

# Black History Month 2023

## Celebrating Our Sisters



Black History Month is a time set aside each year to celebrate the achievements of Black people in the past and today. In the UK, it takes place in October and in America, it is in February. Throughout history, people have been treated differently purely because of their race. In 2023, the theme of Black History Month is Celebrating Our Sisters. This is because the accomplishments of Black women have often not been given the credit and recognition they deserve.

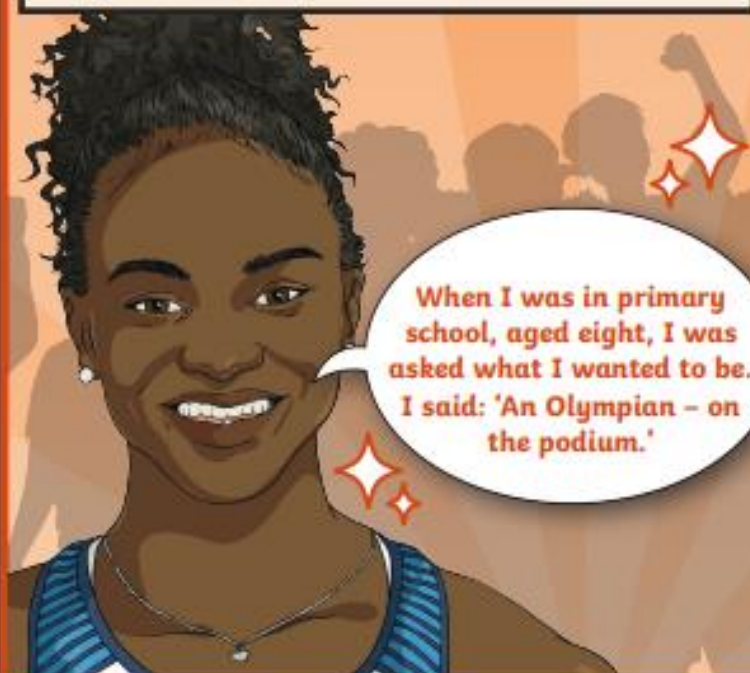
### Sharon White OBE



True leadership is when you can help others be at their best.

Sharon has firmly stamped her name on the world of business through several important roles. As the leader of a group that monitors radio and television programmes and in her current role managing the John Lewis Partnership, she has shown her skills and determination to achieve the highest standards.

## Dina Asher-Smith



When I was in primary school, aged eight, I was asked what I wanted to be. I said: 'An Olympian – on the podium.'

Dina is the fastest British woman in history. She is an exceptional athlete and a role model for young women on and off the track. Dina currently holds many sporting records, including the 100m (10.83 secs), 200m (21.88 secs) and 4x100m relay (41.77 secs). Dina spends lots of time encouraging young women to follow their sporting dreams.

## Dr Anne-Marie Imafidon MBE

Anne-Marie excelled at school from an incredibly young age. She became the youngest person to pass an A-level in Computing at the tender age of 11. Continuing her studies, she went on to receive a master's degree in Mathematics and Computer Science from the University of Oxford, aged only 20 years old.

Anne-Marie founded the Stemettes in 2013 because she was worried about the lack of young women training for jobs STEM, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The Stemettes mission is to ensure every young woman knows her potential in the fields of science and innovation.

I quickly realised that the only way to address the lack of women in STEM was to inspire the next generation.



**Disclaimer:** All facts and statistics correct as of September 2023.



## Questions

1. Which shop is significant to Sharon White? Tick one.

- ☐ Tesco
- ☐ John Lewis Partnership
- ☐ Home Bargains
- ☐ Smyths Toys

2. When is Black History Month in America? Tick one.

- ☐ January
- ☐ October
- ☐ February
- ☐ September

3. Draw **four** lines and match each name to the correct description.

Sharon White

Celebrating Our Sisters

Dr Anne-Marie Imafidon

Dina Asher-Smith

the Black History Month theme 2023

the leader of John Lewis

fastest woman in British history

founder of the Stemettes

4. Underline one word in the quotation below that means the same as 'outstanding'.

*She is an exceptional athlete and a role model for young women on and off the track.*

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5. Look at the section about **Dr Anne-Marie Imafidon**.  
Find and copy a word which tells you that she did very well at school.

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6. What is the women's 100m sprint record?

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7. Why do you think Dr Anne-Marie Imafidon decided to set up the Stemettes?

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