



# ROKEBY RECORDER

DARE TO BE THE BEST

## PREFECT INAUGURATION EVENING

On Thursday 8 October, the school organised an event for the prefects to be officially introduced to their duties. The Chair of Governors, Mr Ted Sparrowhawk, came in to congratulate each of us personally. He gave a speech and told the prefects why it's important to be a good prefect and follow your duties. Also, Ms Robinson gave a speech about the past prefects and told us how important the job is. This was followed by the student leaders Hassan and Sharose who gave a speech about how each person's duties are important and told us about why they chose to be-



come student leaders. After this, each prefect was given their certificates and badge and signed a contract that laid out how they must follow the rules and obey all duties handed on to them. Finally, it finished with two of the prefects- Ali Memar

and Amandeep Degun, telling us why they had chosen to become prefects. They both had different reasons. Ali said "I choose to become a prefect to be a role model for the kids that are in the years below" and Amandeep said "I have chosen

this role because I believe that it could help me change as a person and this in turn will help me change the school."

This evening provided the new prefects with a good insight into how truly important it is to follow our roles and not to take them for granted. We are here to make Rokeby a better place to be in and a better experience for you all. If you need any help or advice please come and speak to one of us. We are usually on lunch duty in the playground. You can identify us by the yellow jackets we wear.

*Ali Memar*

## YEAR SIX OPEN EVENING SECRET BALLOT

Democracy is definitely on the agenda at the moment in Rokeby School! This week, we have had the Young Mayor of Newham elections taking place, with ballot boxes in the entrance and students queuing up to cast their votes. The *Rokeby Recorder* has also received the following report of another 'election' which took

place recently in school.

Those of you who helped out at Open Evening for the Year 6's may have seen the Humanities Department carry out a secret election for the teachers and parents who attended.

A lot of teachers were astonished that they could only have four parties to

pick from, which were: Labour, Liberal Democrats, Green Party and Conservatives.

The Liberal Democrats got three votes, the Conservatives got four votes, which meant it was either the Labour or Green Party to win. The Green Party got twelve votes and the Labour party won with thirteen votes!

So if this had been a real general election based only on the votes of those who attended the Open Evening then Labour would still be in charge! We would like to thank Mrs. James for giving us the opportunity to let us take part in the Open Evening.

*Mohammed Wasim Motala & Hasibullah Waziri*

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# ROKEBY AT MORGAN STANLEY



On Tuesday 13 October Yr 10's select members went out on a trip to a bank called Morgan Stanley in Canary Wharf for an action packed day with Mr Hayes and Ms Gani. We received a very warm welcome with coffee, tea, chocolate biscuits and all sorts. We were later given a tour of the main office and saw what it was like to work in such a big organisation. It was a huge hall with hun-

dreds of people each with 2-3 computer screens in front of them (and there I was thinking that women were the only people that could multi-task!) This hall



is where all the trades take place at a touch of a button and computer screen, sometimes worth billions of pounds!

During the morning we played a mini trade game which showed us how trading worked at Morgan Stanley, which was very challenging but fun.

Lunch was one of the best bits of the day as we had huge slices of pizza and chips. Later on in the afternoon we were assigned to workers at Mor-

gan Stanley and we shadowed them in their role seeing what



they do, how they do it and so forth. I found out some amazing facts about the history of Morgan Stanley and found out how hard people have to work there. At the end of the day the company gave us all a big bag of sweets to say thank you and goodbye! It was a really good experience.

*Jamsheed Onathukattil*

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# ROKEBY AT TATE & LYLE

On Tuesday 20 October, nine students from the Year 9 Minority Ethnic Achievement Programme Group went to visit the Tate & Lyle sugar factory, located beside London City Airport.

Their visit took approximately two hours, which consisted of a brief history and explanation of the factory itself by Mr Ken Wilson. Subsequently, they were led on a tour around the factory, being showed the thousand of tonnes of sugars the factory refines everyday.



The group was then taken to the packaging centre, where they were able to see a very rare sight of the packaging of the Tate & Lyle sugar. Each bag of sugar had to be accurately weighed and measured before being sent off

to the retailers.

Everyone enjoyed the trip very much and learnt a lot from the visit. Special thanks and credit to Miss Ochwat, who conducted this special trip for the group.

## Did you know?

- Tate & Lyle refines from 80,000 to 180,000 tonnes of sugar everyday.
- It takes around two and half weeks for a ship to import sugar from the West Indies, which is their nearest exporter.
- Only 20% of their sugar is sold to retail shops.
- Tate & Lyle is 131 years old as of 18 March 2009. It was found by Mr Henry Tate, who is also the owner of Tate Britain (Art gallery).

*Muhammad Iqbal*

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# HOT FOOTBALL NEWS

Year 8 football superstar Leroy Mbolela has been selected to represent the Borough of Newham in football after successfully passing the trials which were staged at Kingsford Community School. The Champions of Newham set seriously high standards last season and after being nominated to attend the trials Leroy (Rokeby School top goal scorer) proved his quality

and secured his place in the highest level of football applicable at junior age, representing the Borough of Newham (Excluding Academy Football).

This is a phenomenal achievement for the young star. He's worked extremely hard on the training ground for months now and the potential within him is start-

ing to develop and is beginning to be noticed by borough coaches. This is really an opportunity of a lifetime; let's pray this is the beginning of a very successful career for the young lad. This is a typical demonstration of where hard work can lead you.

*Coach Terry Bobie-Agyekum*



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# BASKETBALL COACHING AWARD

On Friday 16 October, the PE Year 10 leadership group successfully completed their England Basketball Foundation Coaching Award. They did this by leading a coaching session with Year 5 pupils from Carpenters Primary School. The examiner said he was really impressed with the boys' organisation, their ability to demonstrate skills and their leadership skills when they were working with the Year 5 students.

The Carpenters pupils also really enjoyed the session. What's more, the students even managed to impress Mr Perry, our Head of PE!

**Congratulations to all of you!!**

The Rokeby Recorder caught up with a couple of the participants and they shared their impressions with our reporter.

Okwute Izuchukwu said: "The course was enjoyable. We had a former professional basketball player who had played in the USA to train us. So rather than learn about playing techniques, we learnt more about coaching skills, such as how to tell people how to tackle, dribble, and shoot properly."



Zahid Ahmed said, "I did the course because I enjoyed it and it might help me in the future. I thought coaching was my type of thing and it worked out really well. It was really interesting to have a professional coach to come in to teach us. I would definitely recommend it to other students in the future."

## BARKING ROAD SITE VISIT

There will be an opportunity for parents & carers to visit the new school site on **Thursday, 5th November at 1pm.**

We will provide transport to and from

school. Previous groups of parents have really enjoyed their visits as it's a good opportunity to see work in progress and to get an idea of all the facilities that will be on offer.

To book a place, please contact Sarah Henderson on 0208 534 8946 or email [sarah.henderson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.henderson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk).

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 26 October -Friday 30 October:  
*Half term holiday*  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday 2 November:  
*Guru Nanak's Birthday; Learning day for staff.*  
**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS**

Friday 27 November:  
*Eid Ul-Adha*  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**

Friday 18 December:  
*Last day of Autumn term*

Monday 4 January 2010:  
*First day of Spring Term*

## ROKEBY EQUALITIES WORKING GROUP

Rokeyby's equalities working group is working to revise our policies and action plans on disability, gender and race. We meet

about once a month at the end of the school day. It is really important that we get the views and contributions of different mem-

bers of the school community, so if you would be interested in joining our group, please contact Ms Phillips or Ms Lawson

## ROKEBY RECORDER: TAKE PART!

**STOP PRESS!!**

If you have something to say that you would like to share with the

Rokeyby Community, and would like to contribute to the *Rokeyby Recorder*, give your article to Ms Green in

reception or Ms Lawson and see your name in print! (And gain valuable Rokeyby Masters Points!)

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER IN ROKEBY

Make sure you spruce up your uniform over the half term holidays! **The school photographer will be in Rokeyby School on Friday 6 November to take everyone's photograph.**

Please make sure that you come in **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM** on that day, so you

look your best in the photos!



Once the photos have been developed, you

will be able to order copies in a variety of formats and sizes. The photos make ideal Christmas presents for friends and family, and will be available before then for those of you who want to order copies.

For further information, please see Ms Argent.

## BEST ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY



The tutor group with the best attendance and punctuality for last week is **7Y**, who achieved an excellent **100%** for attendance, plus the best punctuality with **93.34%**.

**Well done to all!**

Mrs Cook,

Attendance Officer.

## DID YOU KNOW? ... Friday Prayers

Jumma prayers are held every Friday in the prayer room (West Block) at 1.20.

Wudu facilities are available. All are welcome. Make sure to be on time, we all have to get back to lessons at 1.45!

Mr Aziz and Mr Uddin

