

School Parliament's - Inspirational People Assemblies

Each half term, School Parliament MPs lead family assemblies which introduce children to 'Inspirational People'. One of our focuses in PSHE and of course our school value 'Respect' is to 'Celebrate Differences'.

We want to celebrate people from all over the world who make or have made a difference. We want to reflect the realities of all children at Grange Park and learn about people from all different backgrounds. Those who been inspirational and who will hopefully inspire us too.

Greta Thunberg

Who is Greta Thunberg?

Greta Tintin Eleonora Ernman Thunberg is a Swedish environmental activist who is known for trying to persuade leaders from all around the world to take action in helping to reduce climate change.



She was born in Stockholm, Sweden, in 2003.

It was when she was eight years old that **she started learning about climate change**.

Greta's **campaigning** began when she convinced her parents to take on different lifestyle choices that **decreased** their own **carbon footprint**.





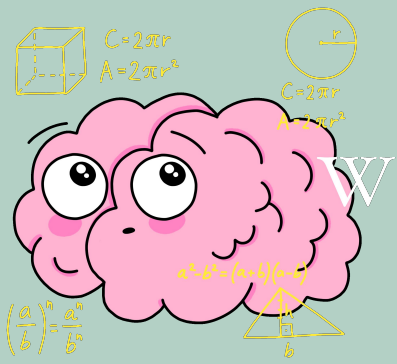
Greta said, "... I'm sometimes a bit different from the norm. And - given the right circumstances - being different is a superpower".

The act that made Greta Thunberg acknowledged to the world was when she **protested** outside the **Swedish Parliament** in 2018, when she was fifteen years old.

Greta is an **autistic** person. She tweeted about this in 2019 when she received some negativity about her commitment to climate change and how she can sometimes see things differently to others.

Greta Thunberg's greatest achievement was when she founded a movement known as **Fridays for Future**, also called **School strike for climate** (or in Swedish: skol strejk for klimatet) or **Youth for climate**.





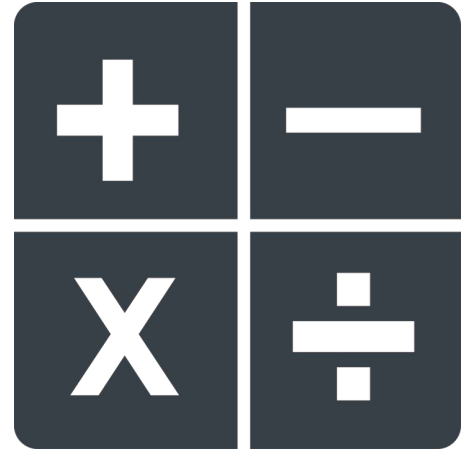
Alan Turing

About his childhood

Alan Turing was born in London 1912 23rd of June.

As a young boy Turing had a great passion for mathematics and was amazing at it!

He rarely saw his parents because his dad was working for the British government in India so he had to live with foster parents.



Why is he inspirational?

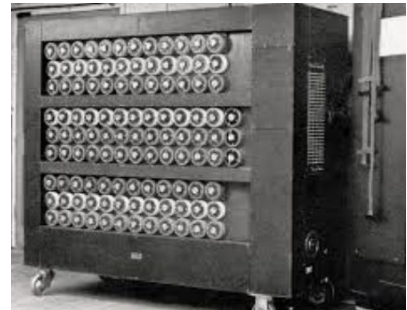
Alan Turing is very well respected by many people of all ages because during WWII he broke the enigma code.

Turing and his team were able to work out the meaning of secret messages sent by the enemy (called the Enigma code) by decoding them.

He cracked the enigma code by using the Bombe which he had created (also known as the Turing machine)

Surprisingly, his code-breaking shortened the war!

After the war, Turing helped develop the first digital programmable computer.



Emmeline Pankhurst



Emmeline Pankhurst was a British woman who campaigned for the rights of women. She is famous for founding and leading the suffragettes, a group of women who fought to have the right to vote.

Early life



Emmeline Pankhurst was born in 1858. She was a bright child and learned to be socially conscious at a young age due to her parents, who were both strong supporters of the antislavery movement and women's rights.

At the age of 14 Emmeline attended a women's suffrage meeting with her mother and became passionate about the cause.



As Emmeline grew older she began to realise that women were treated differently than men and she decided that she was going to make a difference and fight for equality.

Why was she inspirational?

Emmeline Pankhurst was a British leading suffragette, who played an important role in fighting to gain women the right to vote who at the time were not allowed.

In 1903 she founded the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU).

Her 40 year campaign was a complete success in the year of her death, 1928, the Representation of the People Act passed and women were now legally allowed to vote.



Pelé

A bit about Pele.

Pele was a man with great skill. He was good at many things such as **football** and is famous for his tremendous **speed** and **balance**, his **jumping** and **ball controlling** abilities and his spectacular **goals**. Football is not the only thing Pele is good at, he is also great at **inspiring** people. Pele, a **Brazilian** footballer, was born on the 23rd of October 1940 and unfortunately passed away on the 29th of December 2022. Pele was and still is respected all around the world.



Pele's Early Life.

The football legend was raised with his two siblings in **poor** surroundings. To earn extra money he worked as a servant in a tea shop. When he was not working, Pele played football with his father and was taught skill and tricks. He was so poor that he could not even afford a football, so instead he used a sock that he stuffed with newspaper or he used a grapefruit.



Pele's Professional Football Life and What Happened After.

Pele, started to play for the football team Santos at the age of **15** and played for the **Brazil** national team at the age of **16**. During his career he won **3 FIFA World Cups**, which is the most World Cups won by anyone, also Pele scored **1283 goals** in his whole career. After retiring from football, Pele was still world famous and was known as 'the King of Football.'



Why is Pele so inspirational?

Pele is one of football's most inspirational players as he started off very poor but followed his passion and became the world's best footballer. So no matter who you are, where you are from or what you have got you should still follow your passion.

