

Diversity and Inclusion Newsletter January/February 2023

Hi Everyone,

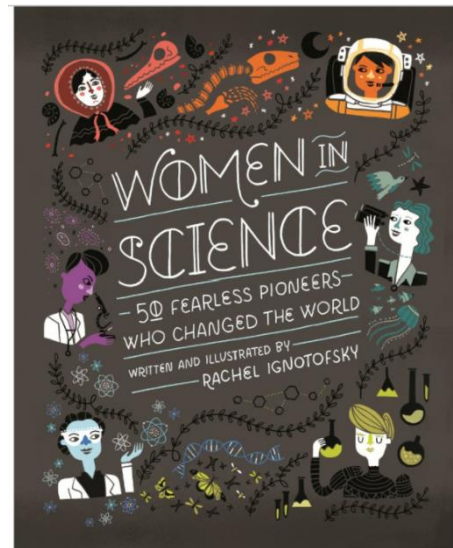
Welcome to the latest edition of the Diversity and Inclusion Newsletter. I hope you are all well and are enjoying the new year. I am very excited (which says a lot about me) to share with you the new Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Calendar for 2023 from Dual Frequency. Here you can find all the important dates which relate to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion for the rest of the year. It is also colour coded, the joy! It is currently saved in the V drive Curriculum folder and I will attach a copy to this email too.



After perusing the calendar I was made aware of some interesting dates for this half term, including World Braille day which happened on the 4th January. There is a great CBBC Newsround page [here](#) which gives a nice insight into Braille for children.

Wednesday 11th February is Girls and Women in Science Day so if you have time look through this [great women in stem website](#) or this [Royal Society page](#) which details influential women in science.

I love these two books for their short, informative biographies of pioneering women in science.



Finally, Lunar New Year occurs on 1st February this year. Also known as Spring Festival or Chinese New Year, this is traditionally a time for family get-togethers and reunions, food and loud celebrations.

The date of the Lunar New Year depends on the phase of the moon and varies from year to year. The New Year is celebrated in China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Tibet, Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, and places with large Chinese populations. Although the festival is celebrated differently in different countries, the themes of reunion and hope are central to the celebrations.



For Chinese people, Spring Festival lasts for 40 days and has many smaller festivals and rituals. The New Year itself lasts for seven days and on New Years Eve,

families traditionally celebrate with a large reunion dinner. Considered the year's most important meal, it is traditionally held in the house of the most senior family member.

This year will be the year of the Tiger. People born in this year are said to be friendly, brave, competitive, charming and endowed with good luck and authority (fantastic news for our staff who will soon be welcoming little Tigers into their families.)

If you would like to share information on Lunar New Year with your class, there are many resources online including [this one](#) on CBBC.

I hope you all have a great half term and a happy and prosperous Lunar New Year! Please let me know if you have any thoughts or feedback.

Hannah Dandolo x