

# Kirkby & Great Broughton CE School

Friday 11th November 2022

## Poppies and Poetry

The school was silent at 11am this morning as we respected and remembered those that have lost their lives in war. Throughout the school classes have been finding out more about Remembrance Day including poetry written by Year 6, a poppy wreath made by Year 1 and 2 and here are some poppies made in Mrs Lusvardi's Art Club.

### Behind the Lines

#### A war poem for remembrance day 2022 by Year 6

The waves pounded against the shore, whilst the men stood wishing it was all a dream.

The sky's dark face was alive with the very blood and terror of the battle ground.

Fear choked the soldiers with its murderous hands.

Bullets screaming through the air looking for their next victim;

Sneering as they pierce the skin.

The air gently lifts as a desperate soldier tries to make it to safety.

Dark, dewy air watched people trembling to their death;

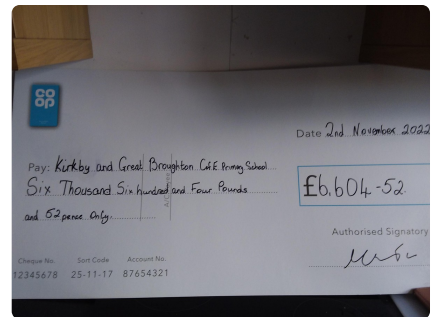
Tears stained their face with sorrow.

Death seeped into loved ones, forgotten to the monstrous war.



# Coop Community Fund

Wow!! We were blown away by the news last week that through the generosity of our community, we had raised an amazing £6604! As you know, we have been one of the causes in the Coop community fund since October, and last week Anne and David from the Coop came to present a cheque to members of our school council. As we told the Coop when we first applied, this money will be spent on a screen to help to support worships, PE and other activities in the hall and a class set of I pads! Thank you to each and every one of you who chose our school, a real team effort.



# Reception News

In Reception this half-term our learning is focussed on all things colourful and patterned. Elmer the Patchwork Elephant is providing lots of inspiration for our budding interior designers, busily created a unique range of KGB patterned wallpaper in their design studio. This week we couldn't have wished for a more appropriate way to consolidate our learning around rainbows. George had only just explained that we need sunshine and rain to make a rainbow when hey presto the school was encapsulated by one or maybe two if you look closely. How impressive!



## Years 3, 4 and 5 become Egyptians

Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed a trip to the Dorman Museum today to finish off their History unit on Egyptians in style. They all became embalmers and practiced mummification as well as seeing some amazing Egyptian artefacts.



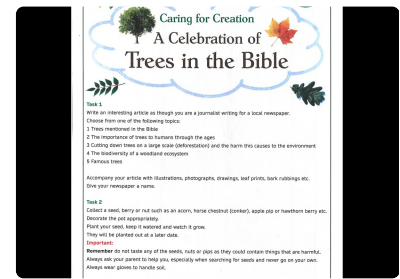
## Tree project

Before half term we introduced a challenge for the children set by the Church's environmental group (see below). There is still lots of time to take part. This week they have sent us a guide to planting seeds to help. We have lots of pots and seeds left if you would like to pick one up from the office. Remember there are prizes on offer!

### Tree Planting Guide

1 Choose a tall pot with drainage holes

- 2 Half fill the pot with well drained compost .
- 3 Press the nut lightly into the compost , point upwards if it is an acorn .
- 4 Fill the pot nearly to the top with more compost .
- 5 Water the pot well and leave to drain .
- 6 Place in frost free place and water occasionally .
- 7 When your seedling has grown 10cms high , or the roots are growing out of the pot , replot it in a deeper pot and keep it watered .
- 8 Plant out in the soil when several metres high .



## Children in Need

Next Friday (18th) is Children in Need Day! Children are invited to wear spots and will be able to choose a cake from our School Council 'Bake & Buy' Stall'. Parent Pay will be set up for donations of £1+ . This is for wearing spots AND for a cake- please can we avoid bringing cash into school. Any cakes left over however will be for sale to parents at the front of the school at the end of the day so if you would like to do a little baking then we would appreciate this.



## Wisdom of the Woods

Whilst Wisdom of the Woods is a lot of fun, it is also full of learning. Last week, year 6 spent the day at Barn House Woods and we made a list of all of the knowledge that they had to use from new and previous learning across the curriculum:

- permeable, porous and absorbent materials
- Life cycles and evolution - Bees
- Filtration
- Biodiversity in school grounds
- Food chains
- Sustainability- which trees soak up carbon
- Food Technology- Nettle Stew
- Even history- how oak galls made ink for the Doomsday Book



### Science in year 6

Children created a quiz about their learning in science last term. They then present their quiz to the class and awarded house points for correct answers.

### Geography in year 6

In Geography, Children in year 6 are learning about how we can protect the environment. We learned about minerals and mineral distribution this week. Children found out about where in the world different minerals are found. Some children presented the information to the whole class.

### PE in year 6

Children have explored partner balances and vaulting in PE this week. We explored different techniques/balances and showed our work to the class at the end.



## Well being Warriors

Dear parents,

In school we believe that looking after our mental health is incredibly important. This is why the school council are our Wellbeing Warriors! These children are going to be ambassadors for looking after our mental health and are going to be creating workshops to give advice to the rest of the school.

If you want to support your child at home with their mental health then The Go-To website is a great place to find lots of resources to support you with this.

<https://thegoto.org.uk/im-a-parent-or-carer/>

We will also be talking about the five ways to wellbeing and encouraging children to think about this when they are choosing activities to do in their free time.

Finally, I would like to talk about Daisy Chain Project. They support autistic children, young people, adults and their families.

'Our mission is to support and empower autistic and neurodivergent individuals through the provision of holistic person-centred services, whilst promoting training, wellbeing, inclusion and acceptance regionally and nationwide.'

They are a great support system for families and they offer a variety of clubs and opportunities for autistic children, young people and adults.

Thank you,  
Miss Atkinson and Mrs Kay  
SENCO Wellbeing lead



TALK & LISTEN,  
BE THERE,  
FEEL CONNECTED



DO WHAT YOU CAN,  
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,  
MOVE YOUR MOOD



REMEMBER  
THE SIMPLE  
THINGS THAT  
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW  
EXPERIENCES,  
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,  
SURPRISE YOURSELF



Your time,  
your words,  
your presence

**Autism  
Support  
Helpline**

**0800 031 5445**  
FREE & CONFIDENTIAL

Daisy Chain's Virtual Support Team is here to provide specialist advice and guidance to neurodiverse young people, adults and their families, no matter what stage of the journey they're on.

Personalised family support  
Bespoke visual resources  
Signposting to other services  
Bespoke strategies and interventions

**Monday - Friday | 9am - 5pm**  
support@daisychainproject.co.uk  
www.daisychainproject.co.uk



*Rising Stars News*

Dear parents,

The children of Rising Stars would like to share with you their Autumn display made by their very own little hands. All children are welcome to come and join us for lots of fun before and after school. Full details and welcome pack are available from the front office.

Kindest regards.

Sally and Angie



## Brilliant Band

Our school hall was full of clapping, singing and toe tapping when our school jazz/pop band led a performance on Thursday.

If your child plays an instrument and would like to join the band, please let the office know and they will put you in touch with Mr Bone. Equally if they would like to learn an instrument or have singing lessons, we can put you in touch with one of our music teachers.



## A Safety Request

Please could you ensure your children do not attempt to climb the fence at the end of the day. Thank you.

## Dates for Diaries

**16th November** Year 6 Crucial Crew

**12th December** Key Stage 1 Nativity. Doors open 1.50 for a prompt 2pm start

**14th December 11am** Christmas service in church (all welcome)

Christmas dinner for children

**15th December** Y3-6 Christmas Party



16th December YR,1 and 2 Christmas Party

25th January 2023 6pm Parents' Forum via Zoom

Monday March 20th Spring parents meetings

WB 8th May Year 6 Sats Week (assuming this does not change due to the extra Bank Holiday)

5th- 9th June 2023 Y6 residential

## Safeguarding at KGB

It is the role of all adults in a child's life to keep them safe and all staff in school have regular training in safeguarding and child protection. You can read our safeguarding policies on our website. In our school the designated person for safeguarding is Mrs McCormick and the deputy safeguarding lead is Mrs Borwell. We are here to support children and families so please do get in touch if you have any concerns about a child's well-being or would like some support as a family.



**Emma McCormick**

Emma is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters