

People alone are the motive force in the making of world history

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The problem is that white people see racism as conscious hate, when racism is bigger than that. Racism is a complex system of social and political levers and pulleys set up generations ago to continue working on the behalf of whites at other people's expense, whether whites know/like it or not. Racism is an insidious cultural disease. It is so insidious that it doesn't care if you are a white person who likes black people; it's still going to find a way to infect how you deal with people who don't look like you. Yes, racism looks like hate, but hate is just one manifestation. Privilege is another. Access is another. Ignorance is another. Apathy is another. And so on. So while I agree with people who say no one is born racist, it remains a powerful system that we're immediately born into. It's like being born into air: you take it in as soon as you breathe. It's not a cold that you can get over. There is no anti-racist certification class. It's a set of socioeconomic traps and cultural values that are fired up every time we interact with the world. It is a thing you have to keep scooping out of the boat of your life to keep from drowning in it. I know it's hard work, but it's the price you pay for owning everything.

— SCOTT WOODS

Black Lives Matter

Have you put a Black Lives Matter poster in your window alongside your rainbows? We'd LOVE to see photos! Perhaps some of you have made one?

There are some fantastic resources, book recommendations, and charities to donate to - being shared across the globe. We are looking to put together a resource pack to be able to share with you.

THIS IS A CRUCIAL TIME OF CHANGE. Let's put all our St Lawrence Love into being a part of it.

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If you could create a new force, what would it be and what would it do?

Key Stage 1 Winning Answer by Michael in Red Circles
The force of love, so that everyone can love what they have.

Winning Key Stage 2 Answer by Sophia in Year 5
I would make a force of kindness. It would spread kindness which would help generate other good feelings eventually helping to make the world a better place.

Headteacher Awards

Finn in Foundation Stage;
Billy, Ivy, Stanley, Tilly, Lacey,
Isaac and Olive in Year 1;
Daisy, Evie and George in Year 2;
Cecily, Johnny, Ellie-Mae, Cameron, Kenzie and Harrison in Year 5;
Charlie, Keegan, Miriam, Esme, Marshall, Kaitlyn, Jessie, Hayden, Elliot, Cassie, Katie, Stanley, Amelia, Alex, Oscar, Dominik and Ollie in Year 6

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CELEBRATING EACH OTHER, AND THE JOURNEY WE ARE ON

We are who we are

We are who we are and there is no need to laugh
We all matter, no matter what
We may look different but we are all the same
Don't look at the outside, think of the inside
Have a good heart and believe in yourself
We stand with you- together
No matter your race we should all feel safe
We are all responsible for making black lives matter
Don't judge people by their skin, look at what is within
Don't judge, we are all the same- just love
Have a good heart and play your part
Speak up, black lives do matter- we are all human

Written by House 6

Black Lives Matter

What is happening with the World?

We can't help our culture or our race, but in the end we
are all equal humans

Everyone should be equal

I feel embarrassed – everyone's life matters;
People should be treated all the same, as we are equal

Help us to educate the people who believe in inequality
and make them understand that we should not
discriminate because of someone's colour

I feel heartbroken, lives matter

Racism is not okay. We are all equal and we are all
humans. Differences do not stop people from being
human

All people must stand tall to fight for what is right.

Racism should not be a thing

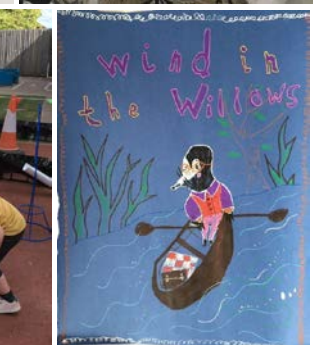
Racism and violent protests are not good

Black lives matter, no more racism!

Written by House 5

The Force has been with you!

You GUYS! What a week! We're loving it here,
we're loving your home photos, and we're
amazed at all your energy! You are a FORCE
to be reckoned with.



A Flexible Approach

As you may know, the government have relaxed their ambition to get all children back into Primary Schools before the end of term. They have however given schools flexibility at a local level to potentially open up to other year groups. Many schools will not have the capacity to increase their numbers; but we're nothing if not imaginative, ambitious, and excited to see as many of you as possible! We're extremely proud that the uptake at St Lawrence has been extraordinarily high. Please bear with us as we now look at exactly what we can offer to who. Thank you!