



Nursery - Steve McQueen Class

Steve McQueen is an award-winning filmmaker and photographer. He loved drawing at school and believes that art can change people's lives. He studied painting as a child and photography at Goldsmiths art school, when he started taking photographs and then making films. His work explores what it means to be human. In 1999, when he was only 30 years old, he won the Turner Prize (the highest award given to a British artist). He won an Oscar for his film *12 Years a Slave*. He also created an exhibition called "Project Year 3", which featured thousands of 7- and 8-year old children in London. Our current Year 5 children were included! McQueen thinks that every child should have the opportunity to study art and other creative subjects, like music and drama. He believes that these subjects help you to learn to use your imagination and this can help us to come up with ideas to make the world a better place.



Reception - Trish Cooke

Trish Cooke is a British playwright, actress, television presenter and award-winning children's author. She was born in Bradford, Yorkshire. Her parents are from Dominica in the West Indies. She comes from a large family, with six sisters, three brothers, eight nephews, six nieces, three great-nieces and one great-nephew, all of whom provide her with the inspiration for her picture books. One of her most successful books is called 'So Much', which is a joyful celebration of family life. She is known by many from her days presenting the preschool BBC programme Playdays. Reception are enjoying learning all about her and reading her stories.



Year 1 - Elizabeth Anionwu (Professor, Dame)

Elizabeth was inspired to become a nurse at the young age of four because, whilst she was in care, a 'wonderful nursing nun' treated her childhood eczema in an expert and sensitive manner. Born in Birmingham in 1947, she identifies herself as of Irish/Nigerian heritage and started work for the NHS as a school nurse assistant in Wolverhampton at the age of 16.

Elizabeth put a substantial amount of her life into her work as a nurse, health visitor and tutor working with black and minority ethnic communities in London. 'People from diverse cultures are not always valued and still sometimes just seen as problems,' she says. In 1979, she helped to establish in Brent the first nurse-led UK Sickle & Thalassaemia Screening and Counselling Centre. In 1988 she was awarded a PhD from the Institute of Education, University College London (UCL). From 1990-1997 she worked at the Institute of Child Health, UCL as a Lecturer then Senior Lecturer in Community Genetic Counselling. She has written extensively and is a co-author with Professor Karl Atkin of the book 'The Politics of Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia' published in 2001 by the Open University Press.

Honoured for services to nursing

Elizabeth was honoured with a Damehood (DBE) in the 2017 Queen's New Year's Honours List for her services to nursing and the Mary Seacole Statue Appeal. The Queen's Nursing Institute awarded her a Fellowship (FQNI) in October 2017. In 2001 she was awarded a CBE for services to nursing. In 2004 she was presented with the Royal College of Nursing Fellowship (FRCN) for her work in the development of nurse-led sickle cell and thalassaemia counselling services and education and leadership in transcultural nursing. In July 2018, as part of the celebrations for the 70th Anniversary of the National Health Service, Elizabeth was included in the list of the 70 most influential nurses and midwives in the history of the NHS.

She is a Patron of the Sickle Cell Society, the Nigerian Nurses Charitable Association (UK) and the Sickle & Thalassaemia Association of Nurses, Midwives & Associated Professionals (STANMAP). She chaired several projects for the NHS Sickle and Thalassaemia Screening Programme

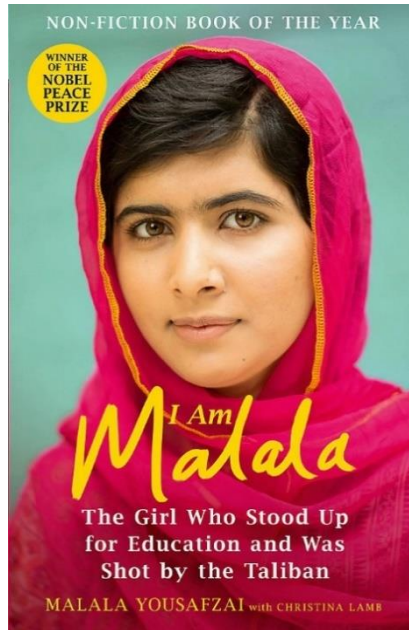


Year 2 – Marcus Rashford Class

Marcus Rashford is a professional English footballer. He plays for the Premier team Manchester United and the England men's national football team. Rashford was born on the 31st October 1997 in Wythenshawe, England. Rashford was scouted by Manchester United at the age of 7 and began training with the world renowned team. In 2016 he scored his debut goal for the national England team, becoming the youngest ever English player to score in a senior international match. In the same year, he also played at the UEFA Europa League as the tournament's youngest player.

However, Rashford's most impressive quality is not his sporting prowess but his philanthropy. In 2020, England went into lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Rashford teamed up with FareShare charity. FareShare is a poverty and food waste charity. At first they were supporting children in greater Manchester. However, it then became an international initiative. By June 2020, Rashford announced that they had reached 3 million children across the country.

Rashford then wrote an open letter to the government regarding child poverty. This led to the government extending the free school meals scheme over the summer holidays during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other public figures such as footballer Gary Lineker and labour leader Keir Starmer have since joined the campaign. Due to his work for child poverty, Rashford has been awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Manchester.



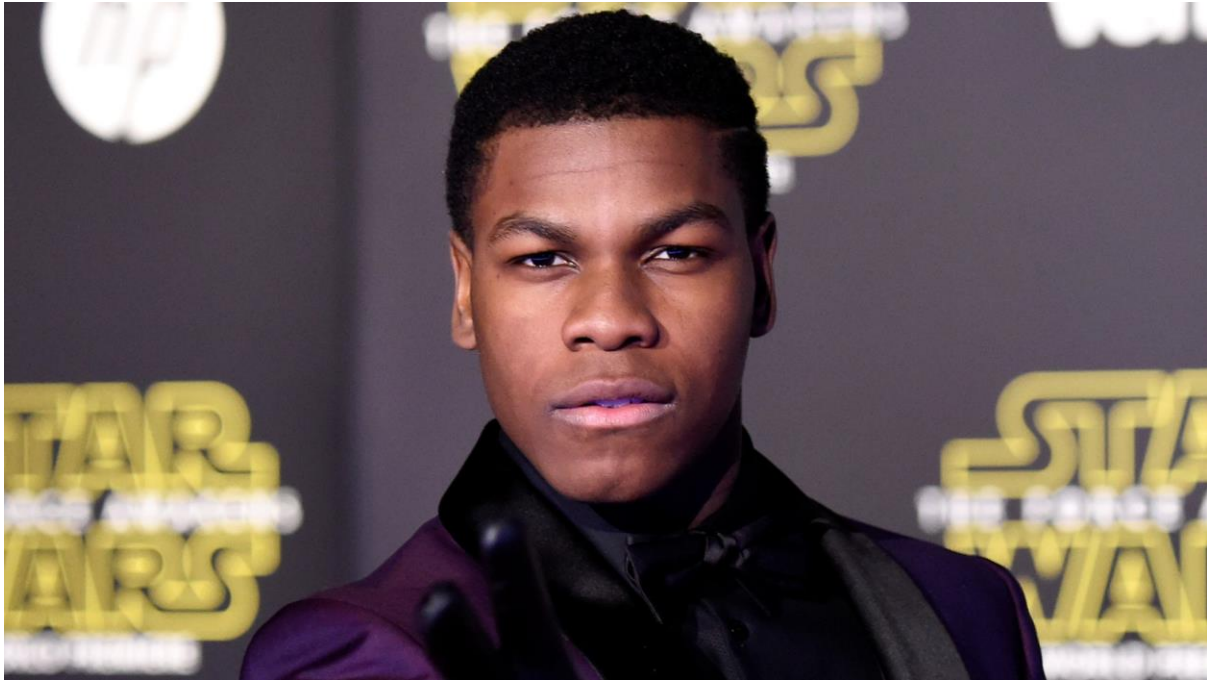
Year 3 - Malala

Year 3 is named after Malala Yousafzai, a fighter for equality and equal opportunities for women and girls. Born in 1997 in Pakistan, Malala was lucky that her father, a teacher, knew that girls had the same value as boys. He was determined to ensure that his daughter received an education and Malala made the most out of going to school. But then the Taliban took over. They had unfair rules and harsh punishments. One of their rules was that girls could not go to school. Even in the face of danger, Malala spoke out against the Taliban and, at the age of 12, she was shot. She nearly died. She and her family were brought to England and, despite her horrific experiences; she continued to fight for girls' rights. Spurred on by the world's support, Malala won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 – the youngest ever winner! Malala is a great inspiration to the children in Year 3 who believe her bravery and determination are skills they would like to develop over the year.



Year 4 – Dina Asher-Smith

At the age of eight, Dina Asher-Smith joined the Bees Academy at Blackheath and Bromley Harriers Athletic Club harnessing her skills in sprinting to later become an Olympian. Her gold medals in the World and European Junior Championships evidenced her determination and promise as a young athlete. In fact, she was the world's fastest teenager ever over 60m and 200m. In 2015, Dina would rewrite British sprinting history at a senior level. She started her record-breaking streak by smashing the British 100m record in London. If that wasn't enough, she went on to break the British 200m and 4x100m relay records at the World Championships in Beijing later that year as well as later graduate in History at Kings College London. Michael Johnson - four-time Olympic champion and a BBC athletics pundit - says: "I have been watching British athletics with the BBC since 2002 and in all that time I have not seen anyone like Dina Asher-Smith." Dina is a great inspiration to the children of Turnham demonstrating hard work and determination to her craft.



Year 5 – Boyega Class

Boyega was born John Adedayo Bamidele Adegboyega in the Peckham district of London on 17 March 1992. His parents are both of Nigerian descent. While acting in a school play at Oliver Goldsmith Primary School, at the age of nine, he was noticed by Teresa Early, the artistic director of Theatre Peckham, a learning theatre for young people who live in south London.

In 2003, Boyega started his secondary education at Westminster City School, where he took part in various school productions. He enrolled at the University of Greenwich to study for a BA in film studies and media writing, but dropped out to focus on acting. He trained with the Identity School of Acting in London, and became a patron of its Los Angeles branch when it opened in 2018

He initially rose to prominence for his role as Moses in the sci-fi comedy film *Attack the Block* (2011) and later became best known for playing Finn in the *Star Wars* sequel trilogy films *The Force Awakens* (2015), *The Last Jedi* (2017), and *The Rise of Skywalker* (2019). He received the BAFTA Rising Star Award in 2016.

John Boyega has actively participated at the Black Lives Matter movement and has expressed sympathy for George Floyd, Sandra Bland, Trayvon Martin, and Stephen Lawrence during a speech at a Black Lives Matter rally in Hyde Park in summer 2020.



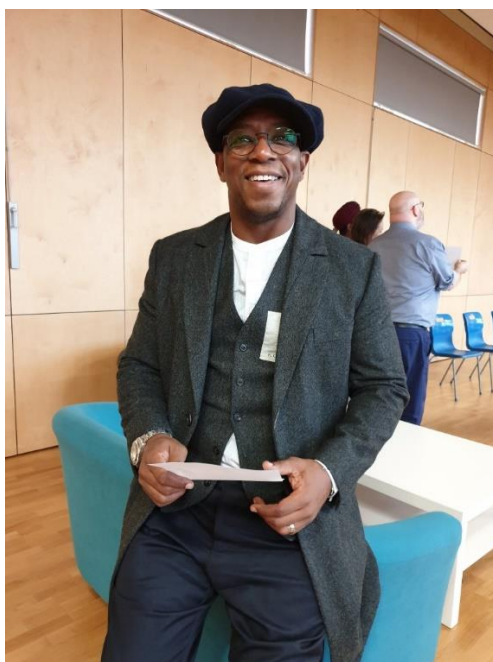
Year 6 - Sydney Pigden class

Pigden class is named after Sydney Charles Pigden- a former teacher who was an inspiration during his 30 years' teaching at Turnham School, as it was known then. Pigden, an active member of the local community hailed from nearby Sydenham, and heroically served as a pilot in the Second World War. From the age of 18, he flew Spitfires and Hurricanes in the RAF and notably was chosen to fly his plane over Buckingham Palace in 1945 to mark the conclusion of the war and victory for Britain!

Following his impressive military career, Sydney Pigden discovered his true calling in life- to teach young minds - and in the late 1960s, he was a much loved and respected teacher at Turnham Juniors. He made a particularly profound impact on one memorable seven year old pupil - a young football-mad Ian Wright. On seeing Ian stood in the corridor after being sent out of class, Sydney took him under his wing, mentored him and gave him the belief and confidence to be a success. Years later, Ian Wright and Sydney were reunited as part of a documentary, and this was the first time they had seen each other for over twenty years.

Sadly, Sydney Pigden passed away in 2017 at the age of 95. His legacy will always live on in the hearts and minds of our school community.

For our class, he serves as a great inspiration for our development as kind and responsible citizens.



Ian Wright class- Year 6

Wright class is named after Ian Wright, a former schoolboy at Turnham Primary School, who grew up in Brockley. Ian did not always thrive in school and despite being keen to learn, did find school tricky at times.

One day he was spotted outside a classroom in the corridor, after being sent out of a lesson, by the man who would change his life forever.....Head teacher, Mr Sydney Pigden

Mr Pigden took the seven-year-old under his wing and helped him with his reading and writing, whilst giving him a few football tips along the way – including teaching Ian the art of the side-foot finish. Ian Wright very much seen Sidney Pigden as his mentor, and idol. He guided him to make the right decisions and developed his passion for football. Ian became known in school for collecting the register and being the milk monitor, which made him feel important.

Wright went onto to be an international footballer gaining 33 caps for his country and scoring 9 times for the three lions. Wright got his big break at Crystal Palace, however it is at Arsenal where he went onto to become a club legend, and still has name sung on the terraces to this day. Wright is a well-regarded pundit these days and can often be seen on Match of The Day alongside his close pal Alan Shearer. The bond between Wright and Pigden was special, and this is part of the reason our Y6 classes are named after the pair.