

# WELCOME!

## CELEBRATE THE WELCOME SHOWN TO REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN THE UK

REFUGEE WEEK: MONDAY 17th  
- SUNDAY 23rd JUNE 2019

Bigfoot are proud to be supporting 'Refugee Week' and celebrating their 'Simple Acts' campaign in order to inspire communities to continue to welcome new arrivals in the weeks, months and years to come.

The 'refugee crisis' over the last few years has seen incredible acts of welcome by communities and individuals across the UK and Europe.

We can continue to show welcome through simple acts for years to come.

Join Bigfoot to explore, through a variety of drama exercises, what the word 'refugee' means, how refugees positively contribute to our society, and how important it is to empathise with those who seek refuge in our country.

BIGFOOT'S 'THINK SIMPLE, ACT BIG!' PROGRAMME AIMS TO:

- Introduce the Simple Acts Campaign
- Empower young people to be pro-active by taking part in the Simple Acts Campaign
- Educate young people about the term 'refugee'
- Celebrate the amazing contributions refugees have made to life in the UK, as well as our school and local communities
- Improve cultural relations within schools through an understanding of why a person may seek asylum
- To accept and respect each other's differences
- To learn to empathise with others



## PROGRAMME FORMAT

The day begins with an introductory **25** minute assembly during which young people are encouraged to empathise with a variety of characters and their experiences of what it means to have refugee status. Students will also explore the most effective responses there are to dealing with negative behaviour towards the term 'refugee', whilst celebrating the contribution refugees have made to our society throughout history.

Characters include:

- A young child who, during last year's refugee week, realised the knowledge and opinions they have about refugees were incorrect, and so learns basic information about why people need to seek asylum, the 1951 Convention and what the words 'asylum seeker' and 'refugee' mean.
- The best friend of a refugee who is facing possible deportation, and who learns that refugee status is only for five years, as well as discovering that people who have sought refuge in the UK for the past 60 years have made huge contributions to our society
- A happy and successful adult who came to England as a refugee when they were a child and who talks proudly about heritage, culture and plans for the future, whilst looking at the label of 'refugee' and the difficulties they first faced when arriving in this country.

Following the introductory assembly, selected classes will participate in more specific sessions in order to further understand what empathy is and how this relates to refugees, along with how empathy can be tangibly realised through the 'Simple Acts Campaign'. Students will be encouraged to embrace the campaign in order to not only feel empowered to deliver simple acts, but also to celebrate the existence of refugees in our school, local and wider communities.

A maximum of four workshops can take place over the course of one day

## THE RESOURCE PACK

The Programme is accompanied by a resource pack, which includes detailed plans of the sessions, allowing teachers to adapt the techniques for future work. Information sheets, worksheets and pre & post workshop ideas are also included, making the programme completely sustainable.



SIMPLE ACTS

## REQUIREMENTS

Please note that the workshops are strictly designed for a maximum of 30 students (excluding the introductory assembly) A member of staff must be present during all sessions Please note that workshops are a minimum of one hour in length, although wherever possible we will tailor make the format to accommodate your specific needs.



*Bigfoot will donate £10 to 'Refugee Week' for every 'Think Simple, Act BIG!' booking made in order to help raise awareness and celebrate the contribution of refugees in the UK*



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