



# ROKEBY RECORDER

## DARE TO BE THE BEST

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Last week we celebrated our annual **Languages Week** at Rokeby.

This is an important event in the calendar as it provides an opportunity to celebrate our linguistic diversity and promote the importance and value of language learning.

Lots of activities took place in lessons and around school including:

- [Language themed Thought of the Week](#)
- [Language themed quiz](#)
- [Careers with languages presentations](#)
- [Language Week Key Stage assemblies](#)
- [University of Exeter workshop](#)
- [Crack the languages code challenge](#)
- [Duolingo challenge \(Years 7 & 8\)](#)
- [Guess the sweets competition](#)
- [University of Exeter competition](#)

*Click on the links to find out more!*

**¿Cuántos caramelos hay? //**  
**Il y a combien de bonbons?**

Congratulations to Mustafa (7R) who won the sweets competition. Students were asked to guess the number of sweets in the jar and submit their answers in either French or Spanish. Mustafa came closest to the actual number, which was **deux cent quatre-vingt treize (fr)** or **doscientos noventa y tres (sp)**.



### DUOLINGUO CHALLENGE

Who can gain the most XP on Duolingo for Languages Week?

The challenge is open to all Year 7 & 8 students. To enter, please let your teacher know your XP by Monday 4th October. There are prizes for the top 3 students!

### SCAVENGER HUNT

Students who entered the scavenger hunt received 2 achievement points for completing correctly.

Special mention to **Debelu 7R**, **Ridwan 7B**, **Toby 7R**, **Rayan 8O**, **Ashfi 8E**, **Ajman 8B**, **Tamzid 9B**, **Parth 9R**, **Amir Irfan 9O**, **Abdi 11O**, **Luqman 11Y**, **Ali 11R** who can claim an extra prize from Ms. Guruchaga.



*Respect, Success, Passion for Learning, Personal Challenge, Harmony*



## LANGUAGES!

Did you know that people who speak more than one language earn **20%** more a year!

Examples of current language degrees include:

- ♦ **Statistics, Economics and a Language** (UCL)
- ♦ **Russian & International Relations** (Birmingham)
- ♦ **French and Beginners German** (Oxford)
- ♦ **Law with Spanish Law** (Oxford)
- ♦ **Music and Russian** (Bristol)
- ♦ **Modern Languages & Business** (Newcastle)

Even if you are not sure you want to pursue a career in languages, learning another language still has so many benefits:

- ♦ It encourages the creative side of your brain
- ♦ It helps to improve memory
- ♦ It quite literally makes your brain bigger
- ♦ 88% of employees stated that language skills are important to their organisation!



It's official - according to a joint project between Google News Lab and a data visualisation company, the most translated word on google translate is:

### *Beautiful*

It is closely followed by words such as 'good', 'love', 'mama'. Indeed, many of the top 10 most commonly translated words have positive connotations. According to a brief coverage by Wired, if anything, it's a hopeful reminder that in spite of language barriers, the words people want to express the most reflect positivity.

For some other fascinating language facts see our [language quiz](#).



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## LANGUAGE COMPETITION

Make a photo collage of the different languages & cultures in your life and in Newham

- What different cultures do you have at home and in your local community?
- What other cultures/languages can you find in Newham or around school?
- How can you represent all of these different languages and cultures in a photo collage?

Include a brief description or caption to your collage.



Prizes:

1st place: £50

2nd place: £25

3rd place: £25



**Language competition deadline: 4th October**



This year the Art department are very excited to be teaching the **new GCSE Textiles course**.

Our first group of Year 10 students have made an excellent start! Four weeks in and they have begun to master hand embroidery techniques and heat press printing.

Well done Year 10 GCSE Textiles!



## YEAR 10 GCSE TEXTILES



**BREAKFAST CLUB**



EVERY MORNING  
IN THE DINING HALL  
**07:45 - 08:15**  
**FREE**



## LOVE TO READ?

Enjoy talking about **books**?  
Want to make new **friends**?  
Join a KS3 **Reading Group**!

## READING CLUBS

**YEAR 7** - Mondays (12:00-12.30pm)

**YEAR 8** - Tuesdays (1:00-1:30pm)

**YEAR 9** - Thursdays (12:00-12.30pm)

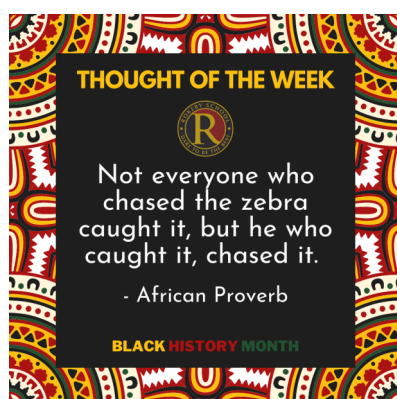


In the library  
Free packed lunch provided

Speak to Ms Hendrickson for more information



**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
OCT 1-31  
CELEBRATION OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA



**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

Not everyone who chased the zebra caught it, but he who caught it, chased it.

- African Proverb

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

## PARENTS' CALENDAR

Parent Information Session:  
supporting mental health  
5th October (9:30am)

Parent Information session:  
Science curriculum  
12th October (9:45am)

Year 11 Information Evening  
14th October (4:00pm)