

Passport Day



On Tuesday 1st of March, Rokeby students had the first Passport Day of the year. All of KS3 were given the opportunity to visit a variety of places of interest and take part in a range of activities; Outdoors in the city, Tower Bridge and HMS Belfast, The Imperial War Museum, Greenwich Maritime museum, horse riding, kayaking to name just a few. The day was full of excitement and it was also educationally worthwhile with the boys having an enjoyable day. Harnak Singh in 9K said, *“Outdoors in the city was a great experience that boosted everyone’s confidence. It certainly boosted my confidence as I was able to come out of my comfort zone”*. Zain Ali in 7E said, *“Tower Bridge and HMS Belfast were amazing. I liked the glass floor in Tower Bridge, it felt like I was walking on air. HMS Belfast was very interesting as we’ve learnt about the weapons they used in the World War 2 in History lessons”*.

Author visits to give a talk and sign student copies of her book



To celebrate World Book Day every member of the school community received a copy of Michelle Paver’s ‘Wolf Brother’. The first book in the Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series. We were very lucky to have Michelle visit and give a talk to year 8 and 9 on how she was inspired to write this series of books. She told the students about the skills required to survive in the wilderness and explained about ‘wolf talk’ and how humans can communicate with animals. On completion of the talk Michelle took questions from the audience and signed students’ copies of her book. Michelle had lunch with the student librarians and was given a tour of the Ian Richardson Library. Michelle pictured left with Ms Hendrickson (Captain Hook) said she was, *‘impressed with the staff and student fancy dress costumes to celebrate the day and that Ms Hendrickson was the coolest librarian she had ever come across’*.

We also had a successful ‘book swap’ where students and staff were able to exchange books. In addition, staff and year 7 students dressed up as their



Congratulations to all of the students who took part in this year's UK Intermediate Challenge. We are very proud to announce that certificates were awarded to a total of 18 students. A special mention must go to Stanley Wilding (10O) and Declan Cawdron-Gray (10R) who won a gold certificate and have been invited to participate in a follow-on competition known as the 'Pink Kangaroo', to be held on Thursday, 17th March 2016. The United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Intermediate challenge is aimed at students in Years 9, 10 and 11 in England. It is a great way to test and enhance students' problem solving skills. The challenge involves answering 25 multiple choice questions in one hour. Each incorrect answer to questions

16-20 lose you 1 mark and to questions 21-25 lose you 2 marks. Why not test yourself and have a go at these challenging questions!

Q5) When travelling from London to Edinburgh by train, you pass a sign saying 'Edinburgh 200 miles'. Then, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles later, you pass another sign saying 'Half way between London and Edinburgh'. How many miles is it by train from London to Edinburgh?

A 393 B $396\frac{1}{2}$ C 400 D $403\frac{1}{2}$ E 407

Q9) The world's fastest tortoise is acknowledged to be a leopard tortoise from County Durham called Bertie. In July 2014, Bertie sprinted along a 5.5m long track in an astonishing 19.6 seconds. What was Bertie's approximate average speed in km per hour?

A 0.1 B 0.5 C 1 D 5 E 10



Homework Club

Need some help with homework and coursework? All year groups welcome, come along to F27 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 2.50pm-4.10pm



**Monday 7th
March -
P1 P4C**

**Tuesday 8th
March -
DEAR P5**

**Wednesday 9th
March -
Staff Twilight**

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Did you know:

90% attendance = 1/2
day missed every
week.

90% attendance over
one school year = 4
whole weeks of
missed lessons!

How is YOUR tutor group doing?

Congratulations this
week to:

7B with 98.4%
Attendance.

7R with 98.6%
Punctuality.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Impediment

Once you've found
the meaning and
made a sentence,