



*Believe, Learn and Achieve*

## Our thoughts for Remembrance 2019 *We Remember*

*~in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal*



This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year we have come together for a special assembly for remembrance. As part of our learning, 657 poppies and butterflies were written by our children from 3 to 11 years old. These are displayed in the school grounds and in the trees for all to read and share.

As a school we feel it is important to stop and take a moment and think of others and to also ensure our future generations learn from the events of the past as they have the capacity to make changes in the future. It is important our children are taught about the past and not forget those who have lost lives or have been injured during conflict.

The work of many organisations such as the Royal British Legion is vital and wearing a poppy does make a difference. We must remember that this is not just about those who have died, but those who continue to live today and their families.



During our special assembly we were joined by a serving soldier from Brompton Barracks who took the time to meet the children afterwards and answer a range of questions posed by our children.

Rev' Elaine shared a prayer with us during the assembly and our choir sang a number of songs.

We were joined by parents, grandparents and members of the local community. It is always a special time of the year.

Time passes by so very quickly and in our busy lives, it may seem unimportant to look back at lessons learnt. War is beyond awful and its consequences far reaching. It is important that we teach our children about the past and they respect those who have given so much.

- Thank you. **Alice and Jessica Rainbow Nursery aged 3**
- You are brave **Betsy-May Rainbow Nursery aged 3**
- Soldiers have hats. **Casey Rainbow Nursery aged 3**
- Soldiers are strong. **Charlie Rainbow Nursery aged 3**
- I drew a soldier. **Poppy Nursery aged 3**



- Thank you. **Hettie aged 4 Caterpillar class**
- Thank you for making our world better **Ava aged 4 Caterpillar class**
- Thank you for making the dark go away **.Lalah aged 4 Caterpillar class**
- Thank you for making the poppies come. **Riley aged 4 Caterpillar Class**
- Thank you **Ever-Lyn Caterpillar class aged 4**
- Thank you for helping us. **Finley Ladybird class aged 4**
- Thank you for being brave. **Tucker-James Ladybird class aged 4**
- Thank you for protecting us **Oliver Ladybird class aged 4**
- Thank you. **Leon Ladybird class aged 4**
- You are brave. **Darcie Bumblebee class aged 4**
- Thank you for saving everyone. **Jack Bumblebee class aged 4**
- We love you! **Amelie Bumblebee class aged 4**
- Thank you for saving everyone. You are the best **Evie Bumblebee class aged 4**
- Thank you for saving me. **Beau Bumblebee class aged 4**

## Year 1

- Dear soldiers, thank you for looking after us. Sorry you died. **Aniya Red Panda class aged 5**
- Dear soldiers, thank you for fighting people. **Oliver-James Red Panda class aged 5**
- Dear soldiers, at this time of year we are thinking of your family and you. Did any dogs help you. Thank you for saving our place. Thank you for getting the people out. **Olivia Red Panda class aged 5**
- Dear soldier, I am writing this poppy to thank you for keeping my country safe. You are brave. You must miss your mum and dad because it must be scary in the war. **Eni Unicorn class aged 5**
- Dear soldiers, I am writing this poppy to say you are the best. Thank you for helping our country. Is it scary fighting? Love **Max Unicorn class aged 5**
- Dear soldiers, I am writing this poppy to say you are brave and courageous. Thank you for protecting us. Love from **Mason Unicorn class aged 5**
- Dear soldiers, at this time of the year we are thinking of you to help keep us safe. Thank you. **Louie Tiger class aged 5**
- I wish you could come home safe. You are so brave. Thank you. **Vinnie Tiger class aged 5**
- Dear soldiers. I am saying thank you for being so brave and in the navy. You are so kind and I want you to come back safe on November 11<sup>th</sup>. I'll remember you being really helpful and amazing. I want you to come back safe. **Izabelle Tiger class aged 5**



## Year 2

- Dear soldiers, thank you for saving our lives. I appreciate what you have done as well as being brave. I know that you are all anxious when going in the war but you have saved the whole entire worlds lives and you have risked your own. **Maisie-Lee Parrot class aged 7**
- Dear soldier, thank you for saving the world. I'm sorry you had to leave your family. You must have felt scared. I hope you are safe now. I hope you are alive and feeling better. I will wear a red poppy because it will make me remember you. **Eddie Giraffe class aged 6**
- Dear soldier, thank you so much for protecting our country. **Jochen Giraffe class aged 6**
- Dear soldier, thank you for saving our country from the enemies. You must have felt so upset when you left your family. You are so brave to fight for us. I will wear a poppy to remember about all the soldiers. **Demi Giraffe class aged 6**
- Dear soldier, thank you so much for being brave and protecting our country. I'm so grateful that you left your family so that you could help and protect us. **Poppy Giraffe class aged 7**
- Dear soldier, thank you so much for risking your life and if it wasn't for you we wouldn't be safe. You must have felt distraught travelling away from your family and fighting for us. I'm so grateful that you were helpful by being brave to fight for our country. It was so courageous of you to know that if you passed away you will not see your family again. It was so amazing that you had to live in the trenches even though there were rats when you were eating. **Testimony Giraffe class aged 6**
- Dear soldiers, I am writing to you to say thank you for all of the hard work you have been doing for us. We know it can be terrible fighting in the bitter cold. I know it must be hard living in the trenches and sleeping on the hard cold floors instead of a comfy warm bed. I would hate being part of the war and getting terribly wet. Thank you again. **Pixie Meerkat class aged 7**
- Dear soldiers, thank you for saving our lives. I am grateful to you for all you do. I think you are very brave. Thank you so much. **Leighton Meerkat class aged 6**
- Dear soldiers, I am writing to you to tell you how thankful we all are for your bravery. We think that you have uncomfortable beds and they are rock hard! Thank you. **Riley Meerkat class aged 6**
- Dear soldier, I'm so sorry you lived in the cold, wet trenches. Thank you for risking your life and you must be very brave and I'm sorry you went in the war to protect our country. I think you was afraid. **Adrian Parrot class aged 6**
- Dear soldier, thank you for putting yourself in danger for our country and helping people, you have been so clever. **Freya Parrot class aged 6**
- Dear soldier, thank you for going to war. I think that the trenches were wet and soggy and freezing. You must not have liked the rats stealing your food. We love you. **Darcie Parrot class aged 6**
- Dear soldier, I am sorry for you going to the cold, wet and soggy war. You have saved our world and we appreciate that. I feel so sorry for you being in the war. I am glad your war has ended and you are safe. I am so sorry you have been hurt and I know it is so frustrating. **Marianne Parrot class aged 6**



### Year 3

- Dear soldiers, I will always wear a poppy to remember you and when I look at the poppy I will always see you. Thank you for saving our lives and I will wear a poppy and feel hopeful for peaceful future. Thank you. **Millie Owl class aged 7**
- Dear soldiers, thank you for risking your lives to stop the Germans taking over our country. We are so lucky to have you. We wear poppies to remember how courageous you are for saving us from danger. Thank you. **Maggie Owl class aged 7**
- Dear soldiers, thank you for sacrificing your lives in such destruction to save our world. You have protected our innocent people and saved thousands of lives. We will have remembrance poppies to support you and all you have done to save us. You served us all with pride so we will wear our poppies with pride and joy. Thank you. **Nina Owl class aged 8**
- Dear soldiers, I am so proud of what you have done to save our beautiful country. Some of you gave up your lives to save us. Some people died in agony. You were courageous in what you done for us. Thank you. **Kara Eagle class aged 7**
- Dear soldiers from the past, thank you for your courageous pride. I'm writing to you for saving our lives. Thank you for saving my mum and dad's lives. Thank you for our freedom. I will be truly grateful for the rest of my life. We will always remember you for the rest of our lives. Thank you for saving our country. Thank you for all your sacrifices over the years. **Mason Eagle class aged 7**
- To all soldiers, thank you for protecting our country. I am writing to you for your freedom and your lost lives. You're so courageous for going out there and fighting. I really appreciate you suffering in the war so we can have a good future. I can't believe that you have fixed the whole world and I will never forget you. Thank you. **Rachel Eagle class aged 7**
- Dear soldiers, thank you for putting your precious lives in danger to fight for our country. We wear poppies for hope and pride. We need to remember those that have died from Germany, France and Japan (our allies) and innocent civilians due to terrorism. We salute you and honour you. Thank you. **Brandon Hawk class aged 7**
- Dear soldiers, thank you for putting your amazing lives in a very dangerous environment to fight for our country. We wear our poppies, that symbolize hope, to remember you. I'm super melancholy about what I am seeing in most of the countries, all the crimes and terrorist attacks. I'm so grateful that you are saving us. Thank you so much. You go to kill yourself to save innocent civilians. The allies that stood by our country in our hour of need, we salute you. I'm so upset, I'm so angry and dejected that you had to go to the war. Lot of love. **Millie Hawk class aged 7**
- Dear soldiers, thank you for everything you have done to protect us in war. Lots of you have lost your lives for the country and the King and Queen. We have sacrificed lots of innocent civilians in our life. We wear our poppies with pride that symbolize hope to honour you and the Armed Forces. **James Hawk class aged 7**
- Dear soldiers, thank you for fighting for our freedom. We will always remember and honour you. **Owen Hawk class aged 7**

## Year 4

- Dear soldier, our country is so lucky to have such selfless people fight for our lives. When you signed up you must have been petrified of leaving your friends and family. We will always remember you and your fellow soldiers who were killed. In those four years you worked hard and put Britain in front of yourself and fought bravely in the army. Thank you for saving us. If you weren't fighting we would be talking German. Life wouldn't be the same if you didn't but in. We will wear our poppies with pride. **Isabelle Buzzard class aged 8**
- To all the soldiers past and present, I thank you for all the hard work you did for many countries to save our land from being taken over by that wicked, old Adolf Hitler. You must have felt so terrified leaving your warm-hearted families. When you had to sign up, you must have been petrified as you didn't know what was ahead of you. In the trenches, you didn't have 'real food' so you didn't have much to eat. I am proud of all the soldiers because if you didn't fight the world would be completely different right now. I will wear my poppy with pride and remember you for the years to come. **Georgina Buzzard class aged 8**
- Dear soldier, firstly, I would like to say thank you for risking your young life to protect our country and us from the Germans. Next, I am so grateful because if you didn't fight for us we wouldn't have as much freedom as we do now. I will wear my poppy with pride and remember you and your fellow soldiers who passed away. **Harrison Buzzard class aged 8**
- To all soldiers past and present, thank you for all the hard work you have done during the world wars and saving our country. Thank you for risking your lives and taking care of our country. When the world wars started you must have been terrified and horrified. It is very heart breaking to see people being injured and being killed. I hope your friends and family were not killed or injured. You must have been brave during the war. Your family might have been petrified that you would not come home. I will wear my poppy with pride and remember you and your family. **Priya Buzzard class aged 8**
- To all the soldiers past and present, I feel so sorry that you had to join the army at such a young age. Thank you for saving our lives. I also want to say a huge thank you for risking your life to make our country the best you can. It must feel so sorrowful because you must have lost your family or friends. I know not all of you died in the army, but we are saying thank you. We will wear our poppy to remember you all to show respect. Thank you for your help. **Hayleigh Buzzard class aged 8**
- Dear soldier, I'm writing to say thank you for protecting our country and lives, it must have been terrifying to go and leave your home and not know if you'd come back or not. Four years must have felt like centuries and I don't even know where to begin about the trenches. Without your courage our lives would be very different. We would be speaking German and have barely any rights or freedom. Thanks to you I can wear my poppy with pride. **Neve Kite class aged 8**
- Dear soldier, I would like to express my gratitude for you risking your life for our country. Leaving your home must have felt devastating and terrifying for you and your family. The gun shots must have been horrific and the trenches unsanitary. I can't visualise what life was like in the trenches. Thank you for being brave. I will wear my poppy to show respect and remember you with pride. **Teddy Kite class aged 8**
- Dear soldier, I'm writing to say thank you for the amount of lives you have changed and your selfless attitude. I feel so sorry you had to live in such wet and devastating conditions in the trenches. I can't bear to think what life had been like in those filthy unsanitary places and it must have been horrible to see friends dying every minute. Without your courageousness we would be speaking German and we wouldn't have as many rights as we do now, also I wouldn't feel as free as I do now. We are proud to wear our poppies as a mark of your courageousness. **Dilan Kite class aged 9**

Dear soldier, I'm writing to you to say I appreciate all the risks you have taken and your heroism is proudly being praised even though you're not here we all still remember you. It must have been dreadful having to say bye to your family and friends. I can't imagine how unsanitary and disgusting all the trenches holding millions of people crowded in it. I can't visualise seeing the things that you saw, horses in pain, gun shots flying in the air and hearing shouts from your friends in the distance while watching seas of blood start to leak in the trenches. Without your fearlessness, selflessness I wouldn't have all the rights I have today because you fought strongly and you won it for us and yourself. In this changing world we will remember you. **Summer-Rose Kite class aged 8**

## Year 5

Dear Armed Forces, I appreciate all of your sacrifices and we appreciate our cities are being defended. I remember the heroes that died in war and I always take two minutes to remember you. Thank you for making our lives nice, simple and safe. We will always remember but never forget you. Thank you for helping us as much as you can and I will wear my poppy with pride. We can't thank you enough. **Liam Saturn class aged 9**

Dear Armed Forces, thank you for risking your lives and getting wounded. I have a huge debt of gratitude. You all fought together as fearless friends. Even dead, you're my heroes. Now we have won the wars we all can live knowing that we're always safe. On Armistice Day I remember the terrors you went through. It makes me feel proud that you sacrificed your lives for us so thank you. **Megh Saturn class aged 9**

Dear Armed Forces, we should all spare a thought or two and be proud of every single man and woman that sacrificed their precious lives, risking their tomorrow for our today. We also owe a huge debt of gratitude for those people that survived and had their lives forever altered by war. We will always remember them and wear our poppies with pride. Your thoughts fill me with admiration. Thanks to you we have freedom to live our lives without fear. **Holly Jupiter class aged 10**

Dear Armed Forces, I'm writing to you because you are all the reason we are here and I'm using this time to say a big thank you for helping us. For all those people who have died or been injured. You will stay in our hearts. We all miss you because you are incredibly special to everyone. I feel proud to be here today. Thank you. Thank you for reading. **Jessica Jupiter class aged 9**

Dear Armed Forces, we are so grateful that we have you. You fought for our liberties and freedoms that we often take for granted. We also think about the people that have survived. You are a life changer. Without you our lives would be very different, some of us may not even be alive today. We will wear our poppies with pride. We will miss you but never forget you. Thank you. **Chloe Jupiter class aged 9**

Dear Armed Forces, thank you for being so brave and fearless, fighting for our country. We will all miss you very much. Thank you for our freedom and safety you gave your tomorrows for our today. Thank you. **Ellis Jupiter class aged 9**

Dear Armed Forces, we will never forget all of the good things you have done. You have done very good deeds. You have been a very good help. Without you we might not be alive, you risked your life to save us and we are grateful. **Abie Jupiter class aged 9**

Dear Armed Forces, all people of the world should remind themselves of those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we have freedom. Many people don't even care who saved our country but we owe a huge debt of gratefulness to those who fought for us. I feel heart warmed and proud as I wear my poppy with pride. We will always remember you. **Shonii Neptune class aged 10**

Dear Armed Forces, we will always be grateful for everything you have done and are still doing for us. We owe our freedom to you and we will never forget you and you will always be in our hearts. **Levi Neptune class aged 9**

Dear Armed Forces, we should never forget those men and women that made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy the liberties and freedoms that we often take for granted. We will always remember and love you who served our country and gave your lives for ours. We still have people risking their lives to save ours and thanks to you we do not have fear and worry to live in and the shock and horror of wars. We will wear our poppies with pride. We love you. **Bethany Neptune class aged 9**



## Year 6



Dear Nanny Effel, we will our poppies with pride, to remember you and the others who died. You sacrificed your life to save our country so now that we are free. You may have lost your friends and family but your fighting spirit was never crushed. Even when the Germans were pushing and you were crushed, did you surrender? No never! As you lie beneath your cross, we all remember your service, so thank you, as without your work we wouldn't have a future. From your loving great grandson. **Oliver Kingsley class aged 11**



Dear soldiers, past, present and future, we thank you for your extreme bravery and courage fighting in that great battle protecting and serving our country. You must have been very brave and scared at the same time. I wouldn't be here and so wouldn't other people but your heroism changed that and helped our country. Thanks to your sacrifice we have a better future. **Harry Kingsley class aged 10**



Dear soldiers, we thank you for your braveness and loyalty. Our country wouldn't be the same without your effort and courage. Your protection was vital to the ones who were alive. We wouldn't be here without your heroism and your thoughtfulness, that's why we wear our poppies - to think of you and hope for a world without wars. You all worked a miracle to succeed. We still celebrate the glory of your victory and once again we thank the Navy, Air Force and the Army. Some may lay in Flanders Fields but are not forgotten. **Riley Kingsley class aged 10**



Dear soldiers, past, present and future, I am writing to you because I am downhearted because I think soldiers who served us need respect for their bravery. I will wear my poppy with pride and wear it all the time. Thank you for the deed you have done. Thank you for helping protect our country for our future. **Archie Kingsley class aged 10**



Dear soldiers, past, present and future, thank you doesn't seem enough. No-one knew when the war started what to expect - many thought it would take a few months, not 4 years. Yet you were in agony whilst fighting in pain and terror in conditions that no-one could picture themselves in. I'm so sorry to hear that some of your friends died. My grandad was in the war and is now dead. I will wear my poppy with pride. Now all of you that have passed on may rest in peace. **Jessica Polo class aged 10**



Dear soldiers, thank you for risking your life to save your country. To repay your service we give you eternal gratitude, we thought the war would only be a few months yet it was 4 years long. Your eyes must have been brimming with tears not seeing your family for 4 years. We will always remember. **Mason Polo class aged 10**



Dear soldiers, I'm writing to you because I want to say thank you is not enough because you served us and many other people. Seeing poppies grow in Flanders Fields, next to your crosses. We will always remember you and your sacrifices. **Lulu Polo class aged 10**



Dear Grandma Linn, It is so sad to let you know that you have missed out on the rest of your life. It's heart breaking to let you go. You were a respectful, grateful grandma. Every time I came to your house and we played with your Russian dolls. We would never forget you. You are in my heart and never come out. I still remember going down your road getting very excited to enter your house. I love you. **Taila Columbus class aged 10**



Dear Grandad, thank you for serving our country, you served lots of people. If it weren't for you and your crew England in enemy hands. You fought with all your pride and hope you have been brave. I'm proud of you. We all are. Those who tried are always in our heart, those who didn't try live in the forgotten memories. **Franky Columbus class aged 11**



Thank you for saving our lives, we are sorry that your friends may have died. This goes to the nurses who helped and the soldiers who got shot and yelled. I know you went through pain and horror but now you know we respect you a lot. So thank you for your resilience and bravery. **Luca Columbus class aged 10**



To Great Grandad, I'm sorry for what happened to you in WWII. You and 8 million people on your team. You died saving your friend from a bomb. The Royal British legion sell poppies that they have made and I want to help raise money for you and others. Last year we raised £1,500. Lots of love. **Alfie Columbus class aged 10**



Dear soldiers, thank you for everything you have done for our country that is why we remember you. You have sacrificed your life for us, you have grown up with your friends but sadly you have some horrible things. Everyone will remember you and your friends. The whole country honours you. We will remember everyone for years and years. I wear a poppy to show that we appreciate you soldiers and your friends. R.I.P. to the soldiers that fought and passed away. Thank you. **Harrison Drake class aged 10**



Dear Grandad Chick, you may never meet me but your wife, my nan has told me about you. I have always bought a poppy and have been proud to wear it. I have always told my friends about you and how brave you was. I have always felt bad for you having seen your friends die in front of you. I am so happy to know that you, my Grandad, use to fight in the war and unfortunately died when trying to save our country. I am so thankful. I hope you enjoyed my letter. **Roxy Drake class aged 11**



Dear Great Grandad, over one hundred years ago, you were fighting in the tragic war and conflict between many countries. I bet building the Spitfires must have been hard and I can't believe how you even did it but I will remember you for the rest of my life and I will never forget the hard work you went through. Every year, we have the two minute silence to remember all the people who were killed in the terrible war and even the people now who are still having to discover all the dead bodies and their friends falling to the ground right in front of them. **Henry Drake class aged 10**



By 1918 at the end of the Great War, thousands of you soldiers sacrificed your life for us normal people and we appreciate it so much. I hope you enjoyed the time you lived. How many people in your team died? I hope it wasn't more than the other side. The reason we wear poppies is because they grew in Flanders Fields and the red is for their souls. When we wear poppies we will remember those brave soldiers, R.I.P. **Joe Drake class aged 10**

During our service we also took some time to remember those who we have lost that were connected to our families through war or love. Many of us have suffered loss and we all deal with this in our own way.



*We will remember them.*



The disappointed look in the angel's face really said it all. Huge welcoming hands begged you to stop and think. I saw a variety of knives like butcher, hand, etc. I'm relieved because people have handed them in but also upset that people thought they needed knives. The crypt held memories of loved ones who had been affected by this, it seemed almost impossible to be true. People that have been affected; some innocent, will always be with their family, friends and communities that have been widely affected. All thoughts are with them.

Emily R

Many young people carry knives for protection, only they don't need know it will end worse for them and others. Knife crime is horrible and many have had friends or family die because of it. I will never carry a knife because if I do I could go to prison. In the crypt, I saw a knife with a message about saying goodbye to someone who died. The Knife Angel resembled hate against knife crime and sadness for those people who have died.

Harry W

I think it was very upsetting to see that there were 100 knives on the angel. I have never seen anything like it before. It was really sad to know that those knives had stabbed people. It was just unbelievable.

Rubie Mae