Edenfield News

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Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

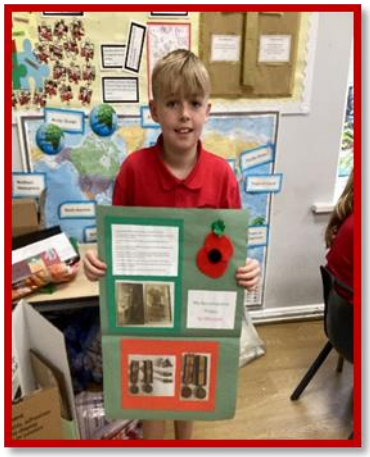
Welcome to a new issue of the newsletter. It really has felt like winter this week but I am hoping that the wonderful work achieved by the children, shared below and overleaf, will bring warmth and joy to you all.

Remembrance Service

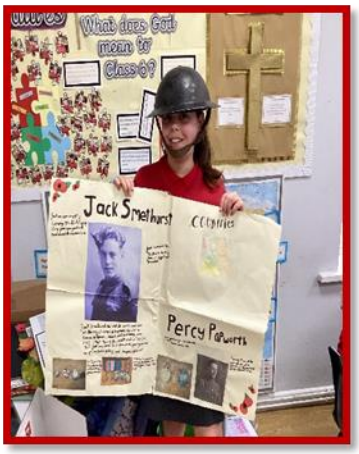
On Monday 11th November, pupils in Y6 led the Remembrance Service beautifully at Edenfield Parish Church. In the lead up to the service, the children worked very hard on a number of projects including the class project which focuses on the fallen service men and women of Edenfield. For many years, this work has been introduced and supported by Chris Hollis and over this time he has inspired many projects including a Second World War memorial tablet and the leather bound roll of honour – both permanent epitaphs to the fallen of the past. As Chris continues to suffer from ill health, Y6 staff and the children are determined to carry on with the special work he began and I know he is thrilled by their continued commitment to such a special service and the remembrance period.

This year we thought about the 'Close Your Eyes' initiative launched by the Royal British Legion. The RBL is at the heart of a network that is there to support members of the armed forces, veterans and their families. We heard about military personnel (some as young as eighteen years old) who have suffered unimaginable injuries and witnessed the horrors of war, and how the RBL, and specifically the Battle Back Centre, is dedicated to making sure that everyone who has suffered life-changing experiences in military service receives the support they need. Some of these people have even gone on to participate in the Invictus Games after finding renewed purpose and confidence in their abilities.

During the service some of the children shared some of their own personal projects about their relatives' experience of war. Every pupil in Year 6 completed a variety of Remembrance projects such as artwork, poetry, sculptures and information about a past relative. In church, we heard about relatives of the children and their experiences of war. Class projects included these pictured below:







An art installation was also erected on the church railings which displays tributes to the fallen of Edenfield, as well as wonderful poems written by the children. I hope you all had the opportunity to stop and read their work.

History Week and Exhibition

As mentioned in the last issue, we started the new half term with History Week with a specific focus on local history. The week culminated in a special history exhibition in the school hall, where groups of children hosted stands for the other classes to visit and learn more about the rich history of Edenfield, Rossendale and Lancashire. The local heritage exhibition was also visited by the Lancashire Archives Education Team who were able to bring in a wonderful selection of maps dating back to 1850, as well as the original school building plans, censuses, and photographs of our local area in the past. Children were able to use their enquiry skills to ask perceptive questions about their school, learn more about continuity and change, as well as making judgements about what they had learned.

The different projects were as follows:

In Class Reception, the children studied what life was like at school for children in the past. Mrs Dewar came into school and spoke about what school was like when she was little. The children were very interested to hear that Mrs Dewar had a boiler in her classroom to keep her warm and that all the children drank milk every morning. The children then enjoyed travelling further back in time. The classroom was transformed to create the 'One Hundred Year Old School'. They enjoyed taking it in turns to be the strict teacher and to write on the black paper with the chalks. At the end of the week, the children enjoyed taking part in a Victorian tea party. They learnt that children during Victorian times would have only had treats on very special occasions.

The Class Reception exhibition stand included information that the children had discovered from speaking to older members of their families. They also found out that Edenfield Primary School was built in 1861 and that the toilets were outside! The children took special cup and ball games to the exhibition to demonstrate how toys were different for children in the past.

Class 1 looked at the history of Edenfield. They looked at pictures of Edenfield village and grouped them into past or present, before discussing the changes to the village over time. The children looked at a range of maps of Edenfield, locating the school and church on each of the maps. Finally, Class 1 decided to create a time capsule to plant in the school grounds and the children produced lots of useful information about Edenfield to bury in the capsule. They also drew pictures of the shops and places located in Edenfield in the present day; wrote about a day in the life of a child living here; and included information about the current school uniform for Edenfield Primary.

Class 2 studied The Lancashire Cotton Mills. Firstly, they completed enquiry mats with photographs discussing what they could see and what they wanted to know. They also investigated the cotton plant and where cotton comes from, the children were very surprised to find out that cotton comes from a plant!

The children looked at some artefacts such as the spinning jenny and enquired about the Industrial Revolution and how it changed the cotton industry. To immerse the children into the lives of those back in the 1800s, they went on an educational visit to Queen Street Mill. The children dressed as mill workers and thoroughly enjoyed their day experiencing what life was like for children in the mill and in the Apprentice House where they lived and went to school.

Their history exhibition included: projects completed over half term, charcoal mill drawings, true and false game using information about the mills, matching image to definition activity, photographs from our trip to Queen Street Mill and work in history books.

Class 3 learnt about castles in the North West of England focusing on Clitheroe, Skipton and Lancaster. They learnt about the features of castles, and looked at similarities and differences of different castles. The children built some wonderful castle models which were displayed at the exhibition, alongside lots of quizzes and investigations for the other classes to complete.

Class 4 enjoyed learning about the history of transport in Lancashire. The children learned about how different types of transport such as canals and the railway helped to shape industry in Rossendale as they connected the valley to the world. They looked at maps of the area to identify the routes of the railways and compared these to modern maps with our road network. The children created models and pictures of trains and boats which formed part of our history exhibition stand.

Year 5 explored the lives and trials of the Pendle Witches which took place in 1612. They wrote letters as Jennet Device, a nine year old girl, who testified against her mother and other members of her family; completed charcoal sketches of the witches; and wrote their own interactive quizzes to share at the history exhibition. Over half term, Year 5 completed projects based on the Pendle Witches and many visited Pendle to complete the 'Witch Trail' or climb Pendle Hill, which brought the whole project alive for the children.

Year 6 studied local war history alongside their own family history which culminated in creating and designing their own Remembrance projects. Year 6 undertook a lot of independent research into the causes of World War I and discovered the reasons why so many soldiers lost their lives in the Great War. The children visited Edenfield Parish Church to locate the Commonwealth War Graves and looked at the memorials inside church which were dedicated to the fallen. Children enjoyed finding out about something which was personal to them whilst completing their projects.

Please enjoy the photographs of history week in action overleaf.

Christmas Fair

As December approaches, our first festive event will be the Christmas Fair on Thursday, 28th November, at 5pm. We are hosting the fair after school which we hope will be a more convenient time for families at this very busy period of the year. Please come and join us at the fair, where you will find:

- A selection of hot and cold food
- Prosecco and mulled wine
- Hot and cold drinks including luxury hot chocolate
- Bottle tombola
- Lucky dip stall
- The return of Elf on the Shelf
- Christmas games and activities
- Hair stall
- Face painting
- Craft stalls
- Church cake and gift stalls
- Individual gift stalls run by parents
- Biscuit decorating
- Raffle
- School calendars to order

We are still seeking volunteers to assist with planning the event, procuring raffle prizes and to host stalls on the night. If you would like to contribute to this lovely event, please contact Lucy Scully whose number can be obtained from the school office. It takes hours of preparation in the lead up to the event, as well as setting up all the stalls and activities on the day so any help, however small, would be greatly appreciated! Thank you for your support.

Children in Need

Today we have held our annual ***Children in Need*** Raffle. Thank you for supporting this cause by purchasing tickets to win a variety of Pudsey merchandise. Winners will be announced in the next issue.

EPIC

This week, Class 6 are EPIC because...

The children have been learning about the theme of *Remembrance* and its importance in honouring those who have made sacrifices for others. As part of this, the class led a heartfelt Remembrance service in church, where they reflected on the bravery and selflessness of individuals who have fought for peace and freedom.

Through their individual and class projects, the children explored the significance of remembering, not only as an act of respect but also as a way to show gratitude for the past. They discussed how we can apply this to our daily lives by showing kindness, making sacrifices for others, and striving to live peacefully.

This work has helped the children deepen their understanding of how Remembrance aligns with God's vision. By following Jesus' teachings of love and sacrifice, they are inspired to make thoughtful, compassionate choices. It also reminded them of the importance of showing gratitude and forgiveness, creating a stronger sense of unity and care in our school community.

Our school vision encourages everyone to reflect on God's word, helping us to grow as individuals who thrive and flourish together. Through the values of Remembrance, we are reminded to live in a way that honours others and follows in God's footsteps.

All that remains is to wish you all a lovely weekend.

Warm wishes,

C. L. Garner

Guided by God, following in his footsteps

Our vision is theologically centred on Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path

History Week



Class Reception



Class 1



Class 2



Class 3



Class 4



Class 5



Class 6



Local Archives







Exhibition

A Week In Pictures



Class 1
Class 1 have drawn the different parts of the Christmas story.



Class 2
Class 2 enjoyed a 'fire talk' from Rawtenstall Fire Service learning all about the dangers of house fires; how to stay safe; and the importance of having a working smoke alarm in your home.



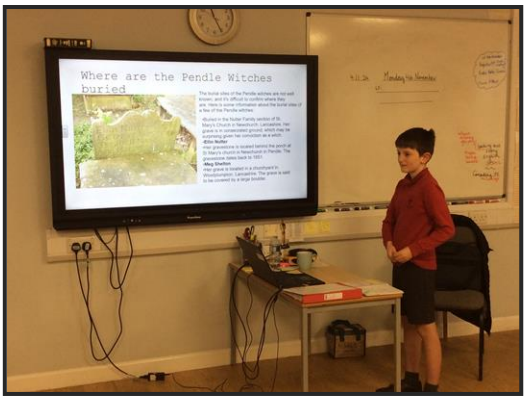
Class Reception
Class Reception have been thinking about birthdays. They particularly enjoyed making their own birthday cakes with playdough and wooden stick candles to represent different numbers.



Class 4
Class 4 enjoyed reading the story 'The Mousehole Cat'.



Class 3
Class 3 enjoyed digging for fossils at Southport Eco Centre.



Class 5
Class 5 shared their Pendle Witch projects that they completed following 'History Week'.



Class 6
Class 6 researched the United States of America in geography and found key physical and human features on a map.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Autumn Term 2024

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

Day	Activity	Year Group
Mon	**Equality Champions**	Year 6 (Lunchtime club)
Tues	**Ethos Champions**	Year 6 (During school day)
Tues	**Skiing**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Tues	**Athletics**	Years 5 and 6 (Aut term 2)
Tues	**Lego Club**	Year 1
Tues	**Boys and Girls Football**	Years 5 and 6
Tues	**Compassion Club**	Years 5 and 6
Weds	**Art Club**	Year 2
Weds	**Singing Club**	Year 4, 5 and 6
Weds	**Infant Sports**	Years 1 and 2
Thurs	**Horse Riding**	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (until 5pm)
Thurs	**Table Tennis**	Years 6
Thurs	**Digital Leaders**	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Lunchtime club)
Thurs	**Cricket**	Years 1 and 2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 18th Nov	Class 4 visit to Bolton Museum
Wed 20th Nov	Nasal flu immunisations
Wed 20th Nov	Great Lancashire Debate
Thurs 21st Nov	Class 5 visit to Catalyst Science Discovery Centre
Fri 22nd Nov	Non Uniform Day (Christmas Fair items)
Fri 22nd Nov	PGL second instalment due
Wed 27th Nov	Class 6 visit to Jorvik Viking Centre
Thurs 28th Nov	Class 2 visit to Burnley Football Club
Thurs 28th Nov	Christmas Fair, 5pm-7pm
Fri 6th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
Tues 10th Dec	Class R nativity performance, 9.30am
Tues 10th Dec	KS1 nativity performance, 1.45pm
Wed 11th Dec	Class R nativity performance, 9.30am
Wed 11th Dec	KS1 nativity performance, 1.45pm
Thurs 12th Dec	KS1 nativity performance, 1.45pm
Tues 17th Dec	KS2 Christmas party AM, KS1/R Christmas party PM
Wed 18th Dec	Whole school awards, 9.15am
Wed 18th Dec	Whole school Christmas lunch
Thurs 19th Dec	Cinderella at the Manchester Opera House
Fri 20th Dec	Christmas Service at church, 1.30pm

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)

Thought of the Week

On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, we will remember them.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 8th November

Reception Class: Emilio Dewhurst, Eva Brooks

Class 1: Ernie Dewhurst, Alice Ma

Class 2: Ivana Holt, Eliza Riding

Class 3: Emre Petek, Esmie Dickinson

Class 4: Rocco Ormerod, Alice Walker

Class 5: Brooklyn Donnelly, Henry Grimshaw

Class 6: Harry Morrison, Alfie Archer

Friday 15th November

Reception Class: Orla Manning, Arabella Cornell

Class 1: Delilah Howard, Louis Durose Clarke

Class 2: Ralphie Turner, Alex Irwin

Class 3: Henry Vizzard, Edie Hayhoe

Class 4: Lucia Cuddy, Harry Wilson

Class 5: Sophie Finn, Connie Formby

Class 6: Matilda Jackson, Alexander Ball

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Non uniform can be worn in exchange for items for the Christmas Fair ….

Friday 22nd November

Please bring in a wrapped item for the lucky dip to the value of approximately £2.00. A label will be sent home to indicate the gender and age range on the parcel.



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.