



Dear Parents

Friday 13th November 2020



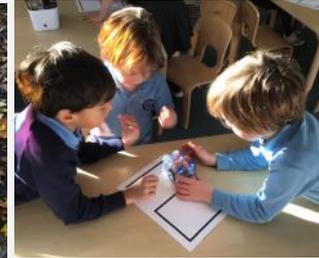
The School observed the annual remembrance commemoration this week, with a special Prep Department assembly led by Mr Kendrick and age appropriate commemoration in Pre Prep classes. We learnt about the role millions of soldiers of all ethnic backgrounds played in both world wars, including millions from the Indian subcontinent, and about Walter Tull, Tottenham Hotspur's first black player, who signed up to the army in 1914 and then rose to the rank of officer before being killed in action in 1918. We also explored the role women have played in previous conflicts and the full and equal part female service personnel play today. Our Heads of School laid a wreath on all our behalf at the Eaton War Memorial, while Year 2 studied the significance of poppies and created some lovely paintings, Reception created poppies on screen in computing, Bird Families discussed remembrance and Little Acorns drew poppies.



Mrs Harries led an assembly about winning, losing and taking part for Pre Prep children, while Mrs Chitty led an assembly for Prep children about vision both in the literal and imaginative senses. Isla sang *Over the Rainbow* beautifully and James gave an accomplished performance of Chopin's *Bourree No 1* in Headmaster's Assembly. The Year 6 live audience played a matching game with words and book covers and we explored what we can do when not a natural match with some other people. This is a useful theme for the national Anti-Bullying Week, which starts on Monday. To mark this, Pre Prep children have been invited to wear odd socks on Monday to celebrate the uniqueness of each individual.



Today our Year 7 pupils have been spending a special day away from the normal curriculum undertaking activities run by the Economist Education Foundation, looking at whistleblowing, the rule of law, right to privacy, national interest and public interest. Little Acorns have been enjoying autumn leaf collecting, with some of the children meeting me on the front lawn to show me what they found. Year 1 pupils have been producing some lovely handwriting as they learn their first joins, as well as programming Bee-bots, understanding tens and units with Numicon and completing eye-catching paintings. A group of Year 3 pupils has been busy making shadow puppets in preparation for their assembly and recording extracts we will hear next week.



Years 5&6 have been playing intermediate House matches this afternoon, a competition we are enjoying all the more in the absence of our usual external fixtures. We also had the results in for our closely contested House Sports Quiz, with Ranworth narrowly winning. This week, I also saw Year 6 children working hard on their mazes in DT, some lovely Year 4 chalk work in art, Year 2 producing fine fruit and vegetable pictures and Year 6 studying the defences used by Harold in the Battle of Hastings. The library looked very impressive this week with an eye-catching display of books related to remembrance and it was great to see Pre Prep classes enjoying their story with Mrs Guymer and a Year 7 class enjoying reading during their library lesson.



Next week, we look forward to the Year 6 soloists' concert, with each performer playing in front of an audience of fellow musicians as well as the cameras. We also look forward to 3R's assembly, which will also be filmed for parents to enjoy and to the Year 7 parents' evening, which will be via Zoom with children's tutors summarising feedback from all subject teachers.



Finally, our Year 7 & 8 pupils will have their exam language orals next week prior to exam week for Year 5-8 children starting on Monday 23rd November.

I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes

Nick Scrimgeour

