



## **St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School**

### ***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher** **11<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Remembrance**

This week we have had a focus on Remembrance in school. On Thursday, Y6T led the whole school assembly in which they explained why we wear poppies to remember those who have died in war. The children also shared the discoveries that they had made while researching their own family history during the Second World War. They told amazing stories and showed photographs of their brave relatives who had served in the military in many different countries. It was a very moving assembly which showed us clearly how conflict affects families throughout the world.

Today we gathered as a whole school at 11am to mark the two minutes' silence for Armistice Day with Matthew in Y5 playing the Last Post on a trumpet beautifully.

Continuing the war-time theme this week, on Monday both Y6s took part in a World War 2 themed living history day. In the morning they learnt a whole class dance to the Lindy Hop with a visiting dance instructor. In the afternoon they recorded their own wartime radio shows generating their own sound effects on the iPads.

Our Y2 class visited Richmond Museum this week as part of their history topic of Remembrance where they learnt about Richmond during the First and Second World War and about the Poppy Factory which is located in the town. Hugo in Y2 said that he particularly enjoyed handling the real medals, bullets and gas mask.

#### **Friends in Heaven – a message from our Pupil Chaplains**

During November we remember and pray for our friends in Heaven. The Pupil Chaplains have invited children to bring in photographs of significant people who are important to them who are now in Heaven. The photographs will be shared with the school in assembly and placed on a special table in the school hall throughout November. In doing this, we are encouraging children to talk about, pray for, and share memories of loved ones who have died, in a supportive and positive atmosphere.

The Pupil Chaplains are also encouraging children to research a saint of their choice at home. It could be a saint from the country they are from or a saint who particularly interests them. This research can be presented in any way and will be shared in assembly or in class.

## **EYFS Phonics Workshop**

On Monday Mrs Goldsmith led a workshop for parents on the teaching of phonics in Reception Class. The slides for this session were emailed to parents this week for reference at home.

## **Parents' Meetings**

Thank you all for attending parents' meetings with your child's class teacher this week. We hope that you found the meetings helpful and that you enjoyed having the opportunity to look at your child's work.

## **KS1 Choir visit to Greville House Care Home**

This afternoon, the KS1 choir is singing to the residents of Greville House Care Home. We are delighted to be resuming our connection with Greville House as we know that our visits are much appreciated by both the residents and our children. We look forward to a return visit soon!

## **PTA Social Event**

Thank you to the team behind the organisation of last Friday's PTA / Y6 Social, who transformed the school hall with fairy lights and decorations and gave such a warm welcome to all who attended. Thanks also go to our parents, Mr Pellegrini and his band for playing, Mrs Beckmerhagen for singing and Mrs Franco for catering. It was a great evening and the first of many PTA events to come this year.

## **PTA Bingo Thursday 24th November**

All children and parents are invited to the PTA Bingo Night taking place on Thursday 24th November from 6:15pm doors open. Please see the flier sent out by Parentmail for more details. We hope to see you there!

## **Upcoming dates**

**Monday 14th November: Explorer Dome in school – Y4 Sound workshop**

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**Thursday 17th November 6:30pm: Schola Choir Concert at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church. All welcome to attend.**

Wishing you a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines