like Syria where there is a brutal civil war. Some people in the country support the President Bashar al-Assad but other are rebelling against him and want him out! Because of the fighting lots of innocent people have had to leave to avoid getting hurt in the violence. In fact the United Nations estimates more than 200,000 people have died in the clashes.

Courthouse Green has decided to help raise money for the refugees of Syria. These are families that have had to leave their homes because of the violence and are now homeless. Many of them have no clothes, food or money.

Courthouse Green will be holding discos this week and selling hot dogs in an effort to raise money for the refugees.

Questions:

- How do you feel about the violence?
- How do you feel about the situation the refugees are in?
- How do you feel about being in a safe and secure environment?
- Do you feel proud that you are going to contribute to helping the Syrian refugees?



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Happening in the Coventry

On Saturday 4th October a bus crashed into a Coventry supermarket killing two people. Police have said that the causes could "take several months" to establish. Two people died in the crash; a 7 year old boy (Rowan Fitzgerald) and a 70 year old lady (Dora Hancox). Rowan Fitzgerald's cousin survived the crash but now needs an operation on her leg. The driver of the bus (a 77year old ex-Lord Mayor) is said to be completely devastated by what happened.



Questions:

- How do you think the parents of Rowan felt?
- How does it make you feel?
- How do you think Ms Hancox's family would feel?
- How do you think the driver of the bus felt?



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From all over the world...

Dazzling balloons filled the skies in Albuquerque in the USA this week.

Albuquerque has hosted the International Balloon Fiesta for the last 44 years. The fiesta has more than 500 balloons from over 20 different countries. Thousands of visitors are expected to enjoy the spectacular sights.

Questions:

- **Would you like to attend this fiesta?**
- **Why do people do things like this?**
- **What do you do just for fun?**
- **Do you want to visit the USA?**
- **Where else would you like to visit when you are older?**
- **Why is it important to work hard if you want to travel when you are older?**



JUST FOR FUN: some of the balloons are in fun shapes such as a bull, champagne, a sun with glasses and a stage coach.