



Belleville Wix Academy

Year 4- Meet a dentist



During Black History Month, Year 4 looked at an influential black artist called Lois Mailou Jones. We spent some time looking at the work of Lois, wrote a class-biography and used wax crayon to create a piece of art in the style of Lois Mailou Jones. These are some examples of the children's art and the biography we wrote.



Lois Mailou Jones

Lois Mailou Jones was born in Boston, USA in 1905. She showed an early interest in art, creating drawings and story books, however she was judged because of the colour of her skin. She attended school at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and graduated with honours receiving a master's degree in textile design. Before she started teaching, Jones sold her bold designs to department stores and manufacturers. However, she quickly realised she would never be recognised as the artist so she focused on her career as a fine artist. Lois then began teaching art at Howard University, Washington D.C. She communicated her passion and discipline to 2500 students over 47 years. In 1937, Jones moved to Paris and began painting street scenes, still lifes and portraits in an impressionist style however when she returned to America Jones incorporated African heritage and the American Black experience into her art. Lois Mailou Jones died in 1998 at the age of 92.

