



LORENDEN

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Newsletter: Autumn Term 2020: Week 8

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## Remembrance Assembly at Lorenden



Year 5 help lead the assembly

On Tuesday the school held a Remembrance Assembly, led by Dr Glass to help us remember not only those who had died in the war, but also, as it is the Year of the Nurse, those who had died working in hospitals this year helping patients with COVID-19. We heard two poems written by Year 5 (Annabel and Ben) and also a Remembrance poem in French, read beautifully by Isla and Annabel. Ben has continued to raise money for the Royal British Legion in the run up to the 11 November, and we are delighted that many people have sponsored him and helped this important cause.



THIS WEEK'S  
TOP STORIES

## War Poetry by Year 5

Year 5 reading their poems in Remembrance Assembly

### Annabel's Poem

Half-drowned, amidst the mud and muck,  
Soldiers slept on slabs of rock.  
Rats crawling over the helpless men  
Corpses, lifeless, littered the den.  
Outside in the stinking mud  
With bodies and unblinking eyes.  
This is all I saw.

All nature, dead, like the men.  
Trees ceased to exist.  
The only flower plain, red poppy  
Decided to mark our soldiers graves  
This is all I saw.

Shell after shell they powered down like rain  
Explosions killing hundreds of us all.  
Blinding, many more.  
Shell shock scarring many.  
We wanted to flee but no, but no.  
This is all I saw.

Poppies which you now know  
Mark us where we lie.  
Today on remembrance sunday  
We hold silence.  
I remember those who I fought alongside  
I remember, I remember



## Last Post at Lorenden



Our new brass teacher joins us for our minute's silence

On Wednesday our new brass teacher, Mr George Bartle, joined us outside as we held a minute's silence as a school to remember those who had died in the war and more recently in our hospitals. Mr Bartle then played the Last Post for us to end our ceremony. Although Mr Bartle played the music today, he is very much hoping that next year he will be joined by a group of Lorenden pupils who have started to learn brass instruments.

## Making Remembrance Poppies

Year 2 made these pretty poppies during their Art class



# Children in Need



## Raising Money at Lorenden

The whole school has turned out today wearing their own clothes and including 'bright, colourful clothes and spots' as requested by our Charity Monitors to help raise money for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to raising an amazing £232.86 today for wearing their own clothes and for sponsoring our Charity Monitors to be silent all day on Monday!



**WE HAVE RAISED £232.86 - FANTASTIC!**

## The Monday mile...on Wednesdays!



### Tradition moves to midweek

We love having our whole school 'Monday Miles' but so we can keep different pods apart, we are now running the mile on a Wednesday morning in a rota system in classes, while other classes have singing assemblies. It was really crisp and fresh outside this morning and lots of enthusiasm and competition evident from Year 6 in particular!

## Nursery



### This week in Nursery

The children were very happy to see each other after the half term break and enjoyed playing together both indoors and out. Through play, the children are learning to share, take turns, have conversations and build vocabulary.

# Phrase of the Week

Here is Mrs Holland's French expression for this week;

'J'ai la pêche!'

It literally means, 'I have the peach'...a bit strange! Well in fact the correct meaning is 'I'm on top form! I feel great! Think of rosy cheeks the colour of a peach!'

## Reminders and dates for your diary....

We are delighted to be now able to offer a wider range of instrumental lessons at Lorenden. We don't want to the lockdown or the virus to stop children starting new instruments so children will have been introduced to our new teachers and available instruments online early next week and then there are opportunities for you as parents, if your child is interested, to log on to a specific Google Meet to find out more - these Meet codes have been sent separately via email but the dates for your diary are as follows:

Brass Q&A: Tuesday 17 Nov, 6pm  
Strings Q&A: Wednesday 18 Nov, 6pm  
Woodwind Q&A : Wednesday 18 Nov, 6.30pm

We will also be letting you know of a Drum Q&A once we have appointed a teacher.

We will aim to start a recorder club for Year 1 - this is likely to be 8.10-8.30am one morning from January - please let Mrs Bourne know if your child would be interested.

There is also an opportunity to join me for virtual coffee 8.15am - 9am on Tuesday next week - please email Mrs Bourne if you would like to be sent the invite to the Google Meet.



Mrs Swann would like to invite you to join her as she raises money for the mental health charity Mind. Mrs Swann is leading a craft workshop on zoom on Sunday 22nd November 2-4 pm. The event is via donation based ticket and can be accessed here:



'We will be making 3D Christmas cards, salt dough decorations and a twisted advent or gift box. All monies received will be forwarded to the charity once I have received it and I will let everyone know how much we raised!

I do hope that you are able to join in. It would be lovely to see some of you there! '

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cygninis-crafternoon-in-aid-of-mind-tickets-128049101309>

Here are some of the events coming up:

- Tuesday 17 November. 8.15-9am:  
Parents Online Coffee morning - please email Mrs Bourne if you would like to attend.
- Tuesday 17 November  
Brass Q&A: 6pm
- Wednesday 18 November  
Strings Q&A: 6pm  
Woodwind Q&A: 6.30pm
- Friday 4 December:  
Flu immunisations
- Christmas events - to be confirmed nearer the time.

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All the best for a lovely weekend,



Mrs Uttley

**Lorenden Prep School**

