



During October we were busy celebrating Black History Month. Of course, Black History is studied all through the year but it is great to have the opportunity to take the time to appreciate it and highlight the great contribution that people from our black communities have made in the world and in creating the Britain we live in today.

The children enjoyed some special assemblies, which explored diverse topics such as the Bristol Bus Boycott, which was inspired by Rosa Parks in USA and Jabali in Year 3 was one of the children who really enjoyed taking part in running this assembly. It is an inspiring story of how standing up for human rights can make a profound difference. Other assemblies helped the children to learn more about The Windrush Generation and this was Rosie in Year 5's favourite assembly; she said that, 'It is amazing to think that people came from overseas to start a whole new life in Britain.'

In the assemblies our children also learned about the history of the fabulous Notting Hill Carnival, which is the second largest carnival in the world! Anna Meduke's assembly was a real highlight, when she spoke to the children about her life in Norfolk with story telling and singing from her home culture.

The children in our school's Cultural Society organized a special quiz where classes had to learn many facts about Black History. Our children always relish



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these quizzes and get very excited and competitive! This year, we even hosted this for several other schools across Norfolk!

During Black History Month each year group focused on a specific area. In Year 3 the children learned about impressive athletes such as Denise Lewis. In Year 4 the focus was on scientists while in Year 5 children learned about cultural figures such as Malorie Blackman and Benjamin Zephaniah.



Year 6 studied movers and shakers, including the hugely influential Dr Martin Luther King Jr and Walter Tull, the first Black Army Officer from WW1.

For Aarush, in Year 5, Black History Month made him feel 'Calm because we learn about people who protested for equal rights in Africa and Europe.'

Here is a flavour of the lovely work produced by our children.

