



# Milldene News 9

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## Lest we Forget—1918-2018

Thank you to all the boys and girls who have supported the Poppy Appeal, both in school and in the local community. It has certainly been a very moving and poignant weekend, with many Milldene pupils attending events marking the 100 years since the end of the conflict.

As part of our Remembrance Day commemorations, Mrs Heydon led a whole school assembly and Diamond Class have composed both whole class and individual poems which have been shared with everybody in Assembly.

### Beyond the Lines

Beyond the lines, bombs raced through the air,  
Did our ancestors have to be there?  
Hearts thumped faster than the machine guns,  
Smoke scattered people's lungs.

Bang! Another bullet is undone.  
Boom! The bombs furiously hit the ground,  
But not a single soul was found.  
Abandoned rifles sticking up like hair,  
Bombs flew in the air, like a rocket flair.  
The bombs went beyond the lines.

Fear like never felt before,  
Cries as people hit the floor.  
Heartbroken men, that miss their wives,  
Let's just drop all the guns and knives.  
The poppies blow beyond the lines.

### 100 Years Ago—by Katie Wright

100 years ago, the crimson poppies blow  
Its roots from deep below,  
The poppies flew in the air,  
Flying high without a care.

Crash! The bombs hit the ground,  
Killing souls from all around,  
Hearts pounding against the floor,  
Worried people wanting to end the war.  
Guns row on row,  
All 100 years ago.

Bombs soaring through the sky,  
In fields where lonely guns lie,  
Many soldiers sob and cry,  
Now laid deep below,  
All 100 years ago.

## Football Tournament—Year 3/4

Yesterday our Year 3/4 Football Team travelled to Shrub End to take part in their first tournament this year.

Everyone played really well with some fantastic saves by Noah and Zak and excellent goals from Freddie Stafford and Alfie. Harry and Charlie were unstoppable in defence with Freddie and Jack keeping the ball flowing in midfield.

It all went down to the final whistle, with three teams drawing for first place; it then went down to goals scored and Milldene ended up a well deserved second place.



Thank you to Mrs Springett, Mrs Swan and Mrs Stafford for helping to take the children and for being excellent supporters on the sidelines.

Well done everyone!

## Books and Biscuits

Such a thoughtful and supportive discussion in which everyone reflected on their own successes. The benefits of "pink to think" feedback challenges were eagerly debated. It was very clear that lots of our boys and girls have successfully made the transition from a fixed to a growth mindset. Keep spreading this important message! *Mrs Locke*



Ruby Ollie M

Yr 4 Summer L

Yr 1 Leo

Yr 5 Kathy M

Yr 2 Bradley F

Yr 6 Deacon M

Yr 3 Izzy S



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Planning is well under way for our annual Christmas Fair which this year will take place on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. As with all our events, their success relies on lots of parent help, if you can spare time on the day to help, could provide a raffle prize or are crafty or own a small business and are interested in holding a stall at our event please get in touch on the PTFA e-mail. Any help is greatly received!

We appreciate that many of you are unable to help on the day but there are still lots of ways you can support us in making the Christmas fair a huge success! Please see below ☐

**Donations:**

**Toys** – We need lots of preloved toys, games and puzzles for our toy Tombola. Please can you check that all puzzles and jigsaws are complete and in good condition before you pop them across to us. If you can please get these to the school office by end of school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, that would be great! Go on, have a good clear out!

**Bottles** – The children will be able to come in in Xmas jumpers (or non-uniform) on the day of the Christmas fair, in exchange for a bottle! Alcohol, Soft Drinks, Toiletries all welcome – These will be for our bottle tombola! Please can you bring in any bottles to school drop off on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**Donate Raffle Prizes** – If you or anyone you know can donate prizes for our raffle, that would be much appreciated. It all helps!

**Organise a stall**– if you or anyone you know would like to run a stall at the event then please get in touch.

**Share our event on social media** – the more people we can get to come, the more funds we can raise for the school!

\*\*\* Dates for your diary\*\*\*

Secret Santa presents | w/c 3 December  
 Christmas Fair | 7 December  
 Pantomime Trip | 10 December

**Birthday Books!**



A belated Happy birthday to Ryan T in Emerald who has kindly donated 2 “Diary of the Wimpy Kid books” to his class. How generous!

Thank you so much for celebrating your birthday with us.

**Children in Need — Friday 16th November**



Don't forget our 'Do Your Thing' day on Friday, 16th November!

Remember the children are invited to wear something spotty and members of the Pupil Council will be on duty at the gate to collect all the donations for this ever-popular fundraising extravaganza. Boys and girls, please join us for our Children in Need themed lunch.

**Donation of Mugs**

In recent years, we have relied on a dilapidated collection of mugs for our visitors at coffee mornings and other events. But now, thanks to Mrs Knight (Year 2 & Year 4 Parent), we have brand new colourful mugs, kindly sponsored by Dam Co, a shipping company based in Harwich.

**Anti-Bullying Week**

This week, the school are taking part in National Anti-Bullying Week. The Anti -Bullying Ambassadors will be leading an assembly on Thursday and are playing a very active part in raising awareness around the school this week.

Mrs Munson shared the following quote with the Ambassadors who have taken great initiative in displaying within the school.

All Different

All Equal

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

'The world is full of nice people. If you can't find one, be one'.

**Tuck**

As you know, the school provides your child with a daily fruit/vegetable snack and a biscuit. The cost of this is £2 per half term or £12 for the year. We would be grateful if this amount could be paid at your earliest convenience, via Schools Cash Office, cheque or cash. Many thanks in advance.

**Money**

Please help the School Office team by ensuring that all cash is in a securely sealed envelope, annotated clearly with child's name, amount and what it is for, before it is handed into the Office.

**School Meals**

Please note that we are on Week 3 of our new Winter menu.



**Save the Date—KS1 Nativity**

Wednesday, 12th December—1.45pm, (younger children welcome)

Thursday, 13th December 9.30– 10.15am



**Essex Code of Conduct for Schools**

Please see attached information. Can I please draw your attention to the 'Circumstances in which a penalty notice may be issued' and 'Penalty notices for irregular school attendance /leave of absence'.

**10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 school weeks and 6 sessions of absence in the first two weeks of September could lead to penalty notices being issued. (1 day equals 2 sessions).**

**Attendance**

Last week's attendance award went to Emerald who had an attendance figure of 99.65%. Amazing! Well done!

As a school, our overall attendance was 97.36% which is above our target of 97% .Brilliant! Please remember: every day counts!