



YEAR 5/6~ OUR LEARNING SPRING 2 WEEK 5

Last week was a busy week in Year 5/6 which saw the children publishing their final newspaper reports. Our pupils have worked really hard on these reports which shared the story of Russian surgeon Leonid Rogozov who did the unimaginable and operated on himself in 1961 when he was struck down with appendicitis while in Antarctica.


Have a read of these reports which are a sample of the amazing work produced by some of our pupils.

The School Chronicle

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INCREIBLE SURVIVAL BY DOCTOR AGAINST ALL ODDS!!!

On the 29th of April 1961, Russian doctor- Leonid Rogozov- had survived after performing a crucial operation on himself. Accompanied by a meteorologist and a station driver (who were both completely inexperienced when it comes to surgery), Rogozov had to work with what he had. If he didn't execute his plan flawlessly there would be fatal consequences. After successfully completing his operation, Rogozov had done it and lived to tell the tale.



Leonid Rogozov after the surgery was complete

Rogozov stated, "Despite my body failing me, I know I had to carry on." He later revealed, "If it weren't for my dedicated team, I wouldn't be here right now." His surgery proved to be even more gruelling due to the fact he could only use the



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mildest pain killer: anything more would interfere with his concentration.

One of his team members announced, "I was only a station driver at the time, I had no idea that soon I would be helping a man operate on himself." His job was to hold the mirror above the operating table so Rogozov could see what he was doing whilst removing his appendix.

To this day, Leonid is remembered for his unbelievable survival and bravery regardless of the harsh conditions that he encountered. His heroic actions inspire young medical

trainees that even in the cruellest of circumstances, the human spirit can triumph; for decades now, he has been acknowledged as one of the bravest doctors to ever live.



Leonid Rogozov performing surgery.



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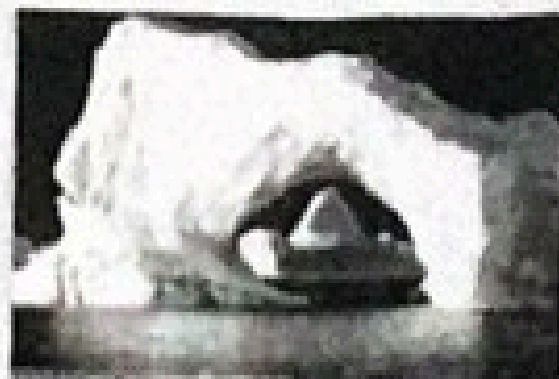
YOUR FAVOURITE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Date: 25th March 2025

Incredible operation by surgeon

On the 29th of April 1961, Leonid Rogozov had a sharp pain on his side and he had no trouble diagnosing the cause (appendicitis). In the middle of Antarctica, the closest Russian speaking surgeon is 1 thousand miles away and the fastest way to get there is by air but the weather was horrible. The only option was to operate on himself (as patient & surgeon).

When speaking to Rogozov



Antarctica

after he recovered, he said, "I knew I had to keep cutting and it would be fatal if I stop and fall asleep." Later when he recalled his experience, he said, "I am very grateful for the station bus driver and the meteorologist's

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help and support to me when the surgery was deadly.

Amused by the fact that he was about to operate on himself, he said, "I never thought that I was going to help him do an operation on himself." Then he said, "I am very proud of him, he told me to get him the very mildest pain killers and wake him up if he ever falls asleep during the operation."

Although he is in great pain, he'd gone on and kept cutting. He was very heroic and brave.

He was a courageous young man and his operation was deadly but he was still remembered for his incredible surgery in Antarctica



Rogozov after he recovered




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Miracle Survival by Surgeon

Polar exploration was at its peak in the year 1961. For 2 years Leonid Rogozov had been a pivotal member of a Russian medical team based in Antarctica. Stationed in Queen Maud Land, Rogozov was the senior medic accompanied by 13 other members. April arrived and it was not a member of the crew who fell ill but Rogozov himself. He was suffering from high temperatures, constant vomiting and sharp pain in his side. As an experienced surgeon, he had no trouble diagnosing the cause he



Leonid Rogozov

was suffering from appendicitis a fatal inflammation of the appendix.

Talking later about his experience, Rogozov recalled, "I knew it was surgery or the pain of death - it was my only option." He also said "The thought of cutting into my

own body was beyond any man's imagination." With utterly no experience in the surgery of the appendix, he was forced to operate upon his own body and with nobody else aboard the station with medical experience he was forced to call upon the most unlikely assistance. "I'd never anticipated as a truck driver I would be in a surgeon's shoes," spoke the truck driver (who was involved in the surgery).

After the surgery, Rogozov was overcome with pain for 2 weeks however, the agony soon dispersed. Upon returning home Rogozov was regarded as a hero and an inspiration. He is one of the only six people ever to perform self-surgery.