



LeBron James

Born: 30th December 1984 in Akron, Ohio, United States of America

Sport: Basketball

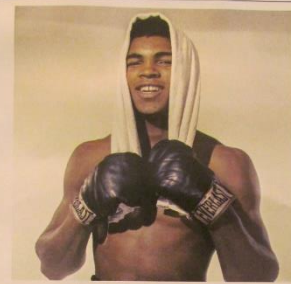
Team: Los Angeles Lakers

Major successes: 4 NBA Championships and 2 Olympic gold medals

Quotes: "You have to accept failure to get better."
"When you have that respect from your teammates it makes it a lot more comfortable."

Why we chose LeBron James: Because we like basketball and he is generous and kind as well as very good at basketball.

By Jeevan and Max



Muhammad Ali

Born: 17th January 1942 in Kentucky, U.S.A

Sport: Boxing

Major successes:

Total fights – 61

Wins – 56

Wins by Knockout - 37

Famous quote: "Impossible is nothing."

I chose him: because every time I see him in the ring, he inspires me.

By Tayte

To celebrate Black History month, we chose to learn about black athletes who have reached the top of their sport.



Kelly Holmes

Born: 19th April 1970 in Pembury

Sport: Middle distance running

Major successes: Won three Olympic medals (2 gold, 1 bronze)

Quote: "I was 12 when I started and 34 before I achieved my dream. That should give people hope."

We chose her: because we wanted to know about a top female athlete who was very successful and good at sport.

By Imogen and Dakota



Serena Williams

Born: 26th September 1981 in Saginaw, Michigan, United States

Sport: Tennis

Major successes: She won her first major championship in 1999 and won 23 Grand Slams (Wimbledon, Australian Open, French Open and US Open).

Quote: "Family first, and that's what matters most. We realized that our love goes deeper than the tennis game."

"Tennis is just a game; family is forever."

We chose her: because she inspires people and works very hard.

By Quinn and Zara



Muhammad Ali

Born: 17th January 1942 in Louisville, Kentucky, USA

Died: 3rd June 2016 (aged 74)

Sport: Boxing

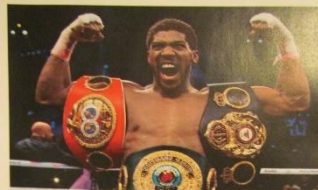
Major successes:

Gold medal light heavyweight at 1960 Olympics (Rome)

'Thrilla in Manila' v Joe Frasier October 1975

'Rumble in the Jungle' v George Foreman October 1974

By Izzy, Summer and Amelia F



Anthony Joshua

Born: 12th of October 1989

Sport: Boxing

Major successes: He has won three world titles - 24 fights - 22 fights by knock-out. "As long as you have discipline, you can be a success."

Quote: "Don't worry about the title. I don't want to fight 100kg in 100kg."

By Izzy and Amelia



Usain Bolt

- **Born:** 21st August 1986 in Jamaica
- **Sport:** Sprinting – 100m, 200m and relay
- **Major success:** He has won 8 Olympic gold medals
- **Fun fact:** He is the fastest man in the world.
- **Quote:** "I work hard and I do good, and I'm not going to let you restrict me."
- **Why we choose him:** We choose him because he got through the tough times and we are very inspired.

By Aliza and Bjarne



Wes Morgan

Born: 21st January 1984, Nottingham

Age: 37

Height: 1.85m, Weight: 93kg

Sport: Football.

Team: Leicester City (captain)

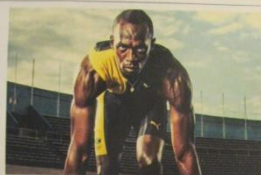
Career start: 12th August 2003

Position: Defender

Major success: Premier League Champion 2015-16

Quote: "I feel like I could have done with a few more training sessions, definitely."

By Amelia W and Florence



Usain Bolt

Born: 21st August 1986, Sherwood Content, Jamaica

Sport: Sprinting – 100m, 200m and relay

Major successes: won 3 Olympic gold medals in the 100m, 3 Olympic gold medals in 200m, 2 Olympic gold medals in 100m relay.

Quotes: "Train hard, turn up, run your best and the rest will take care of itself."

"You have some good days and some bad days."

Why we chose him: Because, even though he began by losing, he kept going until he won. His courage helped him win over and over and eventually he beat the world record.

By Jasmine, Leilarnie and Isabelle



Fern Portia Woodman

Born: 12th July 1991 in Auckland

Sports: Rugby Union and Netball

Team: New Zealand, the Black Ferns and Northern Mystics

Quote: "I want to be that inspiration showing them they can achieve amazing things if they really want to."

By Angus, Lyra and Kaya



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Born: December 1984 at Akron, Ohio in the USA

Sport: basketball

Teams: 2003-2010 Cleveland cavaliers,
2010-2014 Miami heat 2014-2018 Cleveland
cavaliers, 2018-los Angeles Lakers

Major successes:

He got most valuable player awards 2009, 2010, 2012
and 2013

MBA champion 2012,2013,2016 and 2020

Quote: "you have to be able to accept failure to get
better"

Reason we chose him: because we admire him and
because he is a good, kind sportsman.

By Connor and Dayton



Kelly Holmes

Born: 19th April 1970

Sport: Middle distance running

Major successes: won 800m and 1,500m Gold at
the 2004 Olympics in Athens, and Bronze in the 1,500m
at the 2000 at the Sydney Olympic Games. She was
made a Dame in 2005 for services to athletics.

Quotes: "I was 12 when I started and 34 before I
achieved my dream that should give people hope."

Why we chose her: We chose Kelly Holmes
because she is one of the most respected black women,
she is one of the best sports women and she is
inspirational.

By Megan and Alice

We hope that their talents and
successes inspire you too.



Pele

Born: 23rd October 1940 in Brazil.

Sport: Football

Team: New York Cosmos, Santos FC, Sounders
FC and many others.

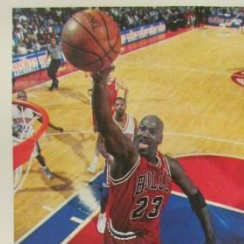
Major Successes: He led Brazil to three FIFA
World Cup Football Championships - 1958,
1968 and 1970.

7 Ballon d'or

Quote: "Success is no accident."

We chose him: because he was the best
football player of his time.

By Jimmie and Jensen



Michael Jordan

Born: 17th February 1963 Brooklyn, New York,
USA

Sport: Basketball

Team: Bulls and Washington Wizards

Height: 6ft, 6"

Net worth: his net worth is \$1.6 billion - more
than Ronaldo's and Messi's combined!

Why we chose him: because he is a lovely man
and an inspiration.

Quote: "Everybody has talent but ability takes
hard work."

By Jesse and Dimitri