



Friday, 4th November 2016



# ROKEBY RECORDER

DARE TO BE THE BEST

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month saw students learning together about the importance of black history. Students across the school came together to create significant figures cubes; selecting an individual who they thought was important in black history and then finding out a range of information about them before applying that information to a cube shape. These cubes then formed our significance pyramid that three students helped create; Yusuf Janneh, Moses Oridoeye and Rayal Clarke.



From left to right: Moses Oridoeye, Simba Goba & Rayal Clarke with Ms Zoe and Ms Wayoe, Humanities teachers

They decided that Booker T. Washington was the most significant figure in black history for his work in educating the African American South in the earlier part of the twentieth century. He was closely fol-

lowed by Nelson Mandela but other famous figures such as Rosa Parks found themselves shunted down the pecking order by individuals who are far less well known like Cetshwayo (the last independent King of Zululand who presided over the victory of the battle of Isandlwana over the British) and Harriet Tubman (an ex-slave turned abolitionist who helped slaves escape to freedom through the Underground Railroad).

Hopefully, the students have been inspired to find out more about not just black history but the history of all ethnic groups.

**Mr Cole, Head of History**

## WE ARE THE WINNERS!

Five Russian speaking students from Years 10 & 11 recently took part in "Kniguru in Britain" competition, organised by the Russian Children's World Organisation. The contest aims to attract new young readers to contemporary Russian literature and to promote this literature in the English-speaking world.

The students read Russian books and wrote reviews ranging from 300 to 1500 words. The



judging panel was made up of authors, poets and magazines editors who read through each contestants' work and decided on the winners. Among them were Artjoms Lopajevs in Year 10 and 3rd place winner Tomas Zilickij in Year 11. The president of Russian children world Ms Karmenian presented the certificates and prizes. Congratulations!

*Our Values: Respect, Success, Passion for Learning, Personal Challenge, Harmony*

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: The greatest comforts and lasting peace are obtained, when one eradicates selfishness from within.**

## Rokeby's Table Tennis Champion

During half term an elite squad of players from Rokeby were selected for a three day table tennis training camp which focused on their physical and mental preparation skills around match play. The boys selected were the ones who had shown greatest commitment to their training over the last couple of months. It was a great opportunity for the boys to practice and learn from other Greenhouse school players and coaches, gaining new ideas for them to implement in their own game.



*Rising star Nilesch Panchoo, 10K*

The final day saw them compete in the London Youth Table Tennis Championships 2016/2017. Age categories ranged from U13 to U19.

Congratulations to Nilesch Panchoo (Year 10) who took a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the U16 event. After cruising through his group and the early rounds Nilesch dominated his quarter final match posting a 3-1 win against the no.2 seed. The semi-final saw a match that swung back and forth with Nilesch finally losing the last game 12-10. The third place play saw a comfortable 3-0 victory to secure the bronze medal.

Nilesch has recently been selected to attend a National talent development centre for the London region practicing 1-2 times a week together. Well Done Nilesch. Keep on practicing hard.

**Ashley Willets, Greenhouse Coach**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Thurs 17th Nov**  
Year 9 Parents' Eve

**Thurs 8th Dec**  
Year 11 mock exams start

**Fri 9th Dec**  
Non-uniform day

**Mon 19th Dec, 4pm**  
Winter Concert

### 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 go to:

**9R** with the best attendance at 99.2% &

**7K** with the best punctuality at **99.7%**

### WORD OF THE WEEK

Our word of the week this week is:

#### **Enlightenment**

What is the meaning of this word and can you make a sentence with it? Once you have, find Ms Hendrickson in the library for a merit.

## WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Rokeby is working in partnership with Newham Headstart to offer the Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities (EPEC) parenting course. The 8 week course will start in January but for those looking for a taster or who are interested in a one off drop-in workshop we will be running a session this half term. The workshop aims to help parents support their sons in managing the challenges they face as they progress through the teenage years.

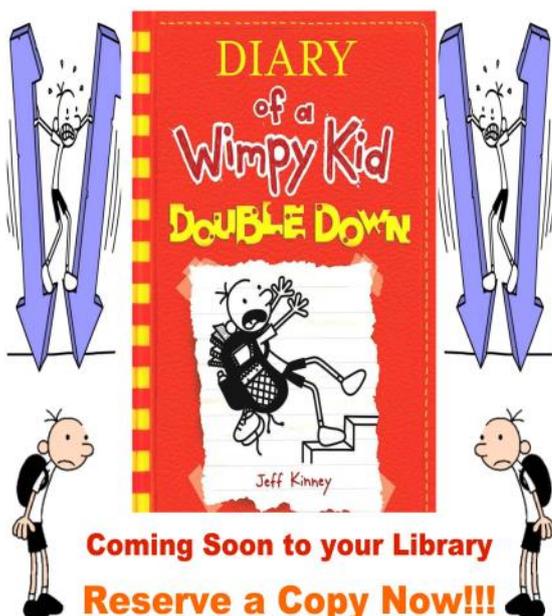
**When:** Tuesday, 13th December  
9.30am to 11.00am

**Where:** Rokeby School

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