



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

'Life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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ST. PAUL'S REMEMBERS

On Friday, the school community observed Remembrance Day in a deeply moving way. Our children, from reception to year six, handcrafted poppies to pay their respects and honour the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice during times of war. The 110 poppies we created held a special significance for us. They were a heartfelt tribute to the 110 local men from Swanley who lost their lives in World War I, their names forever etched on the Swanley War Memorial. Our children, standing in solemn unity behind their handcrafted poppies, symbolized our commitment to remembrance and respect. Our short ceremony was a powerful reminder of the enduring significance of Remembrance Day, connecting past, present, and future generations. It was also a moment to pause and reflect as a community. The children observed the traditional two-minute silence and listened to the 'Last Post'. We also listened to a series of prayers and poems, read out by some of the children from Maple Class.

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MESSAGE FROM MR JOHNSON

What a powerful, moving moment Friday's Remembrance service was. Seeing 110 poppies with servicemen's names on brought the reality of war and loss into reality. In today's world, where conflicts continue to ravage various regions, Remembrance Sunday serves as a platform for fostering awareness and understanding of the ongoing struggles faced by people in conflict zones. I am incredibly proud of St. Paul's community for coming together and marking this significant event in our school year.

Next week, we will be holding our Parent/Carer consultations. This is an opportunity for you to speak to your child's teacher and find out about the progress they have been making since the beginning of the year. Each session is 15 minutes long and I ask you to make sure that we keep it to this, to avoid others missing out on valuable time with class teachers. Throughout both evenings, I will be available to meet with and would be more than happy to hear any feedback on the school year so far.



J Johnson

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING TEAM

The Emotional Wellbeing Team visited St. Paul's on Thursday morning to discuss all things mental health. Mental health is an important part of children's overall health and well-being. Mental health includes children's mental, emotional, and behavioural well-being. It affects how children think, feel, and act. It also plays a role in how children handle stress, relate to others, and make healthy choices. The team spoke about the importance of recognising feelings and emotions and getting the correct support when needed. In the same way that we would encourage you to tell us about their physical health, please do inform us if you see a change in your child's mental health.



**MENTAL HEALTH IS
JUST AS IMPORTANT AS
PHYSICAL HEALTH**



YEAR 3/4 FOOTBALL

This week, some of the children from Year 3 and 4 took part in the SDPSSA Football Tournament. This was the first time that many of the children had represented the school football team. Throughout the course of the afternoon, the children played 5 twelve minute games and were up against schools from around Swanley and Dartford. The fixtures were all played in good spirit and the team played exceptionally well. It was great to see the team work, technical ability and focus that was on display. A massive congratulations to all the children who took part.

Over the next couple of months, we are hoping to host more games at St. Paul's, so that parents and carers can attend these fixtures.



ST. PAUL'S REMEMBERS

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

THE POEM BY JOHN MCCRAE

**IN FLANDERS' FIELDS THE POPPIES BLOW
BETWEEN THE CROSSES, ROW ON ROW,
THAT MARK OUR PLACE: AND IN THE SKY
THE LARKS, STILL BRAVELY SINGING, FLY
SCARCE HEARD AMID THE GUNS BELOW.**

**WE ARE THE DEAD. SHORT DAYS AGO
WE LIVED, FELT DAWN, SAW SUNSET GLOW,
LOVED AND WERE LOVED, AND NOW WE LIE
IN FLANDERS' FIELDS.**

**TAKE UP OUR QUARREL WITH THE FOE;
TO YOU FROM FAILING HANDS WE THROW
THE TORCH; BE YOURS TO HOLD IT HIGH,
IF YE BREAK FAITH WITH US WHO DIE
WE SHALL NOT SLEEP, THOUGH POPPIES GROW
IN FLANDERS' FIELDS.**

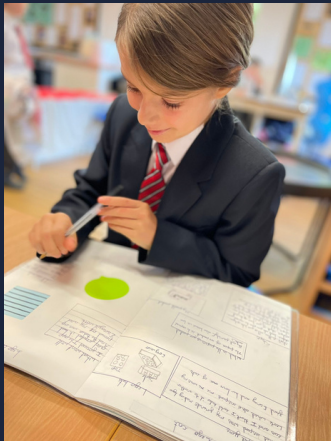


A VIEW FROM THE CLASSROOMS



BIRCH

OAK



BEECH

MAPLE

