



Mickleover Primary School

12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November  
2018

*Remembrance*

**World War I  
Remembrance and  
Respect Week**



## **Context:**

In 2018 the nation prepared for the centenary of World War I.

Armistice Day 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 marked the end of the four year war and the poppy, the symbol of peace and sacrifice is the symbol we all recognise as the mark of remembrance and respect.

We decided at Mickleover Primary School that as a school that we wanted to combine our anti-bullying work and something significant to mark the commemorations across the UK. Our 'Remembrance and Respect Week' combined the work of the Poppy Appeal from the Royal British Legion and the national anti-bullying theme of 'Choose Respect,' where pupils are encouraged to stand up against bullies, those hurting themselves or others.

## **Planning and Preparation:**

Mrs Jones and Mrs Fox decided that this would be an important opportunity to develop a Poppy Arts Project across school in the spirit of the major art installation Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red at the Tower of London, which marked one hundred years since the first full day of Britain's involvement in the First World War. Created by artists Paul Cummins and Tom Piper, 888,246 ceramic poppies were used in the installation. Our aim was for all pupils to create a significant piece of art which could be displayed in our Remembrance Garden at the end of our theme week. We wanted to give staff and pupils the opportunity to be creative in the way they represented the poppy.

As well as a poppy project we also wanted a way as a school to record our memories and responses to the learning the pupils would be doing this week, so all classes/ year groups worked on Remembrance Books to record their poems, letters and prayers in response to the Poppy Appeal.

The week was organised as follows- with each day having a specific theme which was adapted for junior and infant pupils differently to make it more appropriate for each Key stage in school.

Each day's assembly matched with the theme of the week- we had a launch assembly on Monday from Mrs Jones ( based on Armistice Day ), on Tuesday Mrs Gerver and Mrs Hilton led members of the school choir in a fantastic reprise of some of the songs from WWI that the pupils had learnt and sung at a huge 'Lest We Forget' concert for 2000 pupils at the Genting Arena, Birmingham on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Pupils enjoyed listening to old favourites such as 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' and 'Pack up your troubles.'



On Wednesday and Thursday pupils attended separate key stage assemblies to be able to explore the World War I theme at an appropriate level.

## Food



Mrs Hutchinson and the catering team completely embraced our theme week. On Tuesday we had a 'rationed' lunch of beef or veggie stew.







On Wednesday we had a 'Roast Dinner Day' celebration, with parents from Ladybirds joining us for a wonderful traditional roast.






It's always good to share a meal with friends...



Enjoying a good natter over a hearty meal!

MPS 'Respect' Theme week 12.11.18 to 16.11.18

Linked with the national anti-bullying week Choose Respect and the Royal British Legion Remembrance and Thank you campaign in memory of WW1 ( 1914-1918).

<p>Monday</p> <p>Standing up for what is right.</p>	<p>Introduction to this week.</p> <p>Pupils will be learning about World War 1 through stories, poems and artwork.</p> <p>Discuss the word conflict and what it means in the modern world or on the playground.</p> <p>Why did the war happen? Why did people fight? Protection. Standing up for others.</p> <p><b>EYFS and KS1:</b> How can you protect your friends when others are trying to hurt them?</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>How can you make a difference?</p>	<p>What happened in World War 1? Personal Stories.</p> <p>Why did people agree to fight, isn't fighting always wrong?</p> <p>What do liberty, freedom mean?</p> <p>How did men and women help win the war?</p> <p>Anti-bullying theme.</p> <p>Managing Conflict.</p> <p><b>EYFS and KS1:</b> How do we cope with people being mean to us?</p> <p>WW1 theme day lunch:</p>
<p>Wednesday</p>  <p>Thinking about others sacrifice.</p>	<p>Thank you for the Sacrifice.</p> <p>Poppies theme: What does the poppy represent?</p> <p>Pupils to create artwork, poems or stories about what they have learnt of World War 1. This could be based on poppies, or recounts from soldiers, nurses etc.</p> <p><b>EYFS and KS1:</b> Why do people wear poppies in November?</p> <p>OWN CLOTHES DAY Wear Red for Poppy Appeal and give a small donation- whatever you can spare for this important cause.</p> <p>National Roast Dinner Day for lunch.</p>
<p>Thursday</p> <p>How can we make peace?</p>	<p>PEACE assembly.</p> <p>Conflict resolution.</p> <p>How did WW1 come to an end?</p> <p>Why is it still so important to remember?</p> <p><b>EYFS and KS1:</b> How do we remember loved ones? How can we have a peaceful school?</p>
<p>Friday</p>  	<p><b>REAL TIME activities</b> a.m. ( Year 1 to Year 6)</p> <p>Pupils will get to work with children from different year groups to do a special activity of their choice (part of our mental health and wellbeing focus). <b>Children are invited to dress up as though from 1918 if they wish for the day.</b></p> <p>In the afternoon we will be creating a 'Remembrance Book' for WW1 Centenary. Children will be given the chance to visit our poppy remembrance garden with their class.</p> <p>Children in Need cake sale this afternoon.</p>

## **REAL TIME**

At the end of the week we had our REAL TIME activities ( relax, engage, activate, learn), so that pupils had an opportunity to enjoy time engaged in an extra-curricular activity whilst making friends with other pupils in different classes and year groups from Year 1 to Year 6.

Many of the REAL TIME activities for this year were based on activities that pupils from 100 years ago might have done. This was an excellent suggestion from School Council.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Led by</b>	<b>Number of pupils participating</b>
<b>Singing</b>	<b>Mrs Fox</b>	<b>30 pupils</b>
<b>Kite making</b>	<b>Mrs Branch</b>	<b>26 pupils</b>
<b>Top Trumps</b>	<b>Mrs Ruddle and Mrs Wild</b>	<b>33 pupils</b>
<b>Mindfulness colouring</b>	<b>Mrs Wright and Mrs Watson</b>	<b>62 pupils</b>
<b>Marbles/ football/games</b>	<b>Mrs Sharpe and Mrs Hammersley</b>	<b>29 pupils</b>
<b>Handbells KS2 only</b>	<b>Mrs Cochrane</b>	<b>18 pupils</b>
<b>Craft activity: Pompoms</b>	<b>Mrs Fasey</b>	<b>20 pupils</b>
<b>Pigeon Puppets</b>	<b>Mrs Goozee</b>	<b>24 pupils</b>
<b>Board Games</b>	<b>Mrs Taylor</b>	<b>27 pupils</b>
<b>Make your own wrapping paper</b>	<b>Miss Neild</b>	<b>26 pupils</b>
<b>Christmas Truce (WWI) Drama Workshop</b>	<b>Mrs Clemens</b>	<b>30 pupils</b>
<b>Children in Need craft activity</b>	<b>Mrs McNeil</b>	<b>30 pupils</b>



Designing your own wrapping paper.





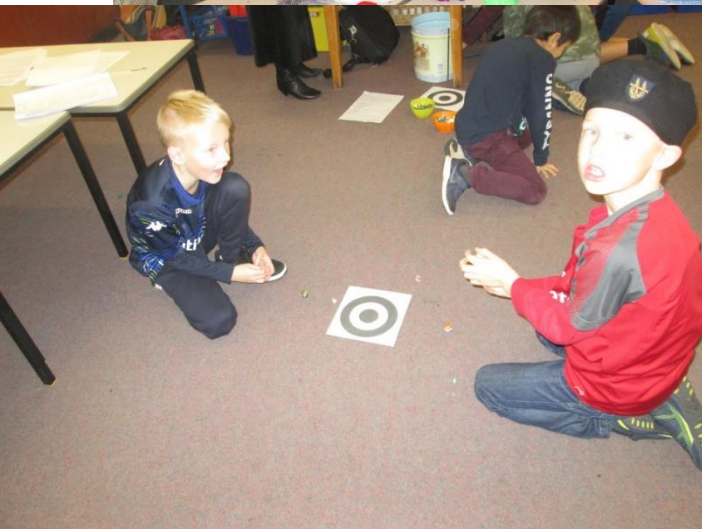
Top Trumps Competition November 2018.



Enjoying board games...



Pompom masters!



Fancy a game of marbles?





Not an X-Box or Playstation  
in sight!



Blow football!



Pigeon Puppets. Did you  
know that pigeons were  
used to send messages in  
the First World War?





Children in Need Craft Activity- we had lots of Pudsey bear ears bobbing around school after this!

## Fundraising

School Council were keen that we used this week to help raise money for two charities. On Wednesday we held a Wear Red Day for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Through the generous donations of our families we managed to raise an amazing £349.32.



On Friday we held our Children in Need bake sales and pupils had a dress down day. Many pupils joined our WWI theme by dressing up as though they were from 1918! We had many soldiers, nurses, land girls and even some evacuees.

We also sold cakes after school and in total we have managed to raise £686.72 for the Children in Need Appeal 2018.

This brings our total fundraising for charities this week to a staggering £1032.40!

Thank you so, so much to all our families for helping us to make such a massive contribution to these two worthy causes.

At the end of the day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November pupils and staff from across the school came together in the Remembrance Garden to share in a singing session led by Mrs Fox and her REAL TIME singers. They led the school in a rousing chorus of 'It's a long way to Tipperary' and 'Somewhere over the Rainbow.'



Year 2 Owl poppies with words to describe the members of the armed forces who sacrificed their lives for our tomorrows.



Year 1 Poppies remind us of Flanders Field.





Year 6 origami poppies cascade



Year 6 collage poppies



Year 4 recycled bottle poppies looked real as they grew up the fence



Poppy paintings from Year 1 surrounded the boat where the Year 5 clay poppies floated.





Reception poppy banners were made from hands to remind us that our hands should be used for peace and good deeds to help others.



Year 2 stained glass windows from Tigers class.



Year 3 fields of poppies filled the windows of their classrooms

It was a wonderful way to end our week of commemorations.



