

SEDGEHILL

weekly

10 NOVEMBER 2017

MESSAGE FROM MS CASSIDY

This coming weekend sees the Remembrance commemoration for those who fought and died in all conflicts. At Sedgehill this year we have poppies on sale and many of your children will have discussed the commemoration in their year assemblies.

In my previous schools, I have often also held a whole school assembly to ask students to think about what the day means. As 11 November falls on a Saturday this year, we are not recognising it with any whole school events. But, instead, I wanted to take this opportunity to say a few words about the importance of the day.

Remembrance Day falls on 11 November because that was the day when fighting ceased in 1918 when the armistice was called at the end of the First World War. It famously fell on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

The poppy was chosen as the symbol of remembrance, inspired by the opening lines of a poem called 'In Flanders Fields' by the Canadian poet and soldier John McCrae. Poppies were the first flowers to grow back on dead soldiers' graves on the western front and McCrae wrote:

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

The First World War saw 700,000 British soldiers lose their lives, approximately 1-in-60 of the then population of this country. While the end of that war was a time of much rejoicing, it was also a time of great trauma for many and that generated a great need to remember - hence the creation of Remembrance Day and the inauguration of the many war memorials from that time which can be found across the UK.

This was not to glorify the war, but to remember those who were gone. And it is in that spirit that we ask our students to think about the coming weekend.

SINGING ASSEMBLIES

On 19 and 20 October, all of Year 7 and 8 had great fun finishing the half term with a singing assembly. We started with some fun warm-ups where we used our voices as different characters, before singing 'Roar' by Katy Perry. All the students did a great job and brought the roar back to the Sedgehill lion! Well done.

Congratulations also go to the prize winners who consistently brought their instruments to every lesson last half term.



PERFECT STUDENTS

Perfect Student is presented to the student from each year group who has, in that week:

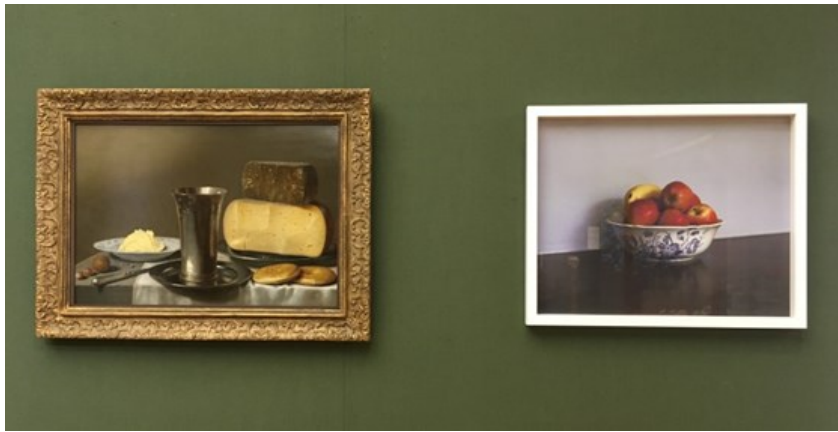
- 100% attendance;
- 100% punctuality;
- gained the most achievement points.

This week's Perfect Students are:

- Year 7 **Angelina Williams**
Year 8 **Nevaeh Julien**
Year 9 **Josephine Bangura**
Year 10 **Seun Alatisé**
Year 11 **Akira Vairinhos**
Sixth form **Ahmet Sackan**

Well done to all of the above students.

YEAR 12 ART TRIP



On 1 November, the Year 12 Art A level class visited the Guildhall Art Gallery to see the work in their permanent collection and the Nature Morte temporary exhibition. The students spent time analysing and discussing the works of art on display. One of the important tasks they had to do was to make connections between their own ideas and the work we were looking at. Seeing the art first-hand really helped them to develop these skills.

After lunch we visited the Tate Modern and explored the work of a range of artists who have all tackled the subject matter of still life, as well as exploring colour and how important it is in art and communicating mood. The students were challenged to make comparisons between different artists' approaches in order to help them develop their ability to make connections.

"I really enjoyed today it makes a real difference to how you understand an artwork when you actually see it up close" - Year 12 student

FILM CLUB



November's Film Club film was selected from the many suggestions we received at the start of the year. It's **The Lego Batman Movie**: one of the funniest, silliest movies of 2017.

Film Club is on **Tuesday 14 November**, starting at 3pm in the library. The film is 104 minutes long, so should finish at about 4.45pm.

If any students have any suggestions for future Film Club viewings, they should see Mr Mees in the library.

NETBALL CLUB

Girls' Netball Club has now started on Wednesdays and is open to all girls from Years 7 up to 13. Everyone is welcome, regardless of ability, including absolute beginners who've not played before.

We're hoping to get enough girls together that we can start to play matches against other schools.

If anyone would like to join us, it's in the Sports Hall from 3.15-4.15pm every Wednesday.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 30 November Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 7 December Sedgehill Christmas Concert