

GRANDPARENT'S REMEMBRANCE DAY MEAL 11TH AND 12TH NOVEMBER 2019



Every year for the Remembrance Day anniversary, Beechwood Primary Academy invites their Grandparents (...and Great Grandparents) to join their Grandchildren for a very special meal served by the children and teaching staff. This is our way to commemorate the importance of the day and ensure that it is a memorable occasion for the children.

This is the seventh year that we have held the event and our school cook and her team prepared over 300 meals for the children and visitors. The event has grown in popularity every year and brings together the generations to think about how lucky we are to have freedom and live in peacetime. Grandparents often have the time to talk to children and provide them with those important moral foundations for life. *Our thanks go to the Kitchen team, children and staff who served and made this such a successful event!*

We also held a two-minute silence in school at 11am on the 11th November, so that the children can concentrate on remembering all the people who have died in wars, not just world wars one and two but also more recent conflicts and the children have raised a record-breaking amount of money for the British Legion this year.

The community in Southway provide consistent support for events at Beechwood school and this gives the children a sense of belonging and the foundations to become responsible citizens of Plymouth.

Mrs Evans Head of School.

Poppies on Parade!

During Remembrance week the children created recycled Poppies which were added to the display on the Council House Building in Plymouth City Centre, they also made a display for the school Market H...



Plymouth Pavilions Festival of Remembrance 2019

Amber.H and Abigail.C spent the evening representing Girlguiding at this year's Remembrance Service. Both girls did an amazing job, standing on parade alongside Scouts, Sea Cadets, Marine Cadets, Sir Johns Ambulance Cadets and currently serving members of the Armed Forces. *Well done*



This year you have raised a record breaking £436.44 for the BRITISH LEGION.

As part of a whole school drive to reduce single use plastics, children overwhelmingly supported our cause and bought Mrs Francis' beautiful, cotton, knitted poppies instead. We will be writing and asking for recycled or plastic free British Legion Poppies next year, however this did not impact on the funds raised for this worthy cause.

Mrs Francis said that The Poppy Appeal and supporting our Armed Forces holds great meaning to her. Growing up in a Military Family and having a sister who is currently serving means she understand the sacrifice made when our men and women, past and present, choose to put on a uniform and she can relate to children of service families in our community.

The Royal British Legion have been supporting our Armed Forces since 1921 proving support wherever and whenever it is needed and their support is unwavering. *Thank you Mrs Francis for the hours you spent helping this cause and to the children and parents for their donations!*



'I also think that as well as promoting British Values, most European families eat together all the time; it would be nice to see all British families eat together. The pie and macaroni cheese were excellent! A real credit to the chef! Biscuits Yum!'

"A very lovely idea and the older children did a great job!"

'Meal was enjoyable and served warm. Thankyou. It is good to spend time with our Grandchildren without their parents beign present and away from the home environment.'

'Another excellent meal (6th) well done to all concerned. Already looking forward to

'Wonderful lunch-many thanks to the school lunch team. This is a really lovely way to be involved with the children, staff and school.'

'Lunches have improved since the 1970s. Its woderful to be a part of the school community to see where and how our Grandauhter is beina educated.'

'Well well organised. Really enjoyed it!'

'Before this, we hadn't ever heard of 'Grandparents Day'. It's a terrific idea, such a sense of community. The food was awesome aswell; as real treat. THANK YOU! Xx'

