

History Challenge a competition for schools. This is the book that they had to study and my word they studied – since July they have been working, reading, making notes, learning. As the contest started they were nervous but there was no need. They demonstrated an incredible amount of knowledge and destroyed the other team by 21 points to 7. Why were they able to do this? Well like Thierry Henry they were committed and dedicated to their task and like Henry they were winners. If Black and Asian History Month is about anything it is about saying that you, all of you can be winners.

If you want to know what events are planned to celebrate B and AHM then look at the noticeboard in the bottom of Kingwood or ask your form tutor or me for further information, especially about the competition for International Food Day.

Thank you for listening.

are a World Cup-winner, a European Championship-winner, you are a reigning Premiership champion, unbeaten throughout an entire season, and you are holder of both the Professional Footballers' Association and the Football Writers' player of the year awards (as you were the previous year, too). Oh, and you were last season's top scorer. On your journey, you pass a distractingly large billboard that features a 30-foot high poster of a man clasping the Premiership trophy in triumph. That man is you. OK not anyone in here, but a young black man from a tough inner city suburb who was dedicated and committed, so committed that he was able to make a difference not only to himself but to millions of others. Now lets be realistic, we are not all going to be Thierry Henry. But I would like to finish with one story to illustrate that YOU can achieve great success if you want to: On Friday afternoon 2 boys from this school, Omar Dixon and Cameron Greene in Year 9 were entered into the Black

different cultures and different types of people. That is why we study about the great Islamic scholars who made incredible contributions to the world of medicine and maths, that is why we look at people like Olaudah Equiano, a former slave who bought his freedom, travelled the world and came to England to fight against slavery. That is why we have different events this month to celebrate the contributions that Black and Asian people have made to this country. That is why we invite role models into the school to work with you and help you to understand that you are all important and you all can make a difference. I read this article yesterday about a very special role model which started off like this:

Imagine that you are cruising north along the M1 in your £170,000 Aston Martin Vanquish. You have just left the £6 million home in Hampstead that you share with your wife - a beautiful model - to go to kick a ball about in the countryside with a group of fellow millionaires. You

Black and Asian History Month Assembly 2004

Welcome to this year's celebration of Black and Asian History Month at Henry Compton School. Why have you just had the pleasure of watching some of the finest goals of last season scored by one of the greatest strikers in English football history? What has this got to do with Black and Asian History? Let me tell you. One of my aims since I joined this school has been to make everyone that studies History feel included, to feel that whatever they learn has a connection to them. You can't achieve that aim if all you ever learn about are Kings and Queens or the history of 'dead white men'. There is an African proverb which says 'Until the lion has a historian of his own, the tale of the hunt will always glorify the hunter' in other words History has always been written by the winner. Well I don't accept that and I won't allow that to be the case in this school. For everyone to feel included there must be stories of