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To whom it may concern

### INDIGENOUS PEOPLE - AFRICAN DRUMMING and DANCE WORKSHOPS

We were looking for an arts organisation who could provide some African performance workshops for our children and came across this fantastic group called Indigenous People. Music is a high priority in our school and children already have a great deal of first hand experience with percussion instruments. We wanted children to experience drumming being performed by a group of expert drummers but also to be able to have workshops for some hands-on action.

We had a whole day with this group in October 2013 during Black History Month. They worked with all Year 1 and Year 2 children. As our children are very young drumming could potentially be quite overwhelming. However, the group managed this aspect very well and the experience was very moving and creative for the children. They were rapt and in awe.

Indigenous People performed to both year groups together (240 children) and then took each class in turn for 30 minute workshops. The children learned about a traditional performance art form from another culture, linked drumming to dance expressively and had a whale of a time. The fact that it was African drumming as opposed to any other sort of drumming gave the day an additional dimension and made it extra special.

The whole day was a fabulous success and I would wholeheartedly recommend this group to other schools.

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