

Black History: Frank Bailey by Panda Class

We found out that there was a famous fireman in black history.

His name was Frank Bailey.



Frank Bailey was born in Guyana.



He came to England in 1953 as a political activist.

Frank showed an interest in becoming a fireman but he was told that 'black people' were not employed by the fire service.

We thought a lot about if that would happen now or not. What do you think?



He wanted to challenge this and applied for the West Ham Fire Brigade which he joined in 1955. He served at Silvertown Fire Station. Frank Bailey was the first full time black firefighter in England. Here is his picture!

Panda Class said they would be proud of Frank and he was a good man to work for the fire brigade. Many Pandas said they would like to be firemen like Frank who had inspired them!



Frank died on 2nd December 2015. Many firefighters went to his funeral and honoured him as they felt he had played an ENORMOUS part in the history of black firefighters in England.

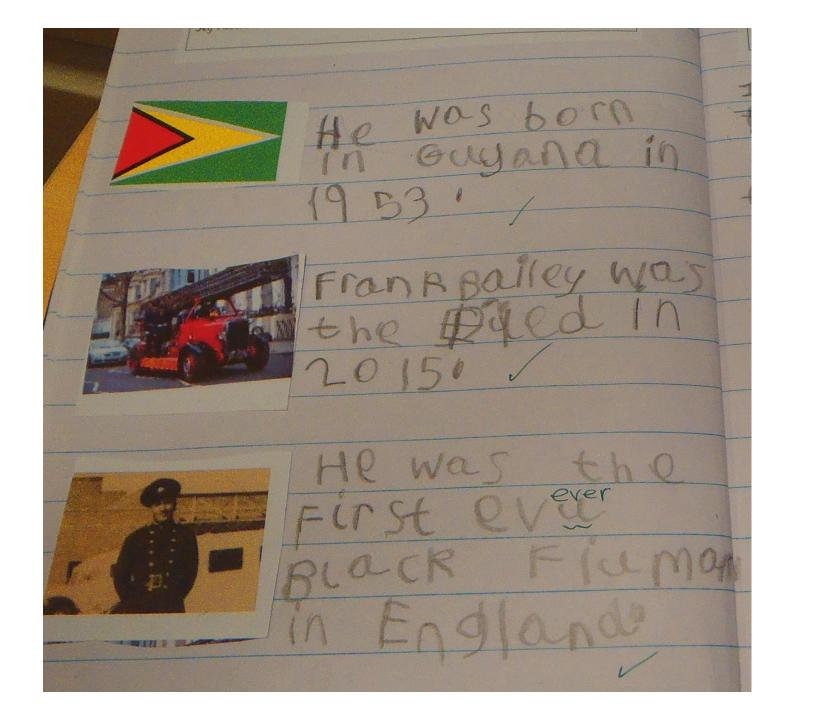
His legacy lives on, as today England strives to make the London Fire Brigade reflect the diverse community it serves!

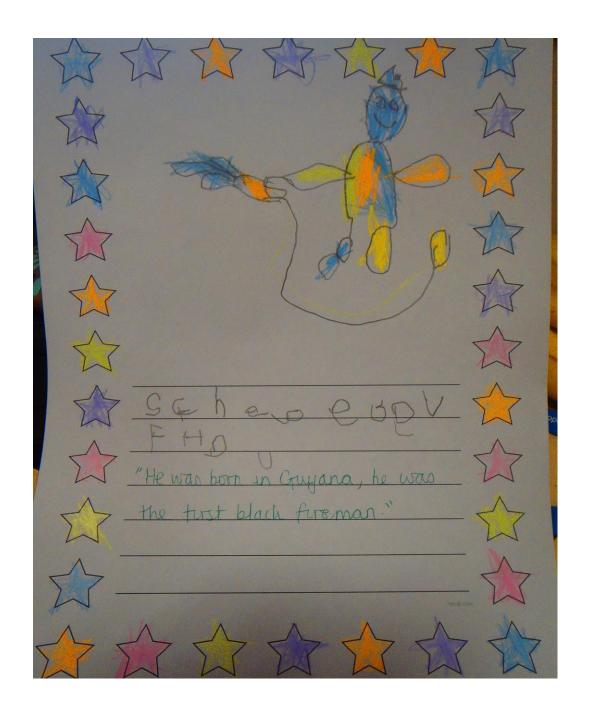
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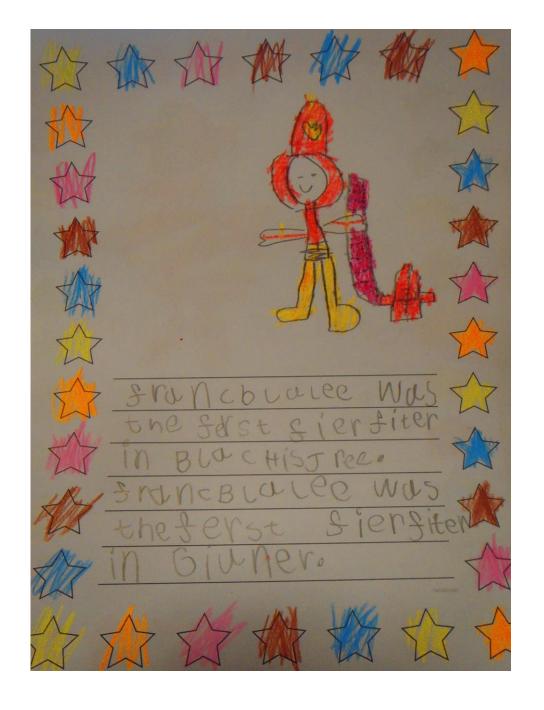
Panda Class thank you, Frank!



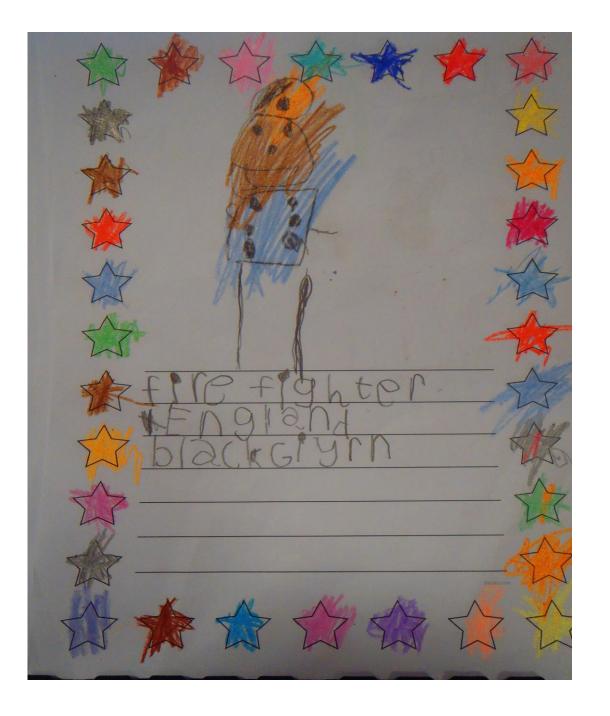
We loved learning about Frank Bailey!



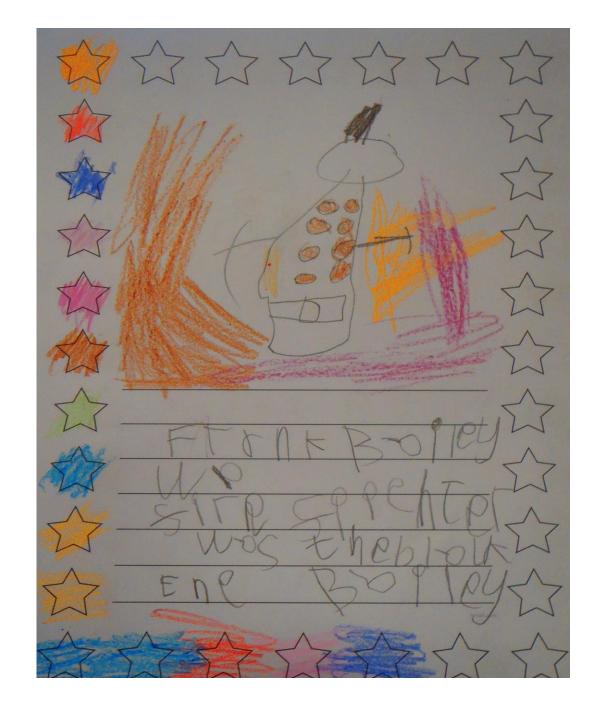


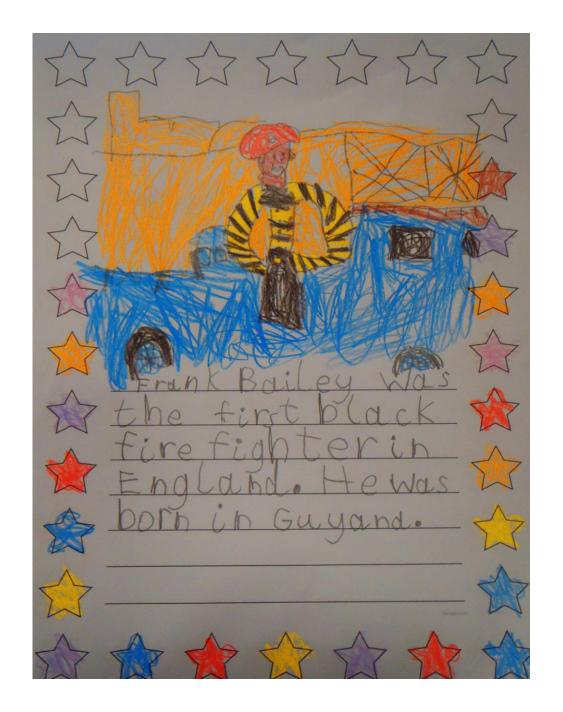


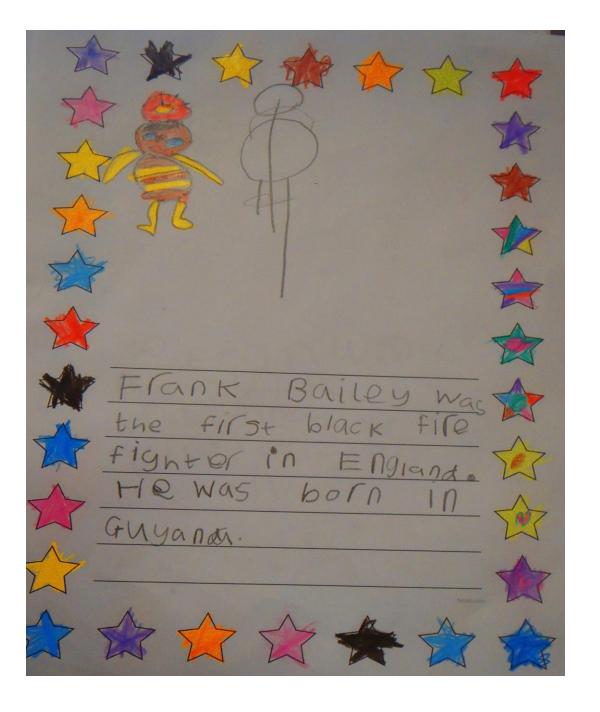












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