

**Meeting agenda:**

1. Black History Month - Rationale and vision
2. Discussion of proposed activities
3. Additional suggestions
4. Communication with families (sample letter)
5. Staff engagement
6. AOB

**Minutes:**

1. *MCX outlined rationale for Black History Month. TAA "Recognise" BHM – "celebrate" may give wrong message about barriers facing Black people today. All agreed that it is fundamental to see BHM as one part of a year-round, anti-racist curriculum at TAA.*

*BHM aims to involve whole community – staff, students, families.*

2. *BLAM UK delivering 30 minute assemblies to all students in 1<sup>st</sup> week of October on the theme of Black Wellness and Joy. Impactful start to BHM, engaging students with an external voice.*

*Evening painting class offered to families to come into school and engage in our work. MCX reaching out to organisation AfricanActivities.org to try to arrange. Agreed that any connections we form should be revisited outside of BHM to establish year-round collaborations.*

*Film Night – Suggested films showcasing Black British History and other issues relevant to BHM. DWY suggested this be sent as a suggested watch list for families to watch at home together. SL-K suggested using it as a form time activity – watch the film over a week with questions. All suggestions to be considered.*

*3. Cookalong in school. Previous cookalongs have been successful and engaged families. MCX will reach out to KML and use contacts to try to arrange this.*

*4. Families will be informed about BHM through all usual channels; Website, Newsletter, Twitter, Letter home. Draft letter reviewed and approved by group – clear explanation of why BHM is recognised at TAA*

*5. MCX to address curriculum leaders in September, add BHM to Line Manager Meeting agenda and address all staff at start of October to encourage engagement in BHM. Diversity group to raise BHM as a topic with relevant departments also to keep it as a priority.*

*6. DWY proposed future agenda item of "Incel" movement and how we can address this across school after concerns have been raised at the start of this year.*

**Agreed Actions**

1. *MCX to book painting class for October if possible, or a later date if not.*
2. *MCX to liaise with KML and organise cookalong event*
3. *MCX to communicate with whole community throughout September and October to raise profile of BHM*