Edenfield News

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Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year 6 pupils led our Remembrance Service beautifully at Edenfield Parish Church yesterday and it was wonderful to see so many of you in attendance for this special service. The children have been working hard preparing for this day with Mr Holt, Mrs Higgins and our friend of the school, Chris Hollis. Mr Hollis was invited into class to talk about the importance of remembrance and why, even after more than a hundred years, people continue to pay their respects to the fallen soldiers, and service men and women, who sacrificed their lives for peace and freedom. Children learnt about the symbol of the poppy and why it was chosen as an emblem for remembrance before learning about some of the major battles which took place in World War I and World War II including the Battle of the Somme which took place in World War I and the Battle of Arnhem which took place in World War II. The latter was a battle in which our local World War II veteran, Mr Wilf Oldham, fought and the children enjoyed finding about his life and efforts during the war.

Over the half term, children were tasked with creating their own remembrance projects and most of the class chose to complete these on their own family relations who had been affected by either World War. These projects were proudly presented in class to Mr Hollis and included marvellous artwork, models and displays. Alongside this, the children also produced a class project where they paid tribute to the fallen soldiers from Edenfield by making silhouettes of soldiers and dedicating each one to a fallen troop. This has been displayed upon the entrance to church, along the railings, and is our homage to how our small village was entangled in such awful conflict. Thank you to Mrs Higgins and Mr Holt who spent hours erecting the display in very cold, windy conditions – I am sure you will agree that it looks wonderful. Please take a minute to look closely at our display, read the names of our fallen soldiers and remember their sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today.

On the day of the Remembrance Service, we were delighted to welcome Mr Bill Steventon and his wife Pauline who attends our service every year to continue a cherished tradition of displaying flowers in memory of Bill's Uncle Arthur from Edenfield who perished in Greece during the First World War. They were so grateful for the work completed and shared by the children, and were also keen to give our parents a special mention for all their support in helping the children research their own families and experiences of war.

During the service, we also learnt how children as young as thirteen volunteered to sacrifice themselves for the country and how we owe so much to these brave boys and men. At 11am, we observed a two-minute silence after the tolling of the bell. After this, Year 6 read prayers and poems they had written themselves before presenting their individual projects to the congregation. The service concluded with Year 6 leading a procession into the graveyard to lay flowers on the Commonwealth graves, as Miss Thomas led prayers at the gravesides.

Thank you to Miss Pam Thomas who led the Remembrance procession and carried the candle of hope, and to Mrs Anne Cheetham who, as always, donated a wreath of poppies.

Earlier in the week, we were also delighted to welcome Reverend Andy Lindop back to school. Due to Covid restrictions, he has been unable to attend since spring 2020 and it was wonderful to join him as he led whole school worship on Monday where he told the school all about Jesus the Good Shepherd. Jesus will always look out for us and protect us from harm just as a shepherd tends his flock of sheep. If we get lost, Jesus will guide us back to where we belong and comfort us when we are worried. We thanked God that he sent his only son Jesus to watch over us and protect us.

Covid Reminders

We would be most grateful if parents could ensure they continue to inform us if pupils have taken a PCR test as a result of being a close contact of a positive case, or if there is a positive case in the household. This enables us to keep systems and procedures fully compliant. Pupils can continue to attend school whilst waiting for test results as long as they remain symptom free. Children showing any of the main symptoms should take a test immediately and self-isolate until the results are received.

School Pantomime

Thank you for payments for the school pantomime. This is now full. Full details of the arrangements on the day will be sent nearer the date.

Warm wishes,

C. L. Garner

Guided by God, following in his footsteps

Our vision is theologically centred on Psalm 119:105

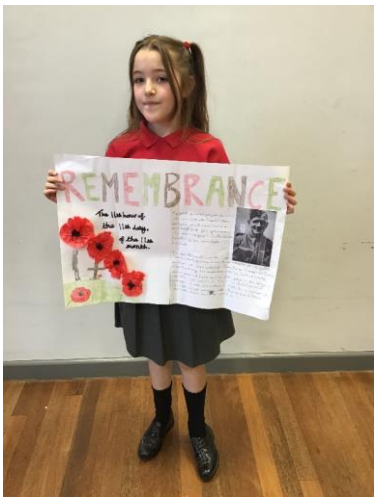
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Remembrance Service



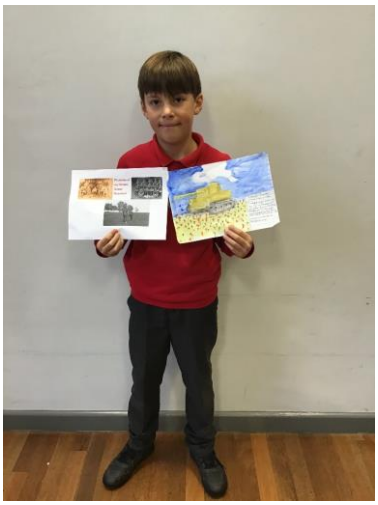


















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Extra-Curricular Activities

Autumn Term 2021

Clubs take place from the end of the school day until 4.15pm unless otherwise indicated.

Day	Activity	Year Group
Tues	**Book Club**	Year 2 (Autumn term 2)
Tues	**Friends at Play**	Year 1 (Starting 16th November)
Tues	**Skiing**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (until 5pm)
Tues	**Netball**	Years 5 and 6
Weds	**Art Club**	Years 3 and 4
Weds	**Boys' Football**	Years 5 and 6
Weds	**Singing Club**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Thurs	**Lego Club**	Year 1
Thurs	**Graphic Design**	Year 2
Thurs	**Hockey**	Years 3 and 4
Thurs	**Girls` Football**	Years 5 and 6
Thurs	**Horse Riding**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (until 5pm)
Fri	**Digital Leaders**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Lunchtime Club)

STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 5th November

Reception Class: Emre Petek, Jessie Dawson

Class 1: Natasha Riley, Harvey Bracewell

Class 2: Sophie Mangham, William Taylor

Class 3: Sol Robinson, All of Class 3

Class 4: Oliver Veale, Poppy Keir

Class 5: Millie Ellison, Millie Smith

Class 6: Isla Jane Formby, Lila Greenwood

Friday 12th November

Reception Class: Aidan Hardy, Seth Onley

Class 1: Jasper Gray, Ailsa Schofield

Class 2: Wilson Worthington, Ivy Hooper

Class 3: Alexander Ball, Cohen Barker

Class 4: Jake Porter, Oliver Taylor

Class 5: Sophia Meager, Elliot Wilcock

Class 6: Harry Lord, Jasmine Ashton

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SO FAR

Tues 16th Nov	Individual school photographs
Weds 17th Nov	Class R Vision Screening
Fri 19th Nov	Class 5 trip to Yorkshire Camp
Fri 19th Nov	Children In Need raffle
Wed 8th Dec	KS1 Nativity performance
Thurs 9th Dec	KS1 Nativity performance
Fri 10th Dec	KS1 Nativity performance
Mon 13th Dec	KS2 Christmas party
Tues 14th Dec	KS1 Christmas party
Wed 15th Dec	Whole school Christmas lunch
Thurs 16th Dec	Whole school awards (9.15am)
Thurs 16th Dec	Pantomime visit to Manchester Opera House
Fri 17th Dec	Christmas Service at church (1.30pm)
Fri 17th Dec	School closes for Christmas
Tues 4th Jan	School opens for Spring Term.
Mon 10th Jan	Class R Learn to Ride
Tues 11th Jan	Class R Learn to Ride
Weds 12th Jan	Class R Learn to Ride
Sat 15th Jan	Primary school application deadline
Thurs 27th Jan	Class 4 trip to Eureka!
w/c Mon 31st Jan	RE week
Mon 7th Feb	Young Voices Singing Club

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)

Rossendale Hospice Penny Pinching

A big thank you to everyone who returned their Rossendale Penny Pinching boxes. These have been collected by the hospice and we will update you on our total once all the donations have been counted.

Dinner Money KS2

A reminder that dinner money is due in advance, and the cost this half term is £74.80. Alternatively, parents or carers may pay £11 each week.

Please send weekly payments (preferably by cheque) into school on Mondays. Please make all cheques payable to **Lancashire County Council**.

Children In Need

Our annual Children In Need raffle will take place on Friday 19th November. Further details will be sent home early next week.



Choir

Mr Hotham, choir master and church organist would like to extend a welcome to any children who may be interested in singing in a full four part choir at the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 19th December at 6.30pm. Rehearsals for the service will commence on 12th November at 7pm and all KS2 children are warmly invited to attend and join the choir for this special event.

Thought of the Week

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

WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM