

Easter Holiday Learning Challenge: Can you write a Remembrance message for the Royal British Legion to take on their Grand Pilgrimage ?

- What was The Grand / Greatest Pilgrimage in 1928 and why did people do it?
- What is the Menin Gate and why is it important to many people?
- How do you think they might have been feeling as they walked through the battle fields to the Menin Gate in 1928?
- What do you think they might have been thinking?
- What is Remembrance and why is it important to so many people?
- What are poppies so important to so many people?
- Based on what you have learned and thought about, what message of Remembrance would you like to send to the Menin Gate this August?

Remember: You can present your research and messages in any form you like – leaflet; poster; Power point; letter ; picture ; painting; story; poem – it's up to you!

We will be sharing our work in a Big Conversation and choosing a selection to put in our time capsule.

In addition, the Royal British Legion will be choosing messages to take on their Grand Pilgrimage wreaths this August.

The Grand Pilgrimage:

Useful research links

- <http://branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/bordon/grand-pilgrimage-90>
- <http://www.britishpathe.com/video/the-greatest-pilgrimage> (this video does not have sound)
- <http://branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/st-ives/every-man-remembered>
- The Menin Gate
- <http://www.greatwar.co.uk/events/menin-gate-last-post-ceremony.htm>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Menin_Gate

Remembrance and why we remember:

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/0/ww1/25628092>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/15492752>



Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Easter Holidays Home Learning Challenge: can you write a Remembrance message for the Royal British Legion to take to the Menin Gate this August?

This term, all our classes have been thinking about how Wyton on the Hill has changed since 1900 , from farmland to important MOD base and thriving local estate. As part of this, they have begun to consider the way in which the Great War impacted on our local area, ultimately changing it beyond recognition. We will continue to build on this over the next two terms as we watch our new school being constructed and approach the centenary of the end of the Great War in November.

Our home learning challenge for this Easter is connected to this work.

We have been approached by the Royal British Legion, who will be parading as many Standards as possible at the Menin Gate, on 8th August 2018, to commemorate the start of 'the final push' which ended the Great War 100 years ago. This journey recreates a similar commemorative journey taken by families and veterans in 1928, which was known as 'The Grand Pilgrimage'. They have invited our pupils and their families to compose Remembrance messages to be take with them.

Once we have collected in the messages from our school community, members from the St Ives Branch of the Royal British Legion will choose their 'top twenty' from local schools and our 5 local mayors will select 2 from that 20 to be printed and displayed on two wreaths which will be laid at the Menin Gate.

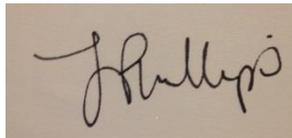
We will also be archiving a selection of these messages in our time capsule , which will be housed in our new school.

How can you help?

- Talk with your children about what they have learned so far and what they would like to find out about the Great War.
- Help your children to research the Grand Pilgrimage using the questions and the links we have provided for children printed on the back of this letter.
- Talk with your children about Remembrance and why it is important to so many people.

We very much look forward to seeing and hearing about our pupils' ideas in one of our Big Conversations in the second week back after Easter.

Yours sincerely,



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