

Review

Reepham Remembers

We were pleased to once again hold our annual Remembrance service and assemblies, it is a real example of Reepham staff and student spirit, and an important annual event.

All year groups attended an assembly which covered the importance of remembrance - why war should not always be glorified, and the sacrifices required for peace and stability in the modern world.



We were pleased to welcome representatives from our longstanding partner schools in Germany and Belgium - an exchange project which moves in to its 24th year! There are very few schools which still support such exchange programmes and it is something we are very proud of.

The Remembrance service was led by our chaplain, Reverend Keith. It featured readings and poems in the international theme of this year – “refugees”. This was a very timely theme considering the

present wars are causing massive displacement of innocent people in many countries across the world.

Pupils also heard the iconic “In Flanders Fields” in three languages, and all took part in a Last Post and two minute silence, which was kindly led by Trevor and Chris from the local branch of the Royal British Legion. We would like to thank Ms Spurrell for playing the Last Post and Reveille for us.

While the week had a serious theme, we were pleased to have this wonderful opportunity for staff and pupils who had been on the Ypres trip to reunite with their friends from abroad and remind ourselves of the purpose of the trip.



We are very aware of our role as a school in supporting remembrance, promoting peace, compassion, democracy, and neighbourliness, while opposing the glorification of war and violence. We hope our international peace project will continue to be an example to all students in all of our respective schools into the future!

The Ypres trip is currently in the planning stages as we continue to seek funding, information for Year 9 pupils will be shared with parents in the near future.

Mr Beebe, history teacher

Care of the Countryside



The Care of the Countryside team have had a very busy time since returning in September.

The wildlife pond was completely emptied and has now been re-lined. Sleepers have been dug in around the pond and we have begun to lay the pebbles. We hope to plant within the trench surrounding the pond in the



next month. If anyone has any pond plants like bullrushes, water lillies, irises, hostas or Arum lillies, these would be gratefully received.

Another big project the students have undertaken is taking photographs around the allotment to produce an amazing calendar to raise funds for the allotment. Everyone has played a part in this fantastic project and it has been so rewarding and productive.

The calendar is for sale on your child’s school Arbor account or at Norfolk Farm Shop and Deli in Reepham marketplace for £10.00, all proceeds go to supporting the school allotment.

Miss Digby, Care of the Countryside course educator

Year 11 Careers Day and Careers Fair

The annual Careers Day took place on November 13th and involved all Year 11s. Over fifty employers visited the school to share their career journey, to showcase the diverse range of careers available and to explain the different routes into employment.

Year 11 attended workshops hosted by our visiting speakers, covering a wealth of careers sectors including insurance, finance, law, environment, film, engineering, construction, music, education and conservation. These



workshops were informative and inspirational; the young people now know so much more about different sectors of industry and have an insight into the world of work.

Following the workshops each pupil had a short ‘mock interview’. The murmur of voices in the hall as students chatted about their skills, hopes, and dreams for the future was exhilarating and uplifting.

Our pupils were outstanding throughout the day, and it was great to see them really engage with the visiting speakers.

“I found it very inspirational and has made me think more about the career of a teacher”

“I found it very interesting and has allowed me to explore a wider range of jobs”

“I enjoyed it the most because it was very informative and interesting with well explained next steps”

Feedback from our visitors has made us feel very proud of our young people:

“We had such a lovely time at your Careers Day – it is so nice to hear that the students found it useful and engaging! The mock interviews were a first for me and I found them so interesting – the students have so many varied interests and goals.”

“What I wanted to say is how impressed I was with your school. Without any exceptions all students were very polite and well behaved. My impression of the school is that it is a calm, professional and caring environment.”

Many of our visiting speakers stayed on for our Careers Fair and more joined us for the evening which was well attended by our young people and their families. I am always blown away by the number of businesses that are willing to come along and support our young people. I am deeply grateful to them for their support with our Careers Programme and for grateful opportunities and experiences with our students. It was great to have ALUMNI in school for this event too and to learn about their successes and experiences.

Mrs Edgill, Careers Coordinator



History Beneath Our Feet

Oxford Archaeology and Orsted hosted an archaeology event in Cawston to showcase some of the historical artefacts discovered as part of the Hornsea Offshore Windfarm development.

Pupils chatted with the archaeologists and found out more about some of the fascinating Roman and Saxon-era finds that have been uncovered during this project.

Mrs Edgill, Careers Coordinator



County Cup Success

A fantastic day and a Norfolk County Football Cup win against Gresham’s school in Holt.

Goals scored by Kian in the first half and Jake in the second half ensured a penalty shootout to determine the winners of the cup tie. Penalty scorers were Jedd, Jake, Ollie H, Will and Sam S for the winner.

The main strength of our performance was our defence, after conceding initial two goals they stopped Will from having to make many saves at all. Other highlights were Kian for his nonstop pressing and the midfield of Olly S, Cal and Jedd who were pivotal in stopping and creating chances.

We cannot forget the tactical mastermind of Alex who made the right subs at the right time, and taking his managerial role seriously, dressed in a suit for the occasion.

Man of the Match was awarded to Jedd but the whole team deserves huge credit for holding on for 90 minutes. Will also deserves some plaudits for starting the comeback on penalties and Sam S deserves credit for scoring an unstoppable penalty to win 5-4. What a win, and what a team.

Mr Easton, head of PE



Table Tennis Team Triumphant

A huge congratulations to our U16 Table Tennis team who won the County Championships, beating Wymondham College in the final.

A tremendous achievement and now onto the regional finals in January in Wellingborough.

