



## SOUTH LONDON CARES

### #AllTogether October 2021: Weekly Activities

**Week 1** October marks **Black History Month** in the UK. The event was officially recognised by the US government in 1976, and first celebrated in the UK in 1987. People from African and Caribbean backgrounds have been a fundamental part of British history for centuries. However, campaigners believe their value and contribution to society is often overlooked, ignored or distorted. For example, most schools still teach a history curriculum which focuses on traditional events and the achievements of white figures. Black History Month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture. More recently, greater attention has been paid to the importance of the Windrush generation and the Black Lives Matter movement, especially since the death of George Floyd in May 2020.

**Task:** In the poem “History Lesson” by Natasha Trethewey, the author uses mood, symbolism and imagery to describe the racial segregation people of colour faced in the past compared to more recent times, where equality is improved and celebrated. Have a read through and think about what feelings it conjures up for you.

#### **History Lesson**

By Natasha Trethewey

I am four in this photograph, standing  
on a wide strip of Mississippi beach,  
my hands on the flowered hips  
of a bright bikini. My toes dig in,  
curl around wet sand. The sun cuts  
the rippling Gulf in flashes with each

tidal rush. Minnows dart at my feet  
glinting like switchblades. I am alone  
except for my grandmother, other side  
of the camera, telling me how to pose.  
It is 1970, two years after they opened  
the rest of this beach to us,

forty years since the photograph  
where she stood on a narrow plot  
of sand marked colored, smiling,  
her hands on the flowered hips  
of a cotton meal-sack dress.

*(You can also find a Black History Month crossword at the end of this pack)*

**Week 2** October 3rd marks **Oktoberfest**, a two week German beer festival. Oktoberfest draws millions of thirsty people to the main festival each year, while beer related celebrations are held across Germany and around the world during this time.

**Task:** Take the Oktoberfest Quiz to learn more about this festival!

1. In which city does the world-famous Oktoberfest take place?
2. In what year did the first Oktoberfest take place?
3. What did the first Oktoberfest celebrate?
4. What was the main attraction at the first Oktoberfest celebration?
5. Beer is served in a standard-sized mug called a "Maß". How much beer does it hold?
  - a) 250 millilitres
  - b) One litre
  - c) 2 litres

6. Approximately how many people visit Oktoberfest each year?
- a) 750,000 to 900,000
  - b) 2 to 2.1 million
  - c) 4 to 4.7 million
  - d) 6 to 7 million

*(Answers on the last page of activity pack)*

**Week 3** October 16th is **World Singing Day**. Each year on the 3rd Saturday in October, people all over the world gather in groups of all sizes to sing all kinds of songs and celebrate being together. Everyone, from shower singers to celebrities, can sing. And that includes you.

**Task:** Is there a song that you love singing to? What is it that you love about that song? See if you can find it and listen to it or if you know the words, give singing it a go whether that's to yourself at home or in front of family and friends or with them! Alternatively, ever wanted to join a choir? This could be the time!

**Week 4 Halloween** is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31st. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings and donning costumes.

**Task:** See how many words you can find in our Halloween word search included in this pack.

**Green Activity** October also marks **Unblocktober!** Unblocktober is the world's first month-long national campaign and awareness month to improve the health of our drains, sewers, watercourses and seas – driven completely by the British public. Launched in 2019, the first Unblocktober saw more than 4,500 Britons across the country pledge to change their kitchen and bathroom habits at home and at work. This rose to more than 14,500 in 2020.

**Task:** Making small changes to your habits and the way you dispose of certain everyday items can make a big difference to the environment. You can help support Unblocktober by paying attention to what you put down your drain this month: cooking oil, food (even crumbs), butter, lard and cooking sauce. You can also share your new, environmentally-friendly habits with friends!



# HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH



Find the words below.

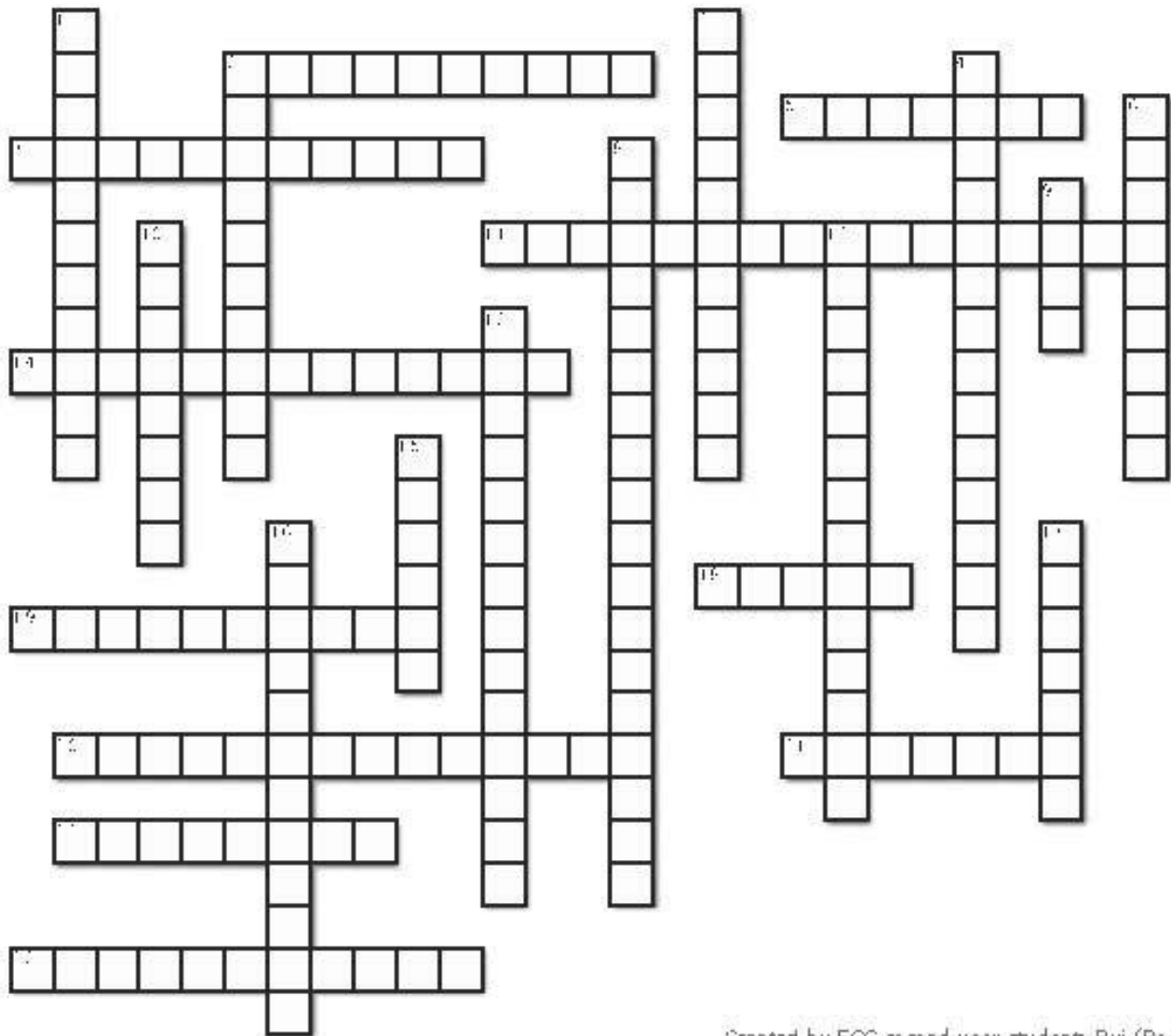
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SPIDER  
WITCH

APPLES  
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# Black History Month



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## Across

3. Hit single 'What's Goin' On'
5. 'Emancipation Proclamation'
7. 'I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings'
11. First African-American Supreme Court Justice
14. Conductor of the Underground Railroad
18. Famous Philanthropist with a talk show
19. This amendment abolished slavery
20. First African-American in MLB
21. Father of Black History
22. First black woman in Congress
23. First African-American elected to the US Senate

## Down

1. First African-American President in U.S. history
2. First African-American world heavyweight boxing champion
3. Bus Boycott location
4. Musician nicknamed 'Satchmo'
6. Founder of Famous Amos cookies
8. 'I Have a Dream' Speech
9. Musical form born out of the blues
10. Black History Month
12. The 'King of Pop'
13. First African-American to win an Academy Award
15. First black recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize
16. Singer/songwriter of 'Isn't She Lovely'
17. First state to abolish slavery

## **Crossword Answers:**

### **Across**

- 3. Marvin Gaye**
- 5. Lincoln**
- 7. Mayaangelou**
- 11. Thurgood Marshall**
- 14. Harriet Tubman**
- 18. Oprah**
- 19. Thirteenth**
- 20. Jackie Robinson**
- 21. Woodson**
- 22. Chisholm**
- 23. Hiram Revels**

### **Down**

- 1. Barack Obama**
- 2. Jack Johnson**
- 3. Montgomery**
- 4. Louis Armstrong**
- 6. Wally Amos**
- 8. Martin Luther King**
- 9. Jazz**
- 10. February**
- 12. Michael Jackson**
- 13. Hattie McDaniel**
- 15. Bunche**
- 16. Stevie Wonder**
- 17. Vermont**

## **Oktoberfest quiz answers:**

1. Munich
2. 1810
3. The marriage of Bavarian Prince Ludwig I and Princess Therese
4. A horse race to commemorate the marriage
5. One litre
6. 6 to 7 million