

# HENDON NEWS

8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

## From the Headmaster:

Dear Parents,

As the anniversary of the century of Armistice Day approaches this week-end, we are reminded of the destructive nature of this terrible period in world history. Historians and political commentators remind us daily of those terrible events that marked one of the bloodiest episodes in the history of our species and in particular the tragic loss of life for a generation of people from across the globe.

The epitaph of this conflict, a misnomer, **The Great War**, taught us little about the true value of human life, especially in light of another global war that took place as a direct consequence of the armistice agreement (Treaty of Versailles June 1919) signed by the principal warring states as a consequence of that conflict.

As we prepare to hold our own commemorative service at School on Monday 12 November, what should the present generation of students at Hendon Prep make of those events that took place a 100 years ago?

As Headmaster, I have set our students the challenge to be creative. Each Tutor group must determine their own commemorative observance. This is their opportunity to review, re-examine and explore those events of history and offer their inventive insights as

children of this age, not just with reverence but also with true remembrance.

As our children remember those dark events of yester-year, I know they will use their imagination and curiosity in a creative way. This process will hopefully promote within our children the importance of problem-solving and critical-thinking skills and teach them the wisdom of compassion and the value of courage to stand-up against injustices in our current world.

As we remember, we shall also acknowledge that those who gave of their lives were also young once, full of dreams and aspirations for a future, when they would play a significant role in shaping the world to come.

Sadly, even to-day, war is never too far away, so we must promote peace in our world and champion our young students to always do what is right by others. As a former History teacher, I recall my visits to the battle-fields and cemeteries of the Somme. They are both compelling as they are a tragic reminder of an 'Anthem to doomed Youth' –Wilfred Owen.

So, as the centenary approaches this week-end, what will you tell your child of the events that shaped generations to come?

## School News:

- If pupils in years 3, 4 or 5 would like to play in the **Tea Time Concert** on 27th November, and parents have not heard from either Ms Dawson or Miss Vitkauskaite already, please let Ms Dawson know details of what piece and which instrument by the end of school on Tuesday 13th November.
- On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding the **Pre-School Transition Meeting** for parents of children who will be joining our Reception class next year. If you haven't already notified us of your attendance could you please email [susan.kirby@hendonprep.co.uk](mailto:susan.kirby@hendonprep.co.uk)
- On 20<sup>th</sup> November Senior pupils taking part in the **Shakespeare Schools Festival** will join pupils from Haberdashers' Boys' School, Whitefield School and JCoSS at the ArtsDepot in Finchley to take part in a production of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. Please call the Box Office on 020 8369 5454 for tickets.
- **Primary Maths Challenge:** On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November pupils in Y5 & 6, along with a few selected Y4 pupils, will take part in the national Primary Maths Challenge, a fun and exciting challenge to encourage enthusiasm and boost confidence in mathematics.
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November is **Children in Need Day** and pupils can come into school in their own clothes and bring along a suggested £1 donation for the charity.
- If you have a child who will be 2 ½ in September 2019, and you would like them to join our Nursery, please contact the Admissions Office for a Registration Form as soon as possible as we have a limited number of places left.

### REMINDER DATES:

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> : Anti-Bullying Week
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> : Pre-School Transition Meeting: 8.40am  
Primary Maths Challenge
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>: 5D Assembly: 8.40am  
Parents Evening:  
Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 & Year 8
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> : World Philosophy Day  
Freshwater Theatre visit Year 1: Magical Toy Museum
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> : BBC Children in Need: **Own Clothes Day**  
Football: U11 & U9 Boys: Hendon v Dwight School  
HPPG Cake Sale: 3.30pm
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup>: Football. U13 Boys v Lyndhurst House
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> : Years 2 & 3 Parents' Coffee Morning: 8.40am
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>: Football: U11 Boys v Lyndhurst House
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>: Open Morning: 9.30am to 11.30am  
11+ Briefing Evening: Year 4 & 5 Parents. 6.30pm

## HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK:

As part of the School's celebration of Diwali this week children from Nursery to Year 3 were treated to a fabulous puppet show, presented by Puranas Ltd, which told the story of the Ramayana. Find out more about this wonderful epic tale on our news pages:

<https://www.hendonprep.co.uk/ramayana/>



## Next Week's Lunch Menu:



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Dish of the Day</b> Turkey or Beef Taco with Guacamole and Chunky Salsa	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Soy and Honey Glazed Chicken with Noodles	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Lamb and Spinach Curry	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Roast Turkey With Gravy	<b>Dish of the Day</b> Breaded Chicken Escalope
<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Quorn Chilli Taco with Guacamole and Chunky Salsa	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Stir-Fried Soy and Ginger Tofu with Noodles	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Chick-Pea and Sweet Potato Coconut Curry	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Roast Quorn Fillet	<b>Vegetarian Option</b> Sweet Potato & Courgette Fritter with Rainbow Slaw
<b>Side Dish</b> Savoury Rice Sweetcorn and Peppers	<b>Side Dish</b> Pak Choi Green Beans Prawn Crackers	<b>Side Dish</b> Bombay Potatoes Cauliflower and Cumin	<b>Side Dish</b> Roast Potatoes Medley Vegetables	<b>Side Dish</b> Chunky Chips Garden Salad Peas
<b>Jacket Potato</b> Cheese and Spring Onion	<b>Pasta Bar</b> Tomato and Red Lentil Sauce	<b>Jacket Potato</b> Tuna Mayonnaise filling	<b>Pasta Bar</b> Three Cheese Sauce	<b>Jacket Potato</b> Baked Beans and Cheese
<b>Salad Bar</b> A range of composite & basic salads	<b>Salad Bar</b> A range of composite & basic salads	<b>Salad Bar</b> A range of composite & basic salads	<b>Salad Bar</b> A range of composite & basic salads	<b>Salad Bar</b> A range of composite & basic salads
<b>Pudding</b> Apple & Kale Smoothie Yoghurt Fresh cut fruit	<b>Pudding</b> Yoghurt Fresh cut fruit	<b>Pudding</b> Chocolate Pudding with Custard Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Salad <b>Daily Salad Bar</b>	<b>Pudding</b> Yoghurt Fresh cut Fruit	<b>Pudding</b> Banoffee Pie Yoghurt Fresh cut Fruit
With a selection of home cooked meats and freshly prepared salads				

## THIS WEEK'S MENU

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Week commencing:

20/09, 01/10, 22/10,  
12/11, 03/12

