Edenfield News

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Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning, we held the Remembrance Service in Church in commemoration of Armistice Day. This year, we focused on the significance of the poppy and remembered the first Poppy Day back in 1921. The day was inspired by the poem ***'In Flanders Fields'*** written by Major John McCrae. Following the death of one of his comrades, Major McCrae was asked to conduct the burial service in the absence of the chaplain. This experience led to his first draft of the poem and its subsequent publication. The first verse reads:

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.



We reflected on why we buy and wear poppies. As well as supporting the work of the British Legion, it shows we remember and care about others and are grateful to those who gave, and continue to give, their lives to protect us. The poppy is also a sign of hope as these delicate, yet resilient, flowers grew on the land where battles of the First World War were fought.



As always, Year 6 help to lead the service and it was a most poignant and moving occasion. Mr Chris Hollis has been working with Year 6 to produce a special project in memory of the fallen soldiers of Edenfield. The children have made a large poppy canvas decorated with the names of all the lost soldiers of Edenfield. This will be displayed in Church on Sunday.
The children have also worked hard to produce their own projects on the world wars and these were displayed in the school hall for our visitors.
The choir also sang the song, 'We Will Remember Them' – it was a beautiful performance.

We were delighted that Mr Wilf Oldham, a World War Two veteran was able to return to visit the children to speak about his experiences in the war. Mr Oldham fought in the battle of Arnhem in 1944 and in his own words witnessed sights "*no person should ever have to see*". It was forty five years before he felt able to return and visit the graves of his lost comrades. It was a privilege and an honour to welcome him into school; it was an unforgettable experience for the children and it certainly brought this shocking period of history to life.

It was also an honour to welcome back Mr Steventon and family, and Mr Frodsham who return to remember their fallen relatives, Arthur Steventon, and Christopher Frodsham, previously of Edenfield.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Hollis for his continued dedication and hard work in helping the children of Edenfield remember the servicemen and women who have died trying to secure our freedom. Thank you also to Miss Thomas, who led prayers during the service. It was lovely to see so many parents, relatives and friends in Church attending the service before visiting school for refreshments.

In other important school news, it is with regret I must announce that Mrs McNamara will be leaving Edenfield School at the end of this term. She has been successfully appointed as School Business Manager at Lowerplace Primary school in Rochdale, a much larger school. This is a significant promotion and we are delighted at her success whilst very sad to be losing her. Mrs McNamara has been as asset to Edenfield, both as the face of the office, and in her demanding role as business manager. She will be sorely missed. We are currently advertising for the post.

Warm wishes, Mrs C L Garner

Extra-Curricular Activities

Week commencing: 14th November

Mon	**Netball**	Years 5 and 6
Tues	**Girls Football**	Years 5 and 6
Wed	**Judo**	Paid for activity
Wed	**ICT Club**	Year 1
Wed	**Singing Club**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Thurs	**Football Club**	Years 4, 5 and 6
Thurs	**Ethos Committee**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Thurs	**Recorder Club**	Years 4, 5 & 6
Thurs	**Rugby Club**	Years 4, 5 and 6

The PTA cake sale, held on the last day of the half-term, raised a whopping £159.32! Thank you to everyone who sent in cakes and also to all those who tasted them!

It's **Children in Need** next Friday and we will, once again, be hosting our special Children in Need raffle. Tickets will cost £1 and more information will home next week.



Job Vacancy - Cleaner

We have a vacancy for a cleaner in school to assist our site supervisor, Mr Lynch. The position is for 4 hours per week, term time only. The hours are flexible (1 hour per day, Mon -Thurs, between 7 -8.30am or 3.30pm - 6.30pm). Please visit the school website for more information, or call into the office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 25th Nov	Christmas Fair
Tue 21st Nov	Class 4 Trip
Thur 23rd Nov	Class 3 Trip
Fri 24th Nov	Class 1 Trip
Tue 5th Dec	Infant Nativity Performance
Wed 6th Dec	Infant Nativity Performance
Thur 7th Dec	Infant Nativity Performance
Wed 13th Dec	Christmas Pantomime 1pm
Thur 14th Dec	Christmas Dinner
Tue 19th Dec	Christmas Party (Juniors)
Wed 20th Dec	Christmas Party (Infants)
Thur 21st Dec	Christmas Service in Church 1.30pm

STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 27th October

Reception Class: Oscar Cribelli, Poppy Keir, Poppy Ashton

Class 1: Millie Ellison, Syd Larkin, Amie Redfearn

Class 2: Isabelle Archer, Grace Cotton

Astrid Brocklehurst-Flynn

Class 3 : Oliver Galpin, Charoltte Ellis

Class 4 : Imogen Leeming, Lois Littlewood, Leo Giles

Class 5 : Rebecca Main, Alexander Ogilvie

Class 6 : Bronwyn Healey, Sammy Burns

Friday 10th November

Reception Class: Oliver Taylor, Tess Giblin, Malachy-Jay Coulson

Class 1: Sophia Meager, Elliot Wilcock, Sebastian Wall

Class 2 : Oscar Wadsworth, Isla Jane Formby, Lila Greenwood

Class 3 : Oliver Galpin, Annabel Paul

Class 4 : Isabelle Heyes, Brock Greenwood

Class 5 : Jack Stockdale, Timothy Moore

Class 6 : All of Class 6

Non-Uniform Days

In exchange for items for the Christmas Fair …

Friday 17th November

WRAPPED GIFT PLEASE FOR LUCKY DIP STALL

Please bring a wrapped gift (for the lucky dip - minimum value £1) for either a boy or girl. Boys to bring gifts for boys and girls to bring gifts for girls please. Ideally use either pink or blue wrapping paper for ease of identification, or write clearly on the gift either boy or girl.

Friday 24th November

BRING IN A BOTTLE OR FILLED JAR

Classes: Reception, 1 & 2

Please bring in a Jar for the Tombola.

Please fill it with sweets, small gifts - anything which a child would love to receive!

Classes: 3, 4 & 5

All children to please bring in a bottle.

All kinds of drinks gratefully received!

Thought of the Week

On the 11th Hour – of the 11th Day – of the 11th Month

WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM