



### A message from Mrs Foxton



Good afternoon and welcome to this week's newsletter. I seem to say this every week, but this week has been a truly wonderful week at Melbourne Primary school.

Each and every one of our wonderful children have been learning about, and reflecting on, Remembrance. I have been truly impressed and inspired by our children's thoughtful and mature responses. They have also managed to produce some rather impressive poetry and art-work to mark this extremely significant event. I am sure that you will agree the display at the front of school is just amazing. Later in the newsletter you will be able to take a closer look at the wonderful work produced in school.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful weekend.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Odd Socks Day	16th November
Colouring competition deadline	27th November
Raffle tickets due	27th November
Christmas Party Day	9th December
End of Autumn Term	18th December



This week our attendance has crept up to 97.3% . Please be aware that being more than 15 minutes late to school is classed as an unauthorised absence for our figures.

Highest attendance for the week goes AGAIN to Dragonfly Class with a figure of 98.8%!



### Raffle tickets!

Don't miss out on your chance to win some amazing prizes as part of this year's Friends of School Christmas raffle. Please call the school office should you require further raffle tickets. We asked that all raffle tickets are sent back to school no later than the 27th of November. Take a look at some of the prizes that you COULD win!

A £10 voucher for wuff groom (website below and still open during lock down) to use either towards a groom or merchandise 🐾  
Special thanks to Heather Fairy and Kate Hawksworth for this lovely prize donation 🥰



### Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will be held the week commencing 23rd November—a form was sent via email for parents to specify best days and times to suit.

If you have not received the email to book on, please contact the office to let us know.

### Anti Bullying week

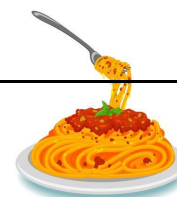
Monday 16th November sees the start of Anti-bullying week across the country. At Melbourne School we ask that all children and staff come to school on Monday 16th November wearing Odd Socks, the bolder the better! This will be part of our planned activities that the children will be involved in. Many thanks.



## Menu A - w/c 16th Nov



MONDAY:	Pizza Chips Baked Beans/Sweetcorn	Iced Sponge & Custard Fresh fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY:	Spaghetti Bolognese Sweetcorn/Mixed Veg Bread	Arctic Roll & Fruit Fresh fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY:	Sausages Gravy Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Carrots/Broccoli	Oaty Biscuits Fresh fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY:	Chicken wrap Rice Sweetcorn/Peas	Mousse & Fruit Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY:	Fish fingers Chips Beans/Peas	Chocolate Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt



# WHOLE SCHOOL REMEBERANCE PROJECT

## Cross-Curricular English/ History/ Art

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November marked our Remembrance Day Preparation across the whole school. All children took part in a cross-curricular project which involved English, History and Art. The feedback from teachers and pupils alike has been amazing with pupils really understanding the importance of remembering this important event and the people who died for our freedoms today. Our pupils, your children, have impressed us so much with their grasp of the idea of the 'sacrifices' made by these heroes in the past. Showing their deeper understanding, our bright sparks then made obvious links with the current climate and the sacrifices they themselves have made since the Covid-19 Global Pandemic.

The result has been some phenomenal artwork, some very powerful, poignant poetry, some thought-provoking discussions and our wonderful display demonstrated in the front grounds of the school- Please come and have a look!

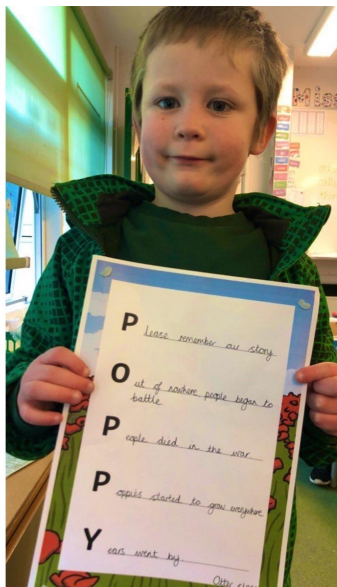
Meanwhile, please also take some time to enjoy seeing the progression demonstrated below across these three different subject areas.

### OUR ENGLISH PROGRESSION -

In KS1, pupils were able to explain their thoughts and feelings about this poignant poem.



Here are our little Otters in action:

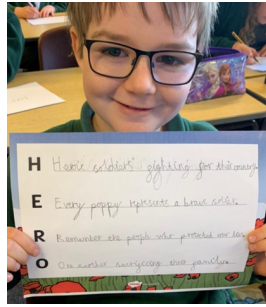


After super discussion, they even produced this fantastic poem collectively!

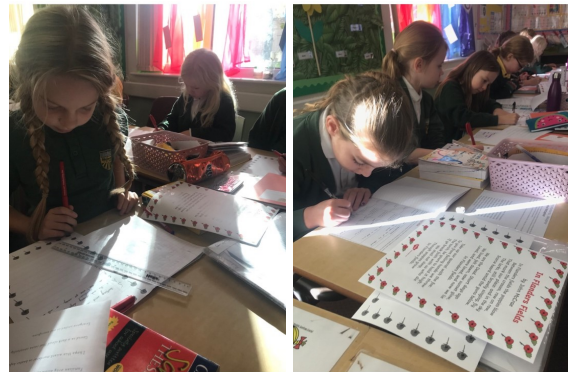
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In Lower Key Stage 2, we could explain how meaning is enhanced through the language choices in the moving poem, 'In Flanders Fields.'

Our super clever Dragonflies:

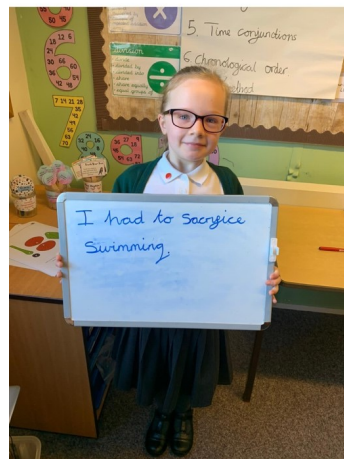
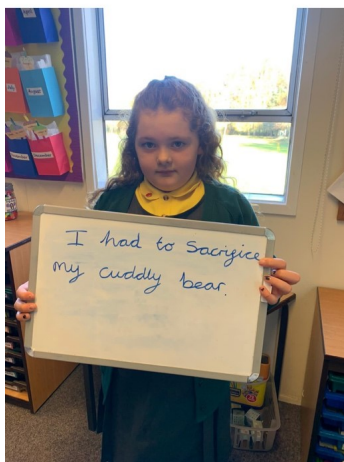
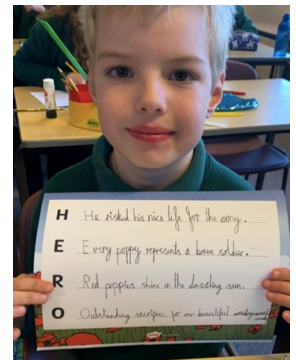


Some of our little Herons even included extended metaphors:



## OUR HISTORY PROGRESSION -

At KS1, pupils could show how they recognised that there are reasons why people in the past acted as they did.



At KS2, pupils went a step further and found similarities with the war times and compared it with their lives today!

All pupils were then able to put these recent Historical events on their classroom timelines.



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## OUR ART PROGRESSION—

Every pupil in the school was set the task to paint and make a poppy out of a plastic bottle for our whole school War Memorial display.

At Key Stage 1, our Otters showed they could use thick and thin brushes, add white to red to make tints and add black to make tones.



At Key Stage 2, we progressed to experimenting with using a number of brush techniques using thick and thin brushes to produce shapes, textures, patterns and lines and mixing colours effectively.



Upper Key Stage 2 created a colour palette based upon colours observed in the natural light and combined colours, tones and tints to enhance the piece. They also used brush techniques and the qualities of paint to create texture.





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When all of these were put together, I think you will agree, the results are stunning:



Well done to all our wonderful children for their ideas, understanding, empathy and ingenuity during this project!



## WHAT ELSE HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?

### Otters



### Mallards

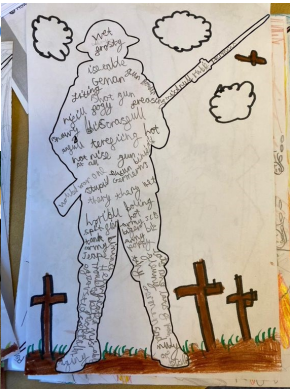


### Cygnets & Swans



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## Dragonflies



## Kingfishers



## Hérons

