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Dear Parents

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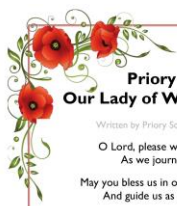
At St Mildred's Church last Friday, the school community remembered all those who made the ultimate sacrifice during the First World War and in all conflicts since.

The pupils conducted themselves in exemplary fashion, singing remembrance hymns, and reading and hearing about Fr Maximilian Kolbe, who voluntarily sacrificed his own life to save that of another whilst imprisoned in Auschwitz.

In preparation for the service, each class in the school had studied conflict in a particular country, and during service they shared brief details with the congregation whilst pinning a poppy on a map of the world to mark that country's location. This included the ongoing troubles in the Gaza Strip.

This was a very moving service, and everyone present remembered the fallen with great respect, and left with a better understanding of conflict around the world and the lessons we hope are learnt. We are very grateful to Miss Shyvers for leading the school in worship, Miss Mildenhall for playing The Last Post and The Reveille, and Mr Longford for his organ playing.

We are fortunate to be able to use St Mildred's, particularly with its royal history, and our thanks go to the church team who allow us to use the beautiful church and grounds.



Priory School of Our Lady of Walsingham Prayer

Written by Priory School Pupils, 2022-2023

O Lord, please watch us and protect us,
As we journey through school


May you bless us in our teaching and learning,
And guide us as we care for others.

Help us to know what is right and just,
Encourage us to do what is good and loving.

Let us thank Our Lady of Walsingham,
Who trusted in God's will and gave us hope.

Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.


Amen



St Maximilian Kolbe

Priory School of Our Lady of Walsingham

Remembrance Service 2023



Friday 10 November 2023
St Mildred's Church, 11.00am

Welcome
Head Boy & Head Girl

Opening Prayer
Miss Shyvers
Reader, West Wight Mission Community, Church of England


Hymn
I Vow to Thee My Country

Reading – John 15: 12 – 17
Caelen Goldberg

Story – Maximilian Kolbe
Joe Ayres

Act of Remembrance
The Exhortation
Principal: "They shall grow not old... We will remember them"
Response: "We will remember them."

Last post
One Minute Silence
Reveille



Hymn
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayers for Peace in our World
Pupils

Choir
Peace Perfect Peace

Lord's Prayer

Hymn
Jerusalem

Blessing
Miss Shyvers

School Prayer

In memory of all the families of pupils past and present who have suffered as a result of war and conflict



On Monday of this week, we began 'Anti-Bullying Week' with 'Odd Socks Day', and the staff and pupils grabbed the opportunity to celebrate our individuality and to stand up to bullies by wearing colourful and clashing socks. The winners of the most outrageous mismatched pair of socks are:

Pupil: Jack Barry who decorated his clashing socks with lights and baubles

Staff: Mrs Newte who really got into the spirit of the occasion

Both Jack and Mrs Newte will receive their prize in next week's assembly.



As I have previously mentioned in the Newsletter, this week is our internally themed 'Save the Seas Week', and it began with an assembly from the Eco-Council, narrated by Rachel Lambert and Dan Grugeon. Pupils from the Junior School and Senior School delivered their lines and 'message' with passion and skill, and all should be very proud that many lessons this week, across the entire age range and curriculum, are being taught through the topic of the seas.



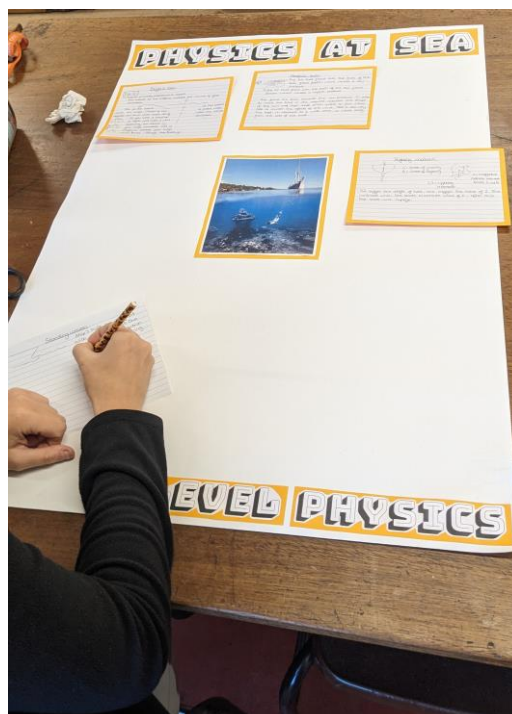


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Furthermore, the week's Tuesday Talk was given by Mr and Mrs Steventon, and they shared their four-year sailing adventure with us, and were able to relate their experience to the topic of conservation and the fragile beauty of the natural world. The staff and pupils were transfixed by what they heard and inspired to seize the day and respect the planet. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Steventon and to Stan and Ted for sharing their epic journey. It was fabulous.





Moving on to new pupils, I would like to welcome Henry Hibberd, who rejoined S3 on 16 November, and Beatrice Warne, who joins S2 next Monday. It is great to have you as members of our school community.

Reports

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| 1. Mon 13 Nov | Eco-Week commenced |
| 2. Mon 13 Nov | Odd Socks Day (anti-bullying campaign) |
| 3. Mon 13 Nov | Eco-Monitors Led Assembly |
| 4. Tues 14 Nov | Tuesday Talk '4 Year Seafaring Adventure' (Mr & Mrs Steventon) |
| 5. Tues 14 Nov | S3/S4/L6th Iceland 'Questions & Answers' |
| 6. Wed 15 Nov | S3/S4 Girls, Netball Match (v Ryde Academy & The Bay), Ryde Academy |
| 7. Wed 15 Nov | 6 th Form Evening |
| 8. Thurs 16 Nov | House Winners' Pizza Lunch (York/Red House) |
| 9. Thurs 16 Nov | Y5/Y6 Boys, Football Match (home game v Arreton Primary School) |
| 10. Fri 17 Nov | Mufti Day & Cake Sale 'Sea Conversation Charity' (£337.80 raised) |
| 11. Fri 17 Nov | Y5/Y6 Girls, Football Match (home game v Godshill Primary School) |
| 12. Fri 17 Nov | S3 Girls, County Netball Tournament, Seaclose Netball Courts |

Future Dates & Events

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| 1. Mon 20 Nov | Y5/Y6 Osborne House |
| 2. Tues 21 Nov | Tuesday Talk 'Career As A Midwife' (Mrs Styles) |
| 3. Tues 21 Nov | S1/S2 Girls, Hockey Match, Free School |
| 4. Tues 21 Nov | S1/S2 Girls, Netball Match, Ryde Academy |
| 5. Wed 22 Nov | S4/S5 Boys, Hockey Match, Free School |
| 6. Thurs 23 Nov | 6 th Form Scholarship Day |
| 7. Thurs 23 Nov | S3/S4/S5 Mixed, Cross Country Championships, Medina College |
| 8. Thurs 23 Nov | S4 Parents' Evening |
| 9. Fri 24 Nov | S1/S2 MacBeth, Bembridge Village Hall |

Achievements:

Congratulations go to Panashe Chibwana who was successfully shortlisted in the OxBright Essay Competition 2023. Panashe wrote a brilliant essay answering the question 'How can long-term thinking in the field of Law foster optimism about the future?' The panel of judges were very impressed with Panashe's essay, shortlisting it within a competitive field of over 1000 entries. Panashe's prize is a free place at an OxBright academic conference. Well done Panashe, and we look forward to hearing of your successful legal career in the future – I hope it is a Tuesday Talk in the making!

David EJJ Lloyd
Principal