



Headteacher Newsletter Friday 9th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been an appropriately thoughtful and reflective week in school; perhaps even a little sombre as we've been collectively **learning about WW1 and marking the centenary of the Armistice.**

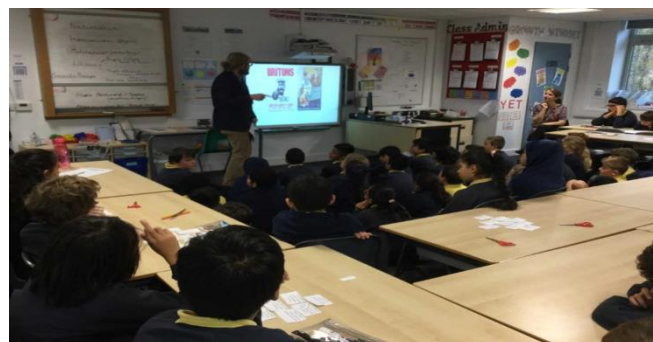
School has been awash with poppies; gently and with care, staff have supported children to better understand the terrible losses suffered, across many nations, in order to preserve the freedoms and liberties we enjoy today.



All classes in school have had the opportunity to explore the WW1 Box of Delights kindly loaned to us from The Discovery Museum. Children were able to interact with the artefacts and see how the objects can give us a real life insight into events from the past. Classes from years 1-6 paid a visit to Jesmond United Reform Church. Here, their honorary archivist Robert Shiel gave the children fascinating insight into members of the Church who went to fight in WW1. Some children also paid the war graves in the cemetery a visit to show their respect. In years 5 and 6 Dr James McConnell, a WW1 specialist from Northumbria University, came to give us a talk all about the role of Empires and propaganda in the Great War.

The children's writing and art work will be on display at the United Reform Church over the weekend. The effort that has gone into homework activities has been much appreciated too – some fascinating stories have been uncovered and retold within school.

Thanks to Miss Byatt and Miss Smith for co-ordinating the week.



I was incredibly proud to watch our **Year 6** pupils perform Hamlet at **Northern Stage** last night under the direction of Mr Rimmer, Miss Bellwood and Mr Dickinson-Deane. Costume and props carefully created a beautifully crafted production; Shakespeare's words were recalled with clarity and spoken with carefully balanced dramatic effect to help us as an audience be transported to the setting and times our Directors imagined. Huge congratulations to all the schools that took part in this year's Shakespeare's School Festival – wonderful performances across the board. It is a shame that more schools aren't able to take part in the Festival each year, but alas the 'little extras' budget provided by the Chancellor doesn't go very far...



our P.E. and Sports mentor Linzi Taylor both teams came away unbeaten –HURRAH - from the tournament finishing in 1st place in their groups. A big congratulation's goes to: Ines, Max, Anusha, Oliver, Zach, Maia, Robin, Alanne, Stella, Isabelle, Noah and Jay. These players all showed excellent hockey skills as well as support for one another.



On Wednesday 24th October, **12 Year 1 pupils and 12 Year 2 pupils attended the Ouseburn KS1 Running Event.** This took place at Ravenswood Primary School, with about 30 children running in each race. The children all did fantastically and support for one another was endless. A special mention goes out to Eli in Year 1 for finishing 2nd in his race, and Olivia in Year 2 for finishing 1st in her race. Well done to all of those involved, you should all be extremely proud. The positive attitude and the effort throughout was outstanding! Congratulations... Amelie, Phoebe, Henry, Lilah, Kerren, Aran, Olivia, Lewis, Eli, Quanren, Henry, Helena, Samuel, Arthur, Halle, Amelie, Eshan, Ewan, Jessica, Martha, Freddie, Henry, Evie and Nancy.



Just a quick reminder – if you'd like your child to appear in the Young Achievers section they are always very welcome to bring any 'achievements' into school – whatever they maybe – to share with myself, Mr Wallis-Clarke or Mrs McVittie. We are very happy to celebrate all our children's achievements.

On Wednesday 7th November **Year 4** competed in a **Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament at Heaton Manor School.** West Jesmond entered two teams into this event, fortunately playing in different pools. Cheered on, with great enthusiasm, by



Young Achievers



Rahaf, Y3F	Amazing writing about 'The Tin Forest'
Ben, Y1W	2 running medals – the Mini Mo Run
Olive, R1	20m Swimming Badge
Ewan, Y2H	Under 7's best sportsmanship at Wallsend Football Team
Adam, Y2H	Trophy for Man of the Match at Ice Hockey
Isaac, R3	Level 2 Swimming Certificate
Matthew, Y1O	25m Swimming Certificate
Scarlett, R2	10m Swimming Certificate
James, Y3L	100m Swimming Certificate
Amelie, Y2H	25m Swimming Certificate
Max, Y1B	2 badges received from Beavers (Remembrance badge and first aid)
Petros, Y2S	Extra special effort with Science Ambassador Challenge
Huxley, Y2H	Star team player at Northern Rugby Club
Amelie, Y1B	100m Swimming Certificate
Amina, Y2H	Level 1 Swimming Certificate

With best wishes for the week ahead,

Dominic Martin

Head of School

2020/21 School Admissions Policy Consultation

From Monday 5th November 2018, we are consulting on our school admissions policy and would like to hear your views and comments about these so that we can consider whether to include these changes for the admissions policy from 2020/21.

We are proposing to adopt a common policy across the Ouseburn Learning Trust. A copy of the proposed policy will be available on the school website from the 5th November 2018. We will put a link in the newsletter after half term directing you to this policy.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Wendy Mar, School Business Manager (office@westjesmond.newcastle.sch.uk) The closing date for responses is 16th December 2018.

Policies will be determined by 28th February 2018 and published on our school website by 15th March 2019.