



SURFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week Ending – 10th November 2023

Work Hard, Be Kind, Achieve!

The living owe it to those who no longer can speak to tell their story for them.

Czeslaw Milosz

Welcome to an important week at Surfleet Primary School where we have been thinking about Remembrance Day and the reasons why this is important to us.

One of our school priorities this year is to develop an understanding of how we are and can become good citizens and what it means to be a valued member of our community. With this in mind, through our assemblies, we have discussed who we are remembering and how their service has supported our current way of life both locally, nationally and internationally.

The above quotation has guided our thinking about why it is important to talk about the people and events as almost all of the people who fought in the two World Wars are no longer with us. We also thought about recent and current conflicts and how many people from Britain and beyond are affected by these difficult times. It has been pleasing to see how many children have embraced the theme of Remembrance Day and we would all like to thank you for sending money in for the children to buy poppies or other items that support the Royal British Legion.

All classes have been preparing for the Remembrance service at the Church. In next week's newsletter we will be able to share various photos with you from the event. In the meantime, here are some examples of what we have been doing this week:

Willow Class's Wreath



The 'Poppy Crew' from Willow



Maple Class's Wreath



Maple children ready to read in the church - Don't they look really happy?



Remembrance Writing from Maple

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a day of remembering the soldiers who sacrificed themselves so we could live a care free life. We wear Poppies to remember those lost and wounded. We think about the men who fought the soldiers who fought for us.

Why we wear poppies

We wear poppies because they grow in the battle fields after war. Poppies were picked and first sold in 1921. All the money goes to charities that support the army to help them.

When Remembrance Day happens

We celebrate Remembrance Day on the 11th of November at 11am. We know it then because that's when World War 1 ended. It was the last we saw minutes of silence. Other countries celebrate because they also fought in it. It ended in 1918. Remembrance Day is on the 11th of November because that's when the war happened.

Lives in World War 1

Lives in war were tough because all the men went to fight to save our lives now. The soldiers hid in trenches and they lived there because it was too dangerous to live at home. It was too dangerous for children to live in cities so they were evacuated to the countryside. The army used rifles, tanks, planes and heavy bombs.

Remembrance day is where we remember the people that risked their lives and saved us all. We think about the poppies that went to the world wars and saved our lives. We also wear poppies to remember them when they sacrificed.

Why we wear poppies

We wear poppies because it reminds us when poppies grew in the battle fields. We remember poppies because it reminds us about the wars and why people saved our lives for Britain. Poppies had been sold to remember lots of people that risked their lives.

When remembrance day happens

1918 it ended and 1921 they started to sell poppies. We also need a moment of silence to think about the war. World War 1 ended. Other countries also had celebrated the war. We also remember what they had done. We also honour Remembrance day because it is the day that World War 1 had ended.

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Lives in World War 1

All children were evacuated because it wasn't safe in the cities. It was very poppy for you now. It was hard until war ended. They used planes, tanks, grenades, guns and they had to be safe. Thanks to those who were working in factories so they fought in war. Lots of people got hurt so they could help but still poppies.

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Do you know?

- Over 45 million poppies are sold in the world every year.
- There were 20 million soldiers in World War 1.
- Poppies were first sold in 1918 (1921).
- World War 1 lasted 4 years.

GS history

Trenches - a passageway to land and is the soldier's way to live.

Races - got captured during the war.

No more land - An agreement on both sides so no more changes come land.

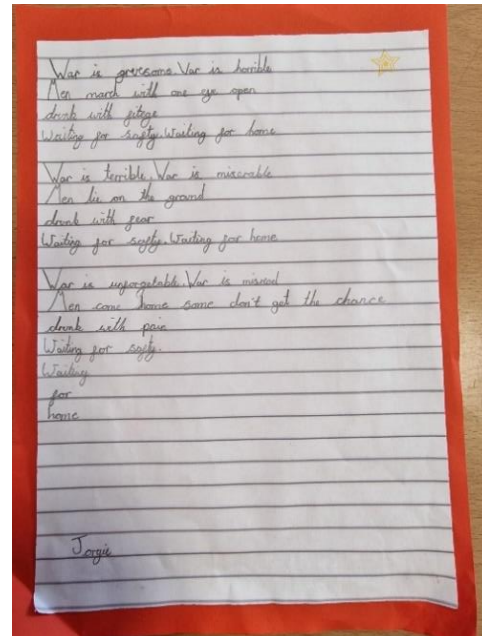
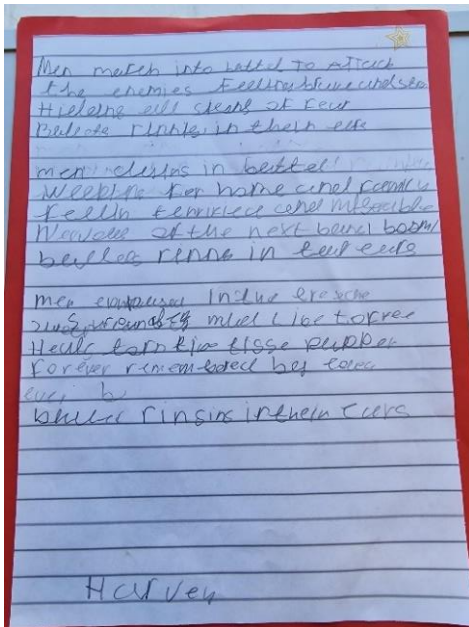
Oak Class's Wreath



Oak class with their poems



The poignant poems of Oak class



Next week:

We will be thinking about two important events: Anti Bullying Week and Children in Need.

To show support for both of these worthwhile events...

Monday children are encouraged to wear odd socks and we will discuss the reason for this in our assembly.



Friday children can wear something spotty or yellow (or something that has been bought as official Children in Need merchandise), bringing in £1 to raise money. We will once again be encouraging children to bring in any small change to 'Fill The Pudsey'. Please help out if you can.



STARS OF THE WEEK

WILLOW CLASS

- **Finley S** for his increasing confidence in communicating during whole class inputs which is having a positive impact on his learning and achievement.

MAPLE CLASS

- **Simran K** for her kind and caring nature towards others and trying her best in her writing.

OAK CLASS

- **Jorgie G** for her incredible remembrance poetry in English.



Upcoming events!

- **Mon 13th Nov** – Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week.
- **Wed 15th Nov till 15 Jan 2024** – Reception Class September 2024 Applications Open.
- **Fri 17th Nov** – Children in Need, Children wear something Spotty, Yellow or Official Children in Need merchandise.
- **Fri 24th Nov** – No After-school club for Football
- **Fri 8th Dec** – PTFA Christmas Fair 2.30pm till 4.30pm.
- **Tues 12th Dec & Wed 13th Dec** – Nativity Play.
- **Fri 15th Dec** – Christingle Service at the church @ 1.30pm.

Please check our calendar on our website for upcoming events and information

School Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy Sept 2023

Should you ever want to see a copy of our school's safeguarding and child protection policy, it is available to view on the school's website.