

07.11.2022 Whole School Assembly: Laura Henry-Allain MBE

We celebrated the successes of Black achievers in recent times by taking a trip through a history of their amazing accomplishments. Those we celebrate were:

2008 – Lewis Hamilton, the first Black driver to win the F1 world drivers' championship

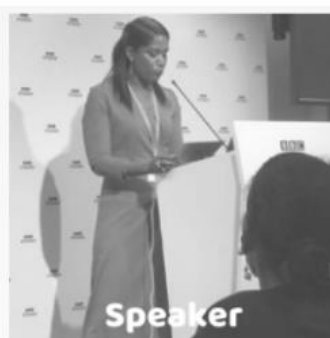
2013 – Malorie Blackman becomes the UK's children's laureate

2014 - Steve McQueen wins Best Picture at the Oscars

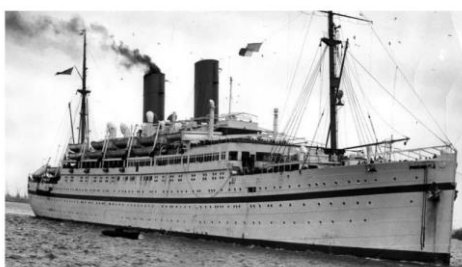
2018 – Sheku Kanneh-Mason MBE, the first winner of the BBC Young Musician Award in 2016, performs on the cello at the Royal wedding of Harry and Meghan

2022 – June, a National Windrush monument is unveiled at Waterloo Station

Windrush provided the perfect link to our focus person – Laura Henry-Allain MBE:



People arriving in the UK between 1948 and 1971 from Caribbean countries have been labelled the Windrush generation. It refers to the ship MV Empire Windrush, which docked in Tilbury on 22 June 1948, bringing workers from Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and other islands, to help fill post-war UK labour shortages. The ship carried 492 passengers - many of them children.





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Laura Henry-Allain's grandmother was onboard Windrush. She celebrated her grandmothers life and journey in a special episode of 'Jo Jo and Gran Gran', a cartoon on CBeebies. We then watched the episode together, it was incredibly moving and taught the children so much about immigration in those times and the challenges people faced. If you would like to watch it, the episode is here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001crtf/jojo-gran-gran-specials-1-its-time-to-go-on-a-voyage>