



Thursday Collective Worship

The parent-invite class sharing assembly started last week. Kestrels performed a drama based on World War I and shared some of their corresponding work. Well done to Kestrels who led by example and started us off brilliantly! Thanks also to all of you who were able to attend.

Wet Morning Drop-Offs

The new system for wet morning drop-offs is working really well and it is now much safer, quieter and a much more focused way to start the day. Please can I remind you to drop your children off at the

Remembrance Service

Danehill's own Remembrance Service took place on the playground and all children made their own poppy, with a message, to add to our wreath. We observed the minute's silence and sang a remembrance hymn. It was a poignant way to mark the 100 Year Anniversary and pay our respects to all those that sacrificed their lives for us. The Wreath is on display in our main entrance if you would like to



rding - You will see fencing and taller gates going up around certain areas of the over the coming weeks. This will tighten on-site security and ensure that our cannot easily leave the safety of our grounds or get access to the road. It also the rear double gates to the playground will now be locked after registration

respect our more rigorous on-site security. If you are visiting the school for any of time you must come in via the office and sign in the visitors' register and wear s' pass. Please don't come into classrooms during teaching hours. If you need to teachers (or myself) for anything important, please make an appointment before

on a Trip to London's Imperial War Museum (IWM)

Kestrels went to learn more about their topic on WW1. We arrived at school d about the trip. Mr D did the register and once everyone finally arrived we o Jemimiah, six rows back, opposite Savannah and Oriel. Once we had and I counted 19 kebab shops until we arrived. After three long hours On our arrival we entered a room full to the brim with metal crates for us to ck in the lunch hall then descended the many steps to meet our guide: Nire. rt gallery and we were shown a painting called Gassed and were asked the painting. We went to the school room and sat down in groups, one cture and an artefact linked to the person in that picture. We roughly came ne picture linked with the artefact. Then each group was given a black box h what that person did in the war. Our person was called Martha and she the picture was a brass box given to every solider by Princess Mary at used the soldier's socks as stockings and placed the brass box and children's stmas morning.

earnt loads more about World War I. I would have liked to spent more time ortunately we had to go because it was a long journey home. The driver was get back to the coach in time!!!! By Izzy Jesson in Kestrels

Welcome to issue 4. This issue includes the Kestrels' trip to the Imperial War Museum in London, Children in Need, Choir event at Ardingly, our own Remembrance service and an update on a few important school matters for your attention, like safeguarding.

Use of images in school

We sent out a permission letter for using your children's images. I cannot use photos, videos etc to promote our school and showcase all the great things we do until I have everybody's signed return. Please can you ensure this is returned by **Friday 21st November**. Thankyou.

CHILDREN IN NEED - November 2014

Friday's effort towards the extremely worthy cause of Children in Need was amazing! Children and staff alike made a real effort to join in with the SuperHero theme, creating a really fun atmosphere.

We had costumes ranging from Spiderboy/girl, to Tin Foil Girl. Mr Wilkins was dressed as some type of Mexican Wrestler come Superhero - the mask was quite disturbing and I hope that he hasn't mentally scarred our children! I will personally never recover from the mental image!!

Thanks to all of you who made the effort with costumes. Don't forget that there was a sponsorship form for our supervillain target throw. It would be great if the children get a few sponsors - even an extra pound helps! Please can any sponsorship money be sent to the office by Friday 21st November.

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HERO!



ARDINGLY CHOIR EVENT

Our choir went to Ardingly College to showcase their singing in a local choir event. Our choir sang: Wade in the water, The Light House, BBC 10 Pieces and Everything is Awesome from the Lego movie.

They sang with Voices 8 and had some training on how to sound even better.

A super time was had by all. Well done to our choir who represented the school perfectly.

Our orchestra also performed at Burgess Hill School for Girls on Saturday 15th November. Look out for a report on that in the next issue.

Mr Falconer's Thoughts

Our new approach to learning is really taking off and we are already starting to see evidence in all our classrooms. Your children will be beginning to understand that we are never 'rubbish' at anything in life; we just haven't got there 'yet', and getting better is just a matter of self-belief, watching, listening and lots of practice!

Here is a little test for you all (you don't have to send me your answers but please talk to your children about this):

- 1) Think about a time when you really couldn't do something and thought you would never get there. Eventually, you improved and achieved your goal e.g. your driving test
- 2) Now think about how you finally got there - 9 times out of ten it was down to your self-belief and persistence, or watching an expert and asking questions etc
- 3) Share your 'success story' with your children. It is a powerful way of showing children we can all get better at things and don't start out 'just knowing'. Anything is possible!

We will be holding a parent workshop and Q&A session around our new learning culture and developments at Danehill CEP sometime in January or early February. Hopefully, you will all be able to make it. Look out for the date in a letter

Have a great week, Mr Falconer PTO

