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Remembrance Day

Remembrance Assembly



On Monday, a group of Year 6 children beautifully read a selection of their thoughtful Remembrance poems during assembly, and everyone listened with great respect and appreciation.



Remembrance Assembly

The children also learned about the national remembrance events that took place in London and across the country last Sunday.



Through our discussions, we reflected on the importance of **RESPECT** — listening to different opinions to show understanding, learning from past generations and their experiences in times of war and peace, and following our ‘Ready, Respectful, Safe’ rules to show genuine care for others.

‘I was proud to share my poem and inspire others to be brave.’ (Harry, Year 6)

‘We need to remember the people who died for us.’ (Max, Year 6)



Remembrance Service

On Tuesday, a group of children from Year 6 attended the annual Schools' Remembrance Service at St Wilfrid's Church.

The children read a couple of their remembrance poems and also laid a wreath by the war memorials in the church.

Fr Edward shared with the children that whilst the Armistice was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, hostilities did not finally cease until the Treaty of Versailles came into effect on 28 June 1919. It is for this reason that many war memorials will have the dates for World War I shown as 1914-1919.



Remembrance Art



The Year 6 children who didn't go the Remembrance Service spent their time creating some wonderful charcoal drawings that are evocative of scenes from the first world war.



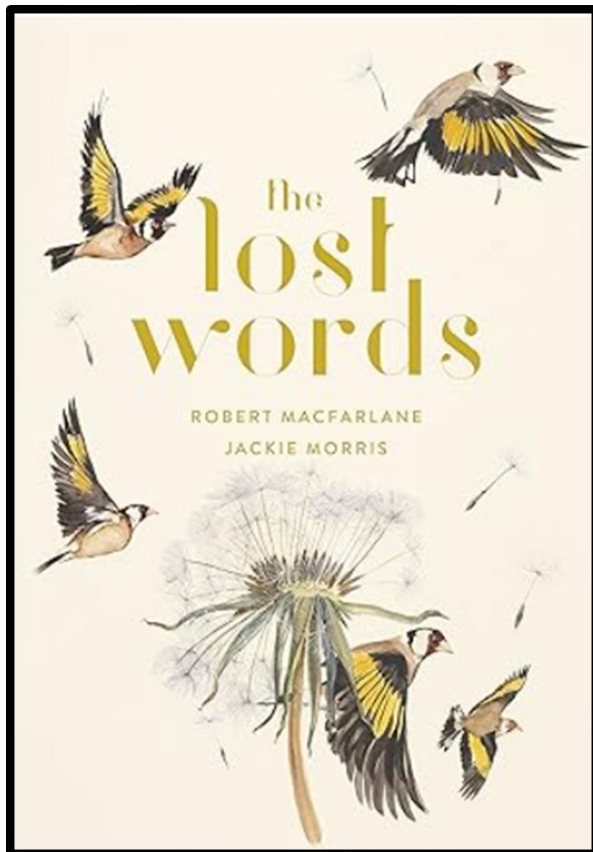
Borde Hill links



Harlands is delighted to be supporting an exciting community project at Borde Hill, which has learning and community at its heart. The 'Reinventing Borde Hill' project includes the creation of a new eco-lodge featuring a classroom and welcoming spaces for schools, groups, and charities to enjoy.

A short video has been produced to showcase this initiative and proudly features Harlands pupils. We are pleased to help promote how the project will bring people together, fostering connection and collaboration in such a wonderful natural setting, and we are proud to support such a positive and forward-thinking local development.

Here is the link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JM1fOkklK_I



‘The Lost Words’

In the Year 1 and 2 assembly yesterday, the children listened to the wonderful story **‘The Lost Words’** - by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris.



They enjoyed exploring the beautiful language and illustrations, and talked about how important it is to care for nature and wildlife, helping to protect the world around us.

‘Nature is our world. We need to look after it.’

‘Animals can’t lift up litter and put it in a bin, so we need to do it.’

‘The book inspires us to write poems and research about animals and plants.’ (Izzy T & Amber, Year 2)



Fishbourne Roman Palace (Year 5)



Year 5 had a fantastic trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace near Chichester yesterday. The children were an absolute credit to the school with their enthusiasm and behaviour.

We would like to extend a big thank you to our wonderful parent helpers for making the day possible.



Fishbourne Roman villa (Year 5)

'I really liked the mosaic hall—there were so many!

The Romans must have worked super hard to create them.'



'I enjoyed looking at all of the artefacts in the museum. It made me realise the connections with our lives today—such as kitchens.'



'I liked the challenge of building an arch structure—it was like a puzzle and we solved it!'

(Jemima & Aarav, Year 5)

Children In Need 2025

Thank you to
everyone who
supported Children
In Need today—we
raised an amazing
£485!



Children In Need 2025

In assembly today we learned about some of the worthy causes that donations go to support.



The boxing club that changed Salim's life

Salim found growing up hard. He was badly bullied and found school difficult. At Monkstown Boxing Club he found a second family who changed his life!

'Children In Need is great because we know we are helping real people.'

'It is kind to give money to others.'

'Optimism can make a difference.'

'It's good to know you are making a difference to other children.'



Holly Class (Year 2)

The class have been finding out about instruction writing in English. The children used time words and imperative verbs in their written instructions to make these cylinder elephants



Early Years visitor



Early years had another special helper come to visit today so they could learn more about people who help us.

Nurse Kelly showed us some bandages, thermometers, plastic syringe, stethoscope and lots more interesting things!

Thank you Nurse Kelly for coming to visit us.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Following on from our recent Harvest Festival food collection, we have received the following letter from the Haywards Heath Foodbank.

Dear Harlands Primary School

As we reflect on this season of harvest, our hearts are full of gratitude for your generous support provided to the Haywards Heath Foodbank.

Your thoughtful donations have truly made a difference, helping us share the abundance of this season with families and individuals who need it most.

Because of your kindness of continued support, we were able to distribute the food and sundries ensuring that no one in our community goes without nourishment or care.

Your contribution represents more than just food, it is a gift of hope, comfort, and connection.

We are deeply thankful for your partnership and the spirit of giving you bring to our mission, together, we continue to strengthen our community.



Staying Safe—Stranger Danger

In this week's Key Stage 2 assembly, the children had an important safety reminder about how to stay safe when they are out and about.

No

Tell them NO!



Go

Go away from them...FAST!



Yell

Yell as loud as you can!



Tell

Tell someone you trust.



They talked about the importance of being aware of 'stranger danger,' making sensible choices, and knowing what to do if they ever feel unsure or unsafe.

Parent Trustee Vacancy

Further to a communication sent on 10th November, this is a reminder that we are currently looking for a Parent Trustee. Nominations close on Monday, 24th November and should be handed to the Governance Professional (Mrs Michael) care of the School Office, who can also provide further information.

Diary Dates

Week begin 17 November

Tuesday, 25 November

Wednesday, 26 November

Friday, 28 November

Wednesday, 3 December

Friday, 19 December

Monday, 22 Dec— Friday, 2 January

Monday, 5 January

Y6 Bikeability

Y3 visit to Brighton Museum

School Photographer (individual & family groups)

Y6 Life in Ancient Egypt Day

Y4 to Preston Manor

INSET Day

Christmas Holiday

INSET Day

Payment reminders:

Y4 Preston Manor—due by Tuesday, 18 November

Y6 Life in Ancient Egypt (now overdue) AND instalments for residential trip



PTA NEWS

We look forward to welcoming children to the PTA disco next Friday!

Please remember **£3 per child in cash (ideally in the correct change)** - to help keep queues moving, so the kids can get in quickly to enjoy the fun!

Children should bring a named water bottle with them and leave all coats with the adult dropping them off, to avoid them going missing during the disco.

Remember to speak to Mrs M at Pioneer if your child will be attending the disco and being collected/dropped off by someone different than usual.

Disco timings:

16.00-16.30: Reception

16.45-17.30: Years 1 & 2

17.45-18.30: Years 3 & 4

18.45-19.30: Years 5 & 6

Disco volunteers have been sent rotas and briefing information - thank you for helping out to make this a fun event for the children!

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Winter Fair and Light Trail

With only three weeks to go, lots of volunteers are still needed to help make this a successful event, with all the stalls that everybody loves! Please sign up if you can.

Light trail: <https://volunteersignup.org/AFQ87>

Tombola stall: <https://volunteersignup.org/TKXC4>

Elfridges: <https://share.google/ozOvsv8uOlHcZl9lw>

Goodie pots and jumpers stall: <https://volunteersignup.org/LBPKE>

Bar: <https://volunteersignup.org/7K8C9>

Games: <https://volunteersignup.org/JXMK3>

Hot dog stall: <https://volunteersignup.org/XDQRE>

Cake stall: volunteersignup.org/WBFEF



Reminder - that you can sign up at any time to support Harlands PTA and the school via 'Your School Lottery'

The lottery is a great way to raise money and make a difference for the children, while being in with the chance to win a cash prize and a monthly bonus prize!

Tickets are £1 and 40% of ticket sales go directly back to Harlands PTA to support the school with activities, equipment and workshops amongst other things.

The draw is on Saturday evening and every school is guaranteed a cash winner every week - with one of the Harlands supporters winning a cash prize equivalent to 30% of our schools' ticket sales. You're also in for a chance to win the £25,000 Jackpot and monthly bonus prizes! November's prize is a Nintendo Switch 2 gaming bundle.

Support Harlands PTA and click below to play:

[Harlands PTA School Lottery - link to enter!](#)

