



Belleville Wix Academy

October 2023 – Black History Month

BWA invited the carnival to school this month to celebrate and learn more about Black History Month! Bigfoot performers visited our school to deliver workshops to every class, with the children responding brilliantly and getting very involved in the learning.

The children were introduced to the Zulu concept of 'ubuntu', meaning showing humanity to others, and learnt about how we can all help others in their struggles by standing together. Some lucky children even got to visualise this by taking part in the story of the Hummingbird and the Panther, acting as friendly feathered birds helping a frustrated panther to see the light.

The brilliant Bigfoot performers then spoke to pupils about important figures in black history, both past and present, such as Dora Milaje and Marcus Rashford. The children then learnt about the Ghanaian word 'sankofa', meaning that to look forward we must first look back, and explored how this relates to the struggles and achievements in black history.

To finish their workshops, BWA students were given carnival gear and props and practised their best carnival moves before all celebrating together in one final carnival dance!



"I loved it when the hummingbird was flying and looking for her colour." Sophia, Y3.



"I liked dancing and being part of the carnival." Filippo, Y1.



"I found it really inspirational learning about famous figures and how they never stopped trying to get to where they are now." Riccardo, Y5.

