



"With Christ as our guide we let our light shine."

A Message from Mrs. Blicow...

Dear Parent/Carers,

It's been a really busy week at school with our Peace and Forgiveness R.E. Enrichment Day and our beautiful Remembrance Day Celebration as well as all the wonderful learning that has gone on this week.

As we reflected in our Assembly, remembering those who gave up their lives during war and conflict, sometimes things can look bleak and we can feel helpless, but there is always hope.

Hope never lets us down.

Optimism can let us down, but hope never does! These days our need for hope is great because we feel surrounded by darkness, disoriented by bad news and distressed by the plight of so many of our friends, family and wider communities. We truly need hope. We feel disoriented, sometimes, even discouraged, and powerless, as though the darkness will never end. We must not let hope slip away.

God and his love walk alongside us.

*"I hope because God is with me." Each one of us can say these words.
A gift of joy and hope - Pope Francis*

Have a wonderful week

Mrs Blicow

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Term Dates

Advent Term

Monday 31st October 2022

Year 2 – St. Andrew's Assembly

Tuesday 29th November 9am

Reception Assembly

Tuesday 6th December

Pantomime – Snow White

Wednesday 7th December

EYFS/KS1 Nativity

Thursday 8th December

KS2 - Carols Around The Tree

Wednesday 14th December

Term Ends

Friday 16th December

We Will Remember Them



On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, the children of St. Mary's remembered those men and women, who lost their lives as a result of conflict or war. After a short assembly, where the children listened to the poem, 'Why Do We Wear poppies?' by Don Crawford, they gathered around the silhouette of the soldier, where they paused for two minutes silence before three of our Year 6 children recited, 'In Flanders Fields', by John McCrae. The children then placed their handmade poppies at the feet of the soldier as a sign of remembrance. It was a beautiful and poignant occasion.

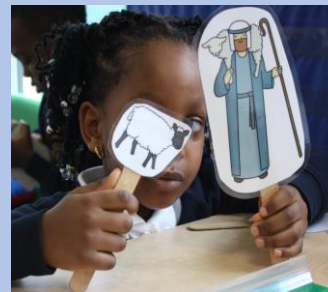


Nazareth House



A visit to Nazareth House, is always an exciting event to be invited to. The children of Year 4 spent Friday morning with the residents, where they entertained them by singing old time songs, which were written to keep spirits high during World War I and II. They were excellent ambassadors for the school and have already been booked for a return visit at Christmas.

Peace and Forgiveness Enrichment Day



On Tuesday we had an RE Enrichment Day, with a focus on Peace and Forgiveness the children explored the themes through RE, music, drama, art and PSHE, as they delved deeper into a variety of Bible stories including, The Lost Sheep, Joseph and His Brothers and The Unforgiving Servant, exploring the idea that God teaches us to always forgive and that while we all make mistakes, it is important to reflect on our wrong doings and learn from them.

While in the afternoon they looked at the example of St. Oscar Romero, who fought for justice for the poor and peace for all and the inspiring event that took place on the battlefield during WWI when the troops on both sides stopped fighting and played football together. We all had a wonderful day and look forward to the next Enrichment day.



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