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Dear Mrs. Yvette Fox

Victor Richards's workshop on 21st May 2009

Thank you for the opportunity to have such a wonderful experience, enjoyed by pupils and staff alike.

The pre-workshop material was a really good idea that was quite enlightening. Victor had an immediate impact on children, his calm yet powerful voice entranced them.

The children responded enthusiastically to the impact of Victor's introductory poem. This caused a great deal of discussion – we have re-read parts of the poem in class – from the poetry book purchased on the day.

Working in mixed ability groups on the drama pieces provided an opportunity for the children to work co-operatively and listen carefully to each other's ideas. Victor worked with each group offering hints and tips on ways to improve their performance. The fact that Victor had no previous knowledge of the children did not cause any problems as he empathised very quickly with individuals and groups.

The end products were very good – the children performed their pieces for 70 children at the end of the day. This was followed by two groups performing for the parent's assembly the next day. The feedback from this was really positive. (I think they struck a chord with many parents!)

Overall this was an excellent day, certainly value for money. The only thing we would have liked was more time. The children wanted to know more about Victor, time to ask him questions about his life and work. Also, more information about the Windrush and the history surrounding it.

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