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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very pleased to share that this year we will be celebrating a special day dedicated to *International Inspirations* on **Friday 22nd May**.

As part of this event, each year group will be researching a range of famous and significant individuals who have made important contributions within their work or to the wider world. These individuals come from diverse backgrounds and represent a wide range of achievements, providing our pupils with inspiring role models from across the globe.

As this is an event that is important to our whole school community, we would love to invite parents and carers to get involved. If you would be interested, you are welcome to share your knowledge of one of the selected individuals in a short presentation to the children. Alternatively, you may choose to present about an influential person who is inspirational to you.

Please note that, in order to support the organisation of the day, you may be asked to present to a class other than your child's, as each class will be researching different individuals.

Each year group will have a different continent as their focus. If you would like to share your own knowledge, enthusiasm or love for one of these people, please contact Mrs Humphreys via the school office.

The names of those being studied are as follows:

- Year R – Julia Donaldson (author)
  - Florence Nightingale (founder of modern nursing)
  - Isambard Brunel (engineer – designed bridges and tunnels)
  - Floella Benjamin (actress, singer, author, politician)
  - David Attenborough (natural historian and biologist)
  - Tim Peake (astronaut)
- Year 1 – Marie Curie (scientist and 1<sup>st</sup> woman to win Nobel prize)
  - Albert Einstein (Scientist)
  - Hans Christian Andersen (Author of many fairytales)
  - Pablo Picasso (artist)
  - Alfred Nobel (scientist)
  - Bjorn Borg (sportsman)
- Year 2 – Katherine Johnson (mathematician at NASA)
  - Rosa Parks (her actions led to the integration of public transport)
  - Barrack Obama (ex US president)
  - Thomas Eddison (inventor)

- Amelia Earhart (aviation pioneer)
- Jesse Owens (successful athlete in 1936 Olympics)
- Year 3 – Malala Yousafzai (education activist)
  - Tenzling Norgay (mountaineer)
  - Ibn Battuta (traveller and explorer)
  - Mahatma Gandhi (inspired civil rights movements)
  - Son Heung-Min (Korean Footballer)
  - Naomi Osaka (Japanese tennis player)
- Year 4 – Pele (Brazilian footballer)
  - Frida Kahlo (artist)
  - Garcia Marquez (writer and journalist)
  - Paulo Coelho (author)
  - Pablo Neruda (poet and Politician)
  - Zilda Arns (doctor)
- Year 5 – Nelson Mandela (led the anti-apartheid movement)
  - Wangari Maathai (environmentalist)
  - Kirsty Coventry (politician and former swimmer)
  - Vanessa Nakate (climate activist)
  - Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (World Trade Organisation)
  - Derartu Tulu (athlete)
- Year 6 – Cathy Freeman (athlete - first indigenous Australian to win gold)
  - Steve Irwin (zoo keeper and conservationist)
  - Sir Edmund Hillary (mountaineer and explorer)
  - Dylan Alcott (wheelchair tennis player)
  - Eddie Mabo (activist)
  - Ernest Rutherford (scientist)

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Your sincerely,

Mrs R Humphreys

Mrs P Dulay

Mrs N Silcox

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Pupil Voice Leader

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