

# **Reedley Primary School**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

#### <u>Poppies</u>

I hope you have had chance to see our 'poppy garden' on the school field, commemorating 100 years since the end of World War 1 this Sunday. Pupil representatives from our school will be placing poppies at the cenotaph in Brierfield, on behalf of our school.

## Mad Science Club

The children in Y1-6 brought home letters recently advertising an after-school science club after Christmas. Currently, only a small number of children have signed up for this course. There is a cost of £60 for the 8 week course. The closing date has been extended for one week. If you haven't replied yet, but wish to do so, please return your letter to school as soon as possible. If we do not get enough children taking part, then the course will not be able to run.

### **Events at Reedley**

-Mr Neild from the Royal British Legion spoke to all the children about World War 1 and the significance of poppies -We sold poppies for the Royal British Legion, and completely sold out within three days! Thank you to those who contributed.

-Y5 and Y6 presented their poems, based on a war theme, and sold these to their families after school

-Tonight (Friday) some items are being sold after school for the Royal British Legion including biscuits and bracelets -On Wednesday, our school ambassadors attended an event at The Ace Centre, with local schools and carried out drama and art work based around the end of World War 1.

-Some of our Year 6 children attended a Maths competition on Wednesday.

-Children from Y5 and Y6 represented school in a football competition on Wednesday. They drew two of their matches.

-Children from Y6 represented school in a netball competition on Thursday. Aisha (Y6) won 'Player of The Day.'

-Last week, we had our first winner of our new times table award, the Hackmanite Award . Yaminah (Y6) was the first child to successfully answer 144 random multiplication and division questions within three minutes. There are several other children who are every close to passing, so we are expecting more success very soon.

-Next week, I will be testing for the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Hackmanite awards. In order to take part, children need to prove to their classteacher that they have successfully completed practice papers in three minutes. Practice papers can be obtained from the child's classteacher.

## Parking and driving around school

You may be aware that I often stand on the corner of Reedfield to encourage drivers not to park in places where pedestrians may be crossing. This week, I have witnessed several instances, where cars start to drive up Reedfield and then reversed back down to allow other drivers to pass. The problem is that as they have reversed, pedestrians have been crossing the road, resulting in the car very nearly hitting the pedestrians, often children who are walking without an adult. Drivers need to be aware of the children walking around them and the dangers posed by reversing their cars at any time. We continue to send photos to the police of any cars who are breaking the law with their driving or parking.

I also had a compliant from a local neighbour on Ainsdale Avenue. This is a private road and you are not permitted to drive or park on this road unless you live there. The lady who complained said that she had been unable to access her driveway as cars had blocked the entrance. This gives our school a very bad reputation amongst our local community, which is not the view of our school that we wish to portray.

We have also had some positive publicity this week. Reedley appeared in the paper for two events: our 'pink day' to raise money for Cancer Research and the Royal British Legion attending our school assemblies. Both of these articles can be read online in the Burnley Express.

Thank you for your support Mrs Sarah Bell Headteacher