



11TH NOVEMBER 2021

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday, 10th December

Please join us at the
**JOINT LINK SCHOOLS
CAROL SERVICE** - United
Reformed Church - details to
follow

Saturday, 11th December

**LINK ASSOCIATION
CHRISTMAS FAIR**
Being held at the secondary
school

Tuesday, 14th December

**SECONDARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Wednesday, 15th December

**PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Friday 17th December 2021

**END OF TERM - EARLY
CLOSURE FOR PUPILS**

Tuesday, 4th January 2022

STAFF INSET DAY

Wednesday, 5th January 2022

**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
FOR THE SPRING TERM**

14th - 18th February 2022

**SPRING HALF TERM - No
School**

We make no apology for the fact that this week's newsletter is dominated with work that has been carried out in respect of 'Remembrance' across both schools.

On Armistice Day at 11.00am we joined the nation and held one minute's silence, taking time to be stop, be calm and think about those who sacrificed their lives for us.

Every year it amazes us at how all the pupils join in and try their absolute best to show their respect in this way.

Some of our young learners who are members of cub and scout groups will be taking part in marches and services on Remembrance Day on Sunday.

In closing, we leave a simple thought.

**For those who leave never to return and for
those who return, but are never the same - We
remember.**



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL?

Lots of creativity and thought went into Remembrance Day work at the primary school.



Our week started with an assembly led by Sue Denman where pupils were given the opportunity to place a poppy in remembrance.



Hazel Class studied the poem 'In Flanders Field' and made a wonderful display which adorns our atrium.



Willow Class spent time making a poppy display using stamping skills

which formed the basis of their artwork. The whole class display, pictured below, also has pride of place in our atrium.



Maple Class took the opportunity of embracing remembrance day in their cookery lesson, baking very tasty poppy biscuits.



Pine Class remembered that last year they paid their respects with Sandy and Sue R and asked if they could do the same this year.

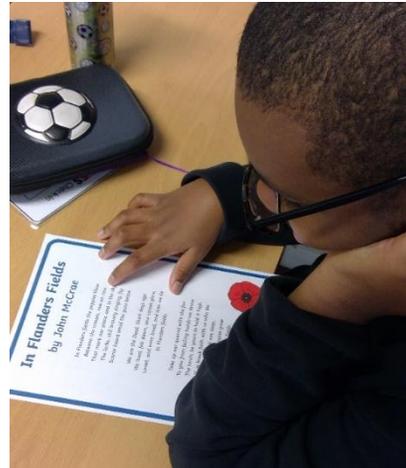
They modelled themselves brilliantly and held their composure, even though the ringing of our bell to signal the start and

finish of minute's silence was a little bit too loud for Roman!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL?

Classes this week have been looking at 'Remembrance'.

Tomlin class have decorated the staircase with poppies that they made in their DT lesson.



Students have decorated their classroom doors with poppies.



Students have also read and talked about some poems that were written by men who fought in the First World War.





Students are learning about money in Maths lessons. This topic was linked this week to selling poppies, as well as talking about what the poppies represent. Students used multiplication and division to solve Maths problems based on selling poppies.



Yates class created a Remembrance wreath using their handprints and finger painting. They also wrote acronym poems.

Key Stage 4 Science students have learnt about chemical warfare in the First World War, in particular the use of chlorine gas. They also read the poem Dulce et Decorum Est by Wilfred Owen, which is about the effects of chlorine, or mustard, gas on the soldiers.



We have ended our week with a Remembrance assembly, which included a one-minute silence observed by all students and staff.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

One of our secondary school parents, Jeanette, will be co-presenting a talk on managing anxiety this Monday at 8.00pm with Moyna Talcer, an occupational therapist, who's an expert in sensory integration. The talk is aimed at adults with ASD but may be helpful for parents and ASD teens too. It will be about an hour with opportunity for questions at the end. The zoom link for the talk is below:

Topic: Top tips on managing anxiety

Time: Nov 15, 2021 08:00 PM
London

To join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83906850719?pwd=bVh3YlM4MWh1bmdEa0xYZDJKcFViQT09>

AND FINALLY

Our thanks to all those of you who attended The Link Association AGM on Wednesday night.

The evening was productive and plans are now going ahead to hold a Christmas Fair on Saturday, 11th December.

It will be slightly scaled down from past fairs, but we hope it will be just as successful, not only as a fundraising event, but also a nice festive social gathering.

These fairs take time and effort to put together and if anyone is able to offer any time - either preparing beforehand or in the run-up to the fair, donating items or helping on the day, I'm sure that Claire, Sally and Sharon would love to hear from you - linkptfa@gmail.com

