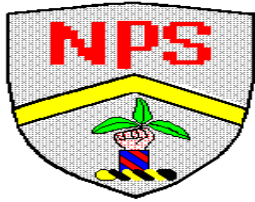


Autumn Term Newsletter



Remembrance Day Service
2022

UNCRC Article 38 – war and armed conflicts

"Lest we Forget"

Across the week all of the children in school have been learning about the importance of Remembrance Day. Today we held our annual Remembrance Day Service in the school hall, we talked about the importance of the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month and why we wear poppies on this day to remember those that gave their lives to make the world a better place for us before holding a minutes silence to pay our respect.

We made our own poppy Art in classes to display at the front of the school:

Class 1

We watched this video from CBBC and CBeebies who broadcast this 2 minute animation

called "Poppies", showing war from the animals' points of view. We also created our own handprint poppies which has so much fun! We were very proud of our friend Joel, who kindly brought in lots of his dad's medals, photos and memorabilia from the Afghanistan war from when he was a soldier there.





Class 2

In class 2 we discussed how we all have family ties to experiences during war times. We all shared our thoughts about our families in the past. We then used a range of materials to create a Flanders field poppy painting. We have proudly displayed them at the front of the school. We have also enjoyed joining in with the whole school by buying our poppy merchandise, helping raise money for the poppy appeal.





Class 3

Class 3 had lots of fun creating their water-colour poppy paintings. We discussed each part of the poppy and why it is meaningful and talked about why it is important to wear them. We reflected on the importance of Remembrance Day and thought about the soldiers who fought for our country. We enjoyed participating in the whole school remembrance service putting our change on the poppy.



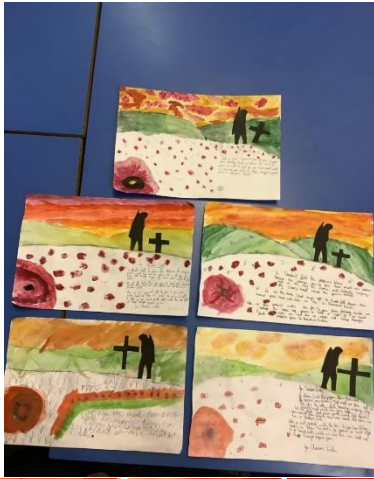
Class 4

For Remembrance Day, Class 4 made their own origami poppies to display at the front of our school and even made some poppies during Forest School using natural resources. We also donated our spare change to the giant poppy in our Remembrance Assembly led by Mrs Lee and were able to look at photographs and medals that Joel from Class 1's dad had been rewarded with for defending our country. A massive thank you to Joel and his dad for letting us see part of our history!



Class 5

Class 5 created a beautiful landscape using intricate colour-mixing, charcoal and silhouettes to produce a poppy field showing a lone soldier standing alongside a grave, remembering fallen soldiers who gave their lives for the freedom of mankind. We linked our artwork to John McCrae's famous poem – Flanders's Fields. Lest We Forget.



Class 5 Sleepover

Well, what a fabulous time we have all had in school during our Sleep-Over in Aid for Crisis Support. We sampled structure building using cardboard boxes – fabulous teamwork and resilience shown by all, especially Mrs. Aspinall whilst she was testing how water-tight each shelter was! We experienced food and drink from a soup kitchen, as well as hosting our very own fashion catwalk wearing cloths we made by ourselves using black plastic bag. Rights Respecting Gold ethos demonstrated by all. Many thanks for your support in raising £150 to donate to CRISIS (Charity to support homeless)



Fairachievers Re-accreditation

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We are very proud to be the holders of the Fairachievers School Award. We use Fairtrade products where and when we possibly can including at our Breakfast club. We liaise with local supermarkets such as Sainsburys in order to widen the links with we have with the local community and business.



Punctuality

It is great to see so many children arriving to school on time and being involved in their learning right from the beginning of the day. Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 begin their phonics sessions at 8.45 am and Class 4 and Class 5 begin their challenge time activities at 8.45 am.

We also have co-ordination programmes, reading/maths/speech and language interventions and lego therapy running at that time. Thank you so much to parents/carers for your continued support.

Holidays in Term Time

Our school attendance last year decreased to 95%. Our school attendance target is 96%. This target is National Average and therefore now slightly below. Ofsted evaluate school attendance and a low attendance can affect school's Ofsted judgements. We continue to see a large increase in

requests for holidays in term time. Just to remind parents and carers that as of 1st September 2013, Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Absence during term time should be avoided because children can fall behind with their work and may find it difficult to integrate. An application using the leave of absence form (available from the school office) for leave must be made in writing to the Head Teacher, detailing the exceptional circumstances. The Head Teacher must be satisfied the circumstances warrant the granting of leave. If you do not apply for leave in advance, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without consent from the school. Thankyou for your support

Texts/Mail

We regularly send texts/mail to parents with details of events happening in school or just reminders. Please notify school if you haven't received any texts/mail in the last month. Your contact details may need updating.

School Website

Please continue to look at our school website on www.nettlesworth.durham.sch.uk for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

Diary Dates

Fri 18th Nov- Children in Need
Parliamentary
Coffee Morning

Mon 5th Dec- End of Term
Reports to Parents/Carers

Tue 6th Dec- Class 4/5 Christmas
Nativity Performance

Thur 8th Dec- Class 1/2/3
Christmas Nativity Performance

Fri 9th Dec- Christmas Fair

Tue 13th Dec- Christingle Service

Wed 14th Dec- Christmas
Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day

Thur 15th Dec- Christmas Party

Fri 16th Dec- Elf Run for St
Cuthberts Hospice

Tue 20th Dec- End of Term

Thur 5th Jan- Children return to
school

Further letters will follow about
different events.

Absences

If your child is unwell, please contact school office as soon as possible by 9am. It is important that children attend school as often as possible because if they are not in school they cannot learn

PE Kit

Please could children remember to bring PE kit on a Monday and leave it at school until Friday. Each class has certain days on the timetable but we constantly have coaches and sporting experiences for the children so days can change. We are a Sainsbury's Games Platinum Mark School and now have the AFPE (Association for Physical Education) award which is given to schools who promote and maintain high standards and safe practice in all aspects of PE. Many Thanks.

**Class 1 takes part in World Nursery
Rhyme Week 2022**

World Nursery Rhyme Week
starts NOW and we are delighted

to confirm we are taking part. The initiative, launched in 2013, promotes the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development and education with a particular focus on how nursery rhymes boost early language and literacy skills.

We have a number of activities planned throughout the week but we would also love you to join in at home too. Each day we will send the lyrics to the nursery rhyme home so you can sing

along with us

For more info and links to each of the songs of the week please click below:

<https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/>

<https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/sing-with-piccolo-main/>

Many Thanks,

Mrs Morton & The EYFS

Team

Maths Day 2022

UNCRC Article 29 – goals of education

Today the whole school took part in a fun filled afternoon of Maths activities – they really enjoyed being taught by different teachers for different sessions and it was great for all of the adults to see the progression of skills in Maths

as the children move from EYFS right the way to Year 6!

Mrs Morton had lots of fun working with Class 2 and Class 3 – they were looking at place value and subitising with different foods before solving some challenging conceptual problems

in differentiated groups



Mrs Aspinall enjoyed working with Class 1 and Class 4. Class 1 worked hard on counting out objects and discussing which group had more or less. They were very good at using the mathematical vocabulary. Class 4 worked on multiplication skills and played different games to show off all that they know. Mrs Aspinall was super impressed with their fast mental maths skills. Well done!





sang a lovely number nursery rhyme.



Miss Grimes enjoyed working with class 5 and class 1. Class 5 worked hard to solve tricky word problems in their pairs, using lots of different methods. They worked as a team to solve them and then checked their answers. Class 1 counted to 3 using chocolate to help them and then

Mr Graham enjoyed working with Class 2 and 3 with their Maths; we looked at calculations to 50 using a variation of ways to solve conceptual problems. We really enhanced our application skills by explaining our mathematical thinking to our friends by showing them how we solved our problems. Well done everyone – Rights Respecting Gold ethos demonstrated by all.



STARS Cooking Session

Some of our children took part in a cooking session based around the familiar story 'Supertato'. They had lots of fun listening to the story and creating a jam-packed veggie pasta of their own to take home

It is fair to say the school corridors smelt DELICIOUS – We certainly have some chefs in the making!



KS2 Cross Country

Today we represented school in the Durham and Chester le Street KS2 Cross Country Races. We entered teams from year 3,4,5 and 6.

To warm us up Amelia, our sports leader, delivered stretches and even a bit of brain gym. Thank you Amelia.

The children were amazing and showed determination throughout. We are so proud of all of you and how much you pushed yourselves to achieve. The most outstanding behaviour from all of our children throughout.

UNCRC Article 29 – develop talents.



