

Park Times



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Hi,

we are your new communications captains for this year! This year our main task is to put together the Park Times. We are really excited and hope to produce a paper that everybody enjoys and can be part of. One of our main goals is to get as many people involved in the magazine as possible as we believe that this should be inclusive and representative of the school as a whole. To achieve this, we hope to write current events within the school and also topics that are of interest to readers. To help us achieve this we would like to offer an open-door policy where you can email any of us with your ideas, suggestions or opinions of the magazine.

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We hope you enjoy our Second issue

Black History Month: October 2018

Black History Month is a month dedicated to remembering notable people and events in the history of the African diaspora. At Roundwood Park we think it is important to promoting learning and providing information about Black history, heritage, legacy and the on-going struggle for equality. Black History Month was first celebrated in the United Kingdom in 1987 and this year Owens House decided we would like to celebrate and champion Black History month in honour of our houses name sake; Jesse Owens. In the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Jesse Owens proved to be an inspiration by defying the racism of the Nazi campaign and winning four gold medals.

Throughout the month we organised many activities and coordinated with clubs to promote equality and educate the students and staff about notable black figures both from the past and the present. Owens house along with the support of EAR (Equality Awareness Representatives) and the Wellbeing and Diversity Captains ran assemblies to year 7 to 11 in which we highlighted how racism is still an issue in our society today and how we at Roundwood Park don't tolerate racism and are working towards increasing awareness of equality and race around school. Additionally, we completed a thought for the week that went around to all the form groups.

Many clubs also got on board with our efforts, with year KS4 Book Club reading *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, Year 10 textiles club making postcards focuses around famous inspirational figures and Creative writing club completing a project focused around black history.

Here we have collated some of the work completed in that month for you to enjoy as part of the park times!

We are really proud of all of the ways we managed to incorporate the celebrations into daily school life and hope that next year Black History Month at Roundwood Park school can be even bigger and better.

From Owens House Leader and Captains



Creative Writing Club Work: Black History Month

An Eyewitness Account of the Montgomery Bus Boycott

I am Isabella Chase. A privileged, white, young lady. Today I was sitting on the bus on my way to the florists when a man stepped onto the bus. The section for us white people was full, as was the section for the black people. The man realised that he was going to have to stand, so he spoke to the bus driver who then walked over to a young black woman. He was very impolite to her, demanding that she "Stand up and move immediately." To everybody's shock and surprise, rather than standing up, she remained seated. The horror on the bald man's face was very apparent. He was furious! He and the bus driver called the police and the lady was arrested. I sure do wonder what happened to her...

Diary Entries from the 1936 Olympics

July 30th

Dear Diary,

Today I got this diary in order to record the events of the Olympics tomorrow. I am ever so excited.

The Morning of July 31st

Dear Diary,

I am at the stadium now. Osandorp is here! He is definitely going to win! I am certain of this because he is white and white people are superior to all others, right?! The other athletes don't stand a chance, especially not that Jesse Owens. He is inferior, and he shouldn't even be allowed to compete.

The Afternoon of July 31st

I can't believe it! How? Osandorp was awful and Jesse Owens managed to win four gold medals. There must be some mistake! He's black, meaning he should be inferior compared to the other athletes! Hitler looked as disgusted as I did. Although Jesse Owens looked so happy and not smug at all. Why do we discriminate against black people? I have never really thought about it before.

August 1st

Dear Diary,

It's the day after the athletics and I couldn't sleep a wink thinking about Jesse Owens and black people in general. How must they feel every day? People treat them as if they are inferior all of the time. I wouldn't like to be treated like that at all! We only hate them because of the colour of their skin. That really is horrible. I take back everything I ever said about black people. My voice will never again be heard insulting someone because of their skin colour. If only we could make some progress as a society and stop being so racist. Maybe if a black girl got told to get up from her seat on a bus and she refused, or if a man decided to stand up from civil rights. I don't know, I'm just rambling at this point, but what I am certain of is that something needs to change.

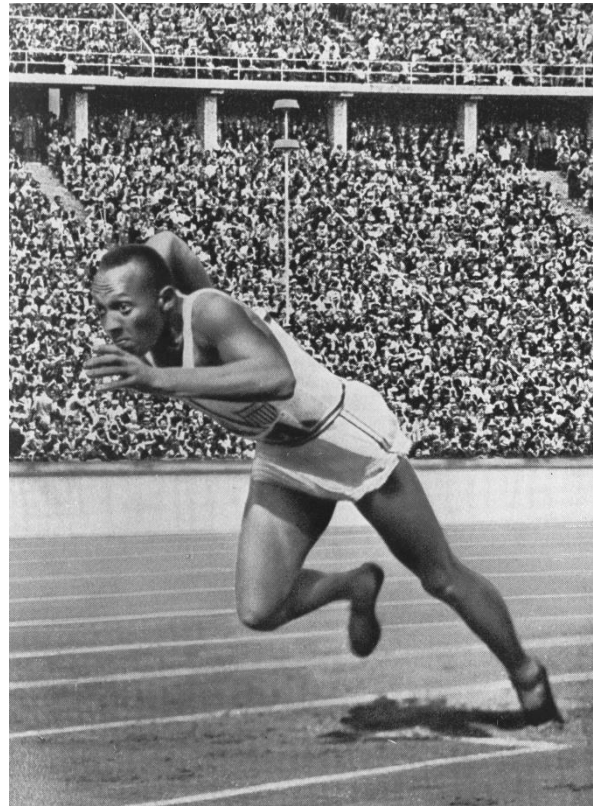
Jesse Owens - A Spectator in the Crowd

From the stands surrounding the track, I could see the track racers lining up at the start line. The 1936 Olympic track event was just minutes from starting, and the tension was so thick you could cut it with a knife.

From within the stands, Hitler could be seen from upon a large throne like chair, a ferocious frown upon his face. As most of us knew, he was highly offended by the fact that Jesse Owens was allowed to partake.

Glancing back at the track, the rest of the racers had appeared, alongside the one and only Jesse Owens. Some of the other participants included, Ralph Metcalf, and Martinus, along with many others.

The look of concentration on their faces was so focused, that not even a fly buzzing could distract them. Minutes later, the start line gun was fired, and the men sped off.



The crowd fell silent briefly, but not for long, as a loud clattering cheer began to spread rapidly through the stands, as Jesse Owens pulled forward, bringing him into first place.

The finish line was crossed, and an almighty roar escaped through the Owens supporters. Another great win was achieved!

Later on, as Jesse walked solemnly towards Hitler to receive yet another gold medal, a sour look spread across his face.

Barack Obama- Powerful Black People

Barack Obama is an American attorney and politician who served as the 44th president of the United States from 2009 to 2017. A member of the Democratic Party, he was the first African American to be elected to the presidency.

Obama is actually of mixed heritage. He was born in 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii, where his parents had met at the University of Hawaii's Manoa campus. His father, Barack Sr., was from Kenya and entered the University of Hawaii as its first-ever student from an African country. He was a member of Kenya's Luo ethnic group, many of whom played a key role in that country's struggle for independence in the 1950s. Obama's mother, Ann Durham, was originally from Kansas, where some of her ancestors had been anti-slavery activists in the 1800s.

A Short Story- By Alex-Sandra Barnes

Dear Diary,

Today is my 15th Birthday. For my birthday present Mother sent me to the best assassin school in London. Of course, there were many schools which I could have gone to. I arrived at the school being known as Skye Donaldson. My new name is Gretta Donaldson. My first mission is to kill the opposing MP of Yorkshire AKA my distant uncle. Anyway, better get some sleep i have got a big day ahead of me.

goodnight.

Dear diary,

So, I woke up at dawn ready to get the train to Yorkshire. My new best friend Faith a 17-year-old senior came with me to oversee my first mission. To see whether I needed to go back to Summer training camp. I have been going to training Camp for 4 years now. I can't wait till I am 18 to go to the ceremony of all the assassins in training where there is an auction for the best assassin in the country.

Anyway, I set up a fake meeting with my uncle near the forest where I was hiding in the bushes were, I aimed with my trusty bow and arrow. The arrow glided through the air and went straight through his neck then me and faith hid all the evidence...

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Roundwood Park Sportsman's Dinner

On the 5th December we held an evening to celebrate the dedication and success of all the Roundwood Park sportsmen and sportswomen. While we would like to give a 'big well done' to all the students who have contributed to RPS sport, we had to pick a few students whose commitment and sporting excellence has made them stand out this year. We were lucky enough to be joined by a previous Roundwood Park Student and current Saracens prop, Ralph Adam-Hale, to present trophies to our winners.

Rising Star Award

First up was the 'Rising Star Award' – which was won by Flow Crowley and Freddie Simpson for having the greatest impact on RPS sport since they first joined Year 7.

Unsung Hero

Euan Turner won the 'Unsung Hero' – an award which goes to the person who the sports department feel best shows commitment, dedication and unrecognised contribution to sport.

Services to Sport

The 'Services to Sport' award was won by Tom Randall for showing above and beyond expectations of an RPS participant.

Most Improved

The winners of the 'Most Improved Performer' was awarded to Lauren Gurney for Year 8, Jack Brighton for Year 9 and Hannah Booth for Year 10.

Team of The Year

The 'Teams of the Year' is selected based on which teams have been most impressive throughout their sporting campaign. The selected teams were:

Year 8: Girls Athletics

Year 9: Boys Basketball

Year 10: Boys Football

Sportsperson of The Year

Finally, the ks3 sportsperson of the year is Mia McIntosh, for her massive impact both inside and outside of Roundwood Park, due to her hard-work, dedication and sporting excellence.

We also want to give the Food Tech Department the recognition they deserved for their continuous hard work for the weeks leading up to the evening and for the evening itself. They worked hard to provide a delicious three course meal for the 200+ students who attended the evening – it went down very well!



Charity Skydive- Emma Archer

Since year 7, I have been involved in the house system and I am now lucky enough to have become a Scott House Captain alongside Theo Thomas. One of the reasons I was inspired to go for the SLG was due to the outstanding bravery of Billy Senior, a Scott House Leader when I first joined the school, which was displayed when he completed a skydive and raised a huge amount of money for charity. I decided that I was going to follow in his footsteps and raise money in aid of the school's charities (Macmillan, The OLLIE Foundation and Unique Home For Girls) in form of a skydive.

My biggest fear is falling. The thought of leaning over the edge of a railing of a tall building makes me hands sweat. The idea of standing on a glass floor makes me feel physically sick. So naturally, I thought that jumping out of a plane from 10,000 feet was a great idea...

When the day of the jump came it didn't begin to feel real until I was sat on the edge of the plane with an instructor strapped to my back rocking back and forth preparing to leap out. The freefall itself was hard to remember as I was falling down from 10,000 feet at 125mph for around 30 seconds. The thing I do remember was the feeling of extreme fear mixed with the incredible adrenaline rush. When the parachute was released it was almost as though the world was still. The view was absolutely beautiful and in that moment I felt like I was flying.

Thanks to your donations, I was able to raise £2,639 which surpassed my goal of £2,500. The messages of support left on my JustGiving really gave me a boost when I truly needed it.

I would also like to give my family a special thank you for their support throughout the process. Although I was nervous, I know both my Mum and Dad were ten times as anxious as I was. Without them holding themselves together I know I could've fallen apart.



Deputy Head Girl- Gemma Smith

What 3 words would your best friend use to describe you?

- Bubbly
- Determined
- Passionate

If you could invite any guest alive or dead, to dinner who would you pick and why?

I would invite Alan Sugar, Stephen Hawking and Drake.

What is your favourite biscuit and why?

Oreos because they taste so good in a milkshake.

What was the 1st single you ever brought?

Year 3000 by Busted

What is your favourite word and why?

Boujee because it just rolls off the tongue ;)

If they made a film about your life, who would play you and why?

Alicia Vikander – she's such a talented actress I would love her to play me in a movie.

What are you most proud of in your life?

Winning a scholarship to theatre school

Are you an outdoor or an indoor person and what do you enjoy about that?

Definitely an indoor person, I love being cosy and warm

Who was your hero as a child?

Mr Pettengell



If you could time travel to the past to correct any mistakes you feel you've made, would you?

No, everything happens for a reason

If you were an animal in the wild, what would you be?

Any big cat – lion, tiger, jaguar, leopard

If you have friends coming for supper what would you cook?

A roast dinner

If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be?

Maldives or Rome

If you could be successful at any job in the world, what would that job be?

An actress or a lawyer

If you were to star in a movie, who would you like as your co-star?

Ellen DeGeneres – she's so funny

*What is your favourite takeaway meal?

five ways

to wellbeing



Connect

Connect with people around you. Spend time with your friends and family. Make new friends. Use different ways to communicate.



Be Active

Go for a walk or a run. Cycle, dance or play a game. Walk to school instead of getting the bus. Go to the park. Try a new activity.



Take Notice

Take time to be still, reflect, and become aware of your surroundings. Notice what you are thinking and be aware of what's going on in the world around you: the everyday and the unusual. Be curious. Savour your favourite food.



Keep Learning

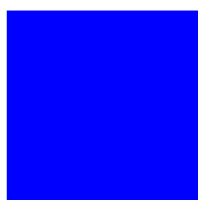
Set yourself a goal. Learn something new. Research something you're interested in. Learn a new word or a random fact. Visit a museum.



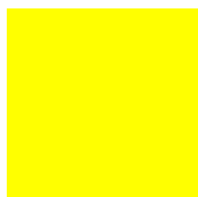
Give

Do something nice for a friend. Thank someone. Smile. Volunteer your time. Raise money for charity. Be a good role model. Take action to improve your neighbourhood.

Recent House Points



1st GT 112 points



2nd Owens 120 points



3rd Cadbury 118 points



4th Wilberforce 115 points



5th Mandela 110 points



6th Frank 109 points



6th Scott 106 points