



ST EDWARD'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

13th November 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

It has been a very reflective week in St Edward's. The children have thoroughly enjoyed and engaged in the theme of Remembrance. There has been a quiet buzz around the school as children have been busy creating and designing poppies and wreaths. It was very touching to witness class bubbles throughout the day lay their wreaths in the maze with such respect and equally humbling to observe the two minutes silence as a school community.

To keep you safe and well, we strongly recommend the wearing of face coverings when dropping off and collecting your children. Please continue to follow social distancing guidelines at all times. Thank you, as always, for your support during this difficult time.

Best wishes,

Mrs Brown, Mrs Teasdale & Mrs Fox



Faith Space

Throughout the month of November, the names of our deceased loved ones can be found in our online remembrance book. Please find our book (and further information) at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/virtual-book-of-remembrance/>

If you wish to send the names of your loved ones to be included, please message stedwardsremembrancebook@gmail.com

We recognise that, in these strange times, we aren't able to gather together as a faith community as we once did. Thankfully, we have the internet to help us all to feel connected to one another.

While we may need to be physically distant, we know we remain united spiritually.

We have set up a webpage in order for us to feel this unity a little more tangibly. Every couple of weeks, a different class will provide some form of reflection for us: to help us to remember and to continue strengthening our bond as a faith community. This week, Y2F has provided us with our reflection, centred on signs and symbols. This, and all future reflections, can be found at

<https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/faith-outreach/>

On Sunday, it is the World Day of the Poor. This year, Pope Francis invites us to "Stretch forth your hand to the poor" (Sir 7:32). This message is ever more poignant at the moment, where many of us may know people - or even may ourselves be - in difficult financial situations. A hand held out is a sign; a sign that immediately speaks of closeness, solidarity and love. In the midst of this pandemic, how many outstretched hands have we seen? These times have renewed our sense of responsibility for our neighbours - and we continue to love, pray for and support those around us who are most in need.

The Bishops' Conference has requested that the Church pause and pray daily at 6pm for an end to the pandemic and those who are affected by this ongoing crisis. Some of our NPCAT schools will be supporting us with our intentions - and these prayers will be shared on the NPCAT website and social media.

Upcoming feasts: World Day of the Poor - 15th November; St Hilda - 17th November

Year 6

What a fantastic week in Year 6 – we have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Children In Need Day today and participating in all of our Remembrance Day activities on Wednesday. The children have been analysing WW1 poetry - identifying poetic features, exploring their meaning and performing them - all ready to write their very own piece. In Maths, we have been learning about factors, multiples and prime numbers, challenging ourselves to solve more problems! In RE, our new topic Vocation & Commitment, has led us to research how someone can become a priest.

This is the wonderful memorial wreath created by our Year 6 children. We laid this on our St Edward's Memorial on Wednesday, spending time there, remembering all of the soldiers who gave their lives for us.



Lest We Forget.



Year 5

Year 5 have had another fabulous week in school settling in wonderfully after their half term break. The children throughout Year 5 were so respectful and prayerful on Wednesday, where we laid our poppies made in class to remember those who gave their lives, fighting for freedom. We

have continued our work on World War 2 looking at the story Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo, which the children are thoroughly enjoying. In maths, we have enjoyed the challenge of our new topic multiplication and division. Well done Year 5!



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Year 3 / 4

This week Year 3/4 have worked so hard! They have created descriptive senses poems linked to the chocolate river in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. In Maths, the children have been mastering the bus stop method for division as well as completing tricky word problems. Our classes marked Remembrance Day by making a poppy wreath and placing it on a whole school Remembrance display. In History, the children have been learning all about the Trojan War within our Ancient Greece topic. The projects we have received have been amazing too so thank you to any adults who helped with those! In Science, the children have been investigating how shadows are formed and what happens to a shadow when an object is closer or further away from a light source. Today, the children celebrated Children in Need day by wearing their own clothes to raise awareness of an important charity. Well done for another great week Y3/4!



Year 2

Year Two have worked incredibly hard during this week - both in school and at home learning online. Our work has centred around the theme of Remembrance.

We watched a beautiful animation about poppies discussing imagery and emotions.

The children responded to this in such a poignant way. We had fun making our own poppies at home using different media.

In school we designed poppies in order to create our own wreath which we placed in a central place in the maze on Remembrance Day.

Maths this week has been very practical handling and discussing the different properties of 3D shapes. The children in school enjoyed coming to school in their own clothes today

to show their support for Children in Need.

We are so proud of the way our children support each other and the needs of the wider community.



Year 1

This week, to mark Remembrance Day, our children used halved apples to create poppy prints. These were then used to create a beautiful wreath, which we laid on our whole school remembrance display. The children also really enjoyed creating a clay poppy, which, once painted, we will be placing in a garden of remembrance. In maths, the children have been learning how to use a number line to subtract. They did this practically, jumping along the number line and counting backwards. It was lots of fun! In computing, the children used the iPads to take a photograph of their dinosaur scene and used the app Pic Collage to add labels, thinking carefully about segmenting words for spelling. A brilliant cross-curricular activity where the children used a range of skills! Well done Year 1! 😊



EYFS - Nursery & Reception

Well done Reception for a fantastic week of learning. Reception have enjoyed learning about the importance of Remembrance Day and creating poppies to show their support for the soldiers.

They have also looked for 3D shapes at home and discussed their properties. Today they have celebrated Children in Need Day and discussed why it is important to support charities in order to help others.



In Nursery, we heard about Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. We heard about the poppies that grew in the fields once the fighting had stopped and watched 'Poppies' on CBeebies iPlayer. The children made a poppy to place on a photograph of their hands. We observed the two-minute silence on Wednesday as part of a 'Remembrance Liturgy'. We have been using red, green and black pens and pencils to colour in poppy pictures. We used some of the Nursery poppies to make a Remembrance display in Nursery.

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