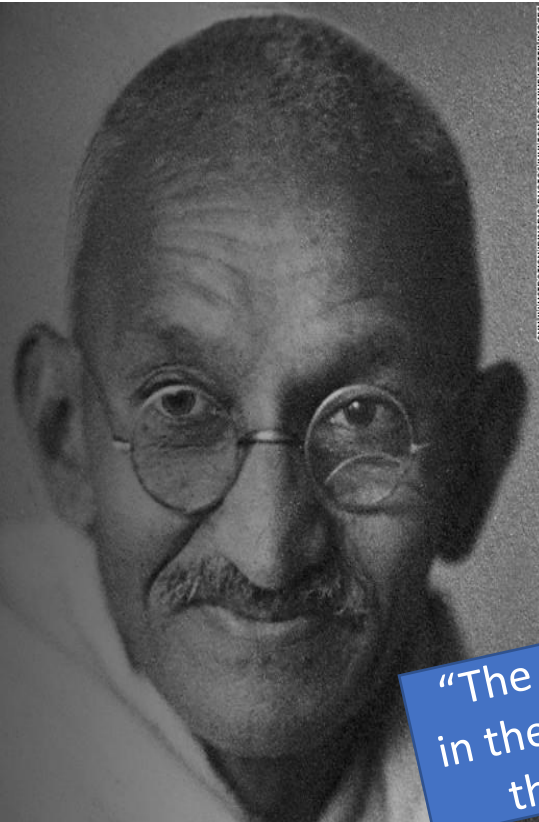


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I remain an optimist. Not that there is any evidence that I can give that right is going to prosper, but because of my unflinching faith that right must prosper in the end.

Mahatma Gandhi

'Harijan' newspaper, December 10, 1938



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“The fight against racism begins in the minds of men and women, through quality education”

**IT IS NOT
ENOUGH
TO BE QUIETLY
NON-RACIST,
NOW IS THE TIME TO BE
VOCALLY
ANTI-RACIST.**

5th June 2020



This week's focus

There is only one thing we can possibly talk about this week.

You must have been sleeping not be aware of the protests that have been raging for the last 9 days in America and around the world over the barbaric death of unarmed African American, George Floyd, at the hands of the police on the 25th May 2020

This week we are looking at:

Article 2: Your right to non-discrimination

Article 17: Your right to access information



UN Human Rights
@UNHumanRights



The grievances at the heart of the protests that have erupted in hundreds of US cities need to be heard and addressed if the country is to move on from its tragic history of racism & violence – @mbachelet.

Learn more: ow.ly/ivgQ50zXSDP
#FightRacism#StandUp4HumanRights

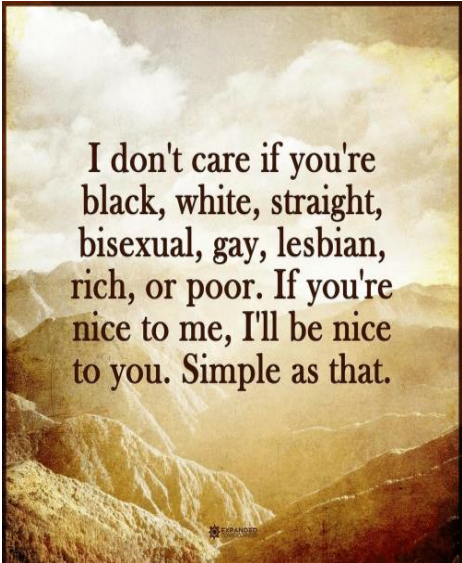


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RIGHTS
RESPECTING
SCHOOLS

This session is really important guys. Make sure you actually take the time to watch and read.



I don't care if you're black, white, straight, bisexual, gay, lesbian, rich, or poor. If you're nice to me, I'll be nice to you. Simple as that.

Terms you need to understand

- **Prejudice**= an unfavorable opinion or feeling formed beforehand or without knowledge, thought, or reason.
- **Racism**= a belief that inherent differences among the various human racial groups determine cultural or individual achievement, usually involving the idea that one's own race is superior and has the right to dominate others or that a particular racial group is inferior to the others.
- **Discrimination**= the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people, especially on the grounds of race, age, or sex.

What's the current situation?

- **Protests first erupted on 25 May, after video footage went viral on social media of a white police officer in the city of Minneapolis kneeling on the neck of 46-year-old African American George Floyd, for more than eight minutes, causing his death while in police custody.**
- **Over the past week, tens of thousands of demonstrators** have since taken to the streets of more than 300 US cities, as well as other large urban centres around the world, to take part in **mostly peaceful protesting** calling for **racial justice**, but often chaotic streets have also borne witness to looting, bloodshed and violent policing tactics.
- News reports have revealed unnecessary and disproportionate use of force by law enforcement officers. Tear gas, rubber bullets and pepper balls have been fired at peaceful demonstrators and journalists, even in some instances, when they were clearly retreating.
- With injuries and deaths sustained by both protesters and police alike, the High Commissioner of Human Rights, Michele Bachelet, repeated her calls to **demonstrators to peacefully express their demands for justice, and for the police to “take the utmost care not to enflame the situation”.**
- **“Violence, looting and the destruction of property and neighbourhoods won’t solve the problem of police brutality and entrenched discrimination”.**
- Ms. Bachelet also voiced concern over statements that have labelled protesters as terrorists or delegitimize peaceful demonstrating, saying, “there can be no doubt as to what or who is ‘behind’ these protests”.
- **She pointed to the “thousands upon thousands of peaceful protesters” as well as police officers and National Guard troops, who have responded without resorting to violence, and exercised restraint.**

Why are people protesting?

PAUSE THE SHOW.

USE YOUR VOICE.

BLACK OUT TUESDAY
JUNE 2, 2020

- **Tragically, the death of an unarmed African American man at the hands of the police is not an isolated incident.**
- **It has sparked fury, outrage and condemnation around the world of the systematic and sustained abuse and prejudice that many BAME people face on a daily basis.**
- This shocking event has seen people rise up against racism in countries all around the world.
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-us-canada-52883494/george-floyd-death-this-is-why-we-are-protesting>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-us->
- It has seen #blacklivesmatter go viral.
- It has inspired #blackouttuesday where people turned their social media profiles black in support of the sustained prejudice that BAME people face, not just in America, but across the world.
- **No human being should be subjected to discrimination based on their skin colour.**
- Claro Amfo, Radio 1 DJ, spoke passionately and emotionally on Tuesday about how this event has affected her.
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-52890690>



The response in the UK

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-52871690/george-floyd-death-how-black-british-people-are-reacting>

Next week

- There is so much to say about this and not enough time. We will be covering this topic again next week.
- Talking about racism is hard but it's imperative that we face up to the ugliness in our societies and ensure that we build a future where **all** people are treated with dignity and respect regardless of their ethnicity.
- #blacklivesmatter
- #rightsrespectingschool

the only thing
necessary for the
triumph of evil
is for good people to do
NOTHING.
- edmund burke



*No one is born hating another person
because of the color of his skin,
or his background, or his religion.
People must learn to hate,
and if they can learn to hate,
they can be taught to love,
for love comes more naturally
to the human heart than its opposite.*

Nelson Mandela

