

**Message from Mr Silcock:** Hi Year 7. Time sure is flying by. Here we are in the second week of June. Some of you may have younger brothers and sisters who started back at their primary schools last week. Slowly but surely, we are starting to see things return to normal, which I hope some of you will find reassuring. I have been into school this week. I know that Mr Walkden is working really hard behind the scenes to make sure the school is as safe as can be for when you return.

Thank you to all of you who have been in touch this week, I really love hearing from you all. Don't forget about the challenge I set you last. You still have until 3pm on Monday 15th June to get your letters in giving your advice to our Year 6 pupils who will be joining us in the new school year. Remember, the tutor group with the most completed letters will win a prize when we return to school. Email you finished letters to you form tutor.

**Want to say thanks?** Want to nominate someone, or say thanks for going above and beyond? Send the details to [communitychamps@eccoschool.com](mailto:communitychamps@eccoschool.com)

**Black Lives Matter:** There has been lots of media attention to the very sad death of an African American man named George Floyd. The passing of Mr Floyd has sparked protests all over the world. Please take some time to look to the slides 3 to 11 of this bulletin which will explain to you the reasons behind the protests and what we as a community in Sheffield can do to help.

**Word of the Week:**

**Corroborate** – To support or help prove a statement or theory by providing information or evidence.

Y7 Shout Out – A huge shout out to Kacii P. Every week, she has been in contact with us at school telling us about all of the amazing and varied things she has been up to during the week. Whether it be learning a new skill, or doing kind things for other people. She is a great role model and always demonstrates our Ecco Values.

# Do You Remember.....?

**Do you remember this time last year?** You would have been thinking about leaving your old primary school after 6 years! Some of you will have felt excited, happy and really looking forward to the next stage of your journey in education.

Others will have felt worried about the uncertainty of what secondary school had to offer you.

## Well, Year 6 need your help!

### Your Challenge.....

We would like you to write a letter to the current Year 6 pupils from the local primary schools in our community. You can give them some advice on how to prepare, what to look out for. Your advice can be about any aspect of Ecco life. Like "Make sure you try the chicken and mayo burgers in the canteen" to "I always use the stairs as at the end of the Science as they are much quieter".

**Deadline is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 3:00pm**

### When you have finished.....

**Send you completed letter to your form tutor via email, who will keep them safe and send them to the Year 6 students who will be starting with us in September.** The form with the most entries will **win a reward** from Mr Silcock when we get back to school. Remember, use the writing frame and set your advice out in standard letter format.

**Good luck!**





## **Remote Learning Objectives:**

- To understand the Black Lives Matter movement
- To interpret the global response to the movement
  - To spark and initiate change

Before you start, make sure you have:

- A piece of paper.
- A pen.
- Headphones/speakers.
- And most importantly, an open mind.

# Listen to this song -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPOxEo7NtpQ>

Write a personal response to this song.

Consider how the lyrics highlighted below make you feel. What are your thoughts? What are your views?

“Black children, their childhood stolen from them.”

“Robbed of our names and our language.”

“These are the things we gotta discuss.”

“The colour of my skin they comparing it to sin.”

“All men and women were created equal. Including Black Americans.”



# 8 Minutes 45 Seconds

Recently, America has seen huge riots following the death of George Floyd, 46.

He died after being arrested by police outside a shop in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Footage of the arrest on 25th May shows a white police officer, Derek Chauvin, kneeling on Mr Floyd's neck while he was pinned to the floor.

"I can't breathe," Mr Floyd said repeatedly, pleading for his mother and begging "please, please, please".

For eight minutes and 45 seconds, Mr Chauvin kept his knee on Mr Floyd's neck.

- **It began with a report of a fake \$20 (£16.20) bill.**
- **Allegedly, Mr Floyd used this note to purchase a pack of cigarettes**
- **Believing the \$20 bill he used to be counterfeit, a store employee reported it to police.**
- **30 minutes later, Mr Floyd died.**

**How do you feel now? Jot your ideas down underneath your personal response.**

THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD

# RAGE AND RAMPAGE

**PROTEST:** Violence follows peaceful rallies in Phila.; curfew set.

**DESTRUCTION:** Stores are looted and police cars set aflame.

**NATION:** From coast to coast, dramatic scenes of upheaval.



## CHICAGO SUN-TIMES

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020 | \$3 CITY/BURBS \$4 ELSEWHERE | LATE SPORTS FINAL

A Chicago Police SUV is set on fire during violent protests Saturday.

**SUN-TIMES SPECIAL REPORT**

# BURNING RAGE

Chicago goes under curfew as protest over Minneapolis police killing turns violent and looting ensues

COVERAGE, PAGES 8-11

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SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020

Mostly Sunny High 67 Low 44

# The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Credible. Compelling. Complete.

AJC TOP LOCAL STORY CIVIL UNREST

# ANGER, HEARTBREAK

Officials caught 'off balance' by violent demonstrators. Mayor hailed for response but leads a divided city. After night of destruction, residents pitch in to clean up.



How do you feel reading these front pages and headlines? Jot your ideas down ...

Are you confused? Are you sad? Are you angry? Are you frustrated? Explore why you might be having this emotional response.

Protesters march across the Sixth Street bridge Friday during the "I Can't Breathe" March for George Floyd in Waterloo.

# Cooler heads prevail

Cedar Valley peacefully protests death of George Floyd

**THE MARCH**  
WATERLOO — A thousand people marched through downtown Waterloo on Friday protesting the death of yet another Black American at the hands of a police officer.

**INSIDE**

- Photographs from violent protests across the country.
- Peaceful rally turns into a riot in downtown Des Moines.
- Protesters set police cars ablaze, smash windows and smash with police in street fights from Atlanta to Los Angeles.

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They carried signs demanding justice for George Floyd, who died on Memorial Day as a Minneapolis police officer held him down with a knee on his neck for nearly nine minutes during an arrest.

Demonstrators chanted "black lives matter." "I can't breathe" and "no justice, no peace" as they marched from Veterans Memorial Hall, across the Sixth Street bridge, past the Black Hawk County Jail, courthouse and City Hall before gathering in Lincoln Park.

And they listened quietly and even applauded as Incoming Waterloo Police Chief Joel Fitzgerald vowed he would demand accountability from his officers.

"It is beautiful that you have right here," Fitzgerald told the diverse crowd. "You have a cross-cultural group of people from every walk of life walking in solidarity about what they will not tolerate as members of this community."

"We have to live up to that responsibility," he added. "And I pledge to you that we will be as accountable as we can to this community."

Please see **WARREN, Page A4**

# Why might this still be a problem?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9sw4LbYLcQ>

Martin Luther King Jr clearly expresses here, in 1967, the issues which we still face today. What are your thoughts on this? How do you feel? Jot your ideas down ...



# What can I do?

Take it all in and truly absorb the information and situation that is around you.

Remember, George Floyd may have been thousands of miles away. But unfortunately, racism is all around us - here in the UK as well.

Take a stand. Change begins with you; these institutions are made up of people. Us. We are the institutions.

This is everybody's problem; reach out to those who you think are marginalised. Call out racism. Sign petitions. Write to leaders. Donate.

**Above all else: TALK ABOUT IT. Take that piece of paper that you have been collating your thoughts on, and share your own views and responses with someone today.**

## Additional resources for your own empowerment:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwvC6GFmZp8> - This video clearly explains what Blackout Tuesday is all about, including who is taking part and why.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52813673> - this article explains what exactly happened to George Floyd and why it has sparked protests.

<https://blacklivesmatter.com/> - explains exactly what the Black Lives Matter movement is and how everyone is involved.

Additional creative ideas to ensure your voice is heard:

- Write a speech documenting your own views on this situation - share this.
- Write to a political or leading figure outlining what change you'd like to see.
- Write a poem to share with your friends and teachers.