



St Peter's Bratton Church of
England Academy

NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another edition of the newsletter. We have information for you about Remembrance this week, following a lovely assembly that Mrs Oakley led us in on Thursday.

Then we have information about Children in Need next Friday and Anti-bullying week and wearing odd socks on Monday. Apparently, Soda might be joining in!

I wish you all a happy weekend,

Best wishes,

Mark Davis

Principal

Drop off and Collections:

Can we ask parents of children in Years Reception – Year 5 that they bring their children to their classes, rather than dropping them off at the school gates.

If you ever need your child in Years Reception – Year 5 collected by an under 18, please get in touch with our school office by phone or email to discuss this, as we don't routinely release your children to under 18s. A number of you have done this already and you don't need to do that again.

The field is now getting softer. Please use the path wherever possible to preserve the grass for summer and protect our school carpets.

Thank you

Children in Need 2021



This year St Peter's will be joining in with the Children in Need celebrations on Friday 19th November. School Council would like the children to come into school wearing their own clothes on the day in return for a suggested £1 donation to the charity.

Money will be collected in the classrooms on the day.

In addition, we would like to make a giant Pudsey Bear using spare change. Each class will have a turn to take their change to create the outline of Pudsey Bear and once the whole school has had a go we will see how much we have raised. This is a great opportunity to get rid of any spare change that you have in the house and all donations are very much appreciated. Please send the change in to class with your child in the morning and then they can take it to Pudsey with their class.

We hope that you are able to join us in fundraising for this worthwhile cause.

School Council

Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Woodcock

Lunch time VIPs!		
RO1	Edie	For showing kindness at lunchtime.
RO2	Molly	For showing respect at lunchtime and being a super friend.
1R1	Bobby	For sitting sensibly when eating and using fabulous manners.
1R2	Emily	For being a wonderful role model at lunchtime- you are a superstar!
2R1	Sophia	For showing respect to everybody during lunch time- thank you Sophia!
2R2	Holly	For being a super friend and showing good manners.
3G1	Amelia	For being very polite and a positive role model for her peers at lunchtime.
3G2	Penny	For playing nicely and showing kindness.
4G1	Elliot	For being a kind friend at lunch time.
4G2	Tyreece	For helping to keep our outdoor space spick and span- thank you Tyreece!
5B1	Ayomide	For excellent manners and for being very helpful at lunchtime.
5B2	Olivia	For being delightful at lunchtime!
6O1	Seth	For being thoughtful and kind at lunchtime.
6O2	Charlie	For super manners and listening!
6O3	Lucy	For showing kindness at friendship at lunchtime.

Remembrance Day



This year for Remembrance Day in school we have used our local war memorial in Wrockwardine to highlight local people who lost their lives in both the first and second world wars. The names of people from the war memorial can be found on poppies within our remembrance displays. Within school we integrate local history within our History Curriculum and this is something that we will be developing more over the next few years.

We would like to share with you some of the local people who the war memorial commemorates this year for Remembrance Day.

Lieutenant Colonel Wilfrid Henry Burd Oldham



4th Prince of Wales' Own Gurkha Rifles, commanding 1st Battalion.

He was the eldest son of the Archdeacon of Ludlow. From 1919 until 1936 the Oldhams lived at Overley Hall, near Wellington. They moved to Leaton Grange, Wrockwardine.

Wilfrid was educated at Shrewsbury and Matriculated in 1928. He graduated in 1931 and joined the 4th Prince of Wales' Own Gurkha Rifles.

On November 7th 1936, he left England on the Viceroy of India, en route for Bombay. His promotion to Captain was gazetted on January 29th 1939, and to

Temporary Major on September 30th 1943.

He married at St James' Church, Delhi on December 6th 1941, Felicity Marion Gilbert whom he had met when he was serving at the Indian Army Headquarters in Delhi She was a teacher and had spent time in the United States and Canada in the 1930's and was living with her Uncle Sir Maurice Gwyer, the Chief Justice of India.

In November 1942 Wilfred was posted as second in command of the 1/4th Gurkha Rifles.

By May 1943 he was back as Officer Commanding C Company as they moved to the Chin Hills at Tiddim. On 26th May they deployed to Fort White and on 27th May to 'Basher Hill'.

Wilfred was awarded the Military Cross for this action in which he was wounded. It was presented personally by Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander, when he visited the 17th Division on February 13th 1944 on the road 4 miles South of Tiddim which lies about 100 miles south of Imphal.

Felicity retrained as a Nurse in order to be closer to Wilfrid and went to Naini Tal with him when he was recovering from his wounds.

He is commemorated on Face 61 on the Rangoon Memorial and by two windows and a tablet in St. Peter's Church, Wrockwardine, Shropshire.

Nurse Edith Leake

In St Peter's Church in Wrockwardine there is a window dedicated in memory of Miss E Leake who died in 1918. Edith Leake was the elder daughter of Charles and Ellen Leake of 'Oakville', Admaston. Born on 26th May 1885 in Wellington. Edith's father, warden at St Peter's, was the proprietor of the Wellington newspaper, the forerunner of the Wellington Journal.

War brought the call to arms and by 1917, three of Edith's brothers had volunteered with the army. Kennedy enlisted with the Motor Machine Gun Service in 1916, Victor, the eldest son, served with the Inns of Court Officer Training Corps from 1917, and Harold with the Royal Horse Artillery. Edith too left home to join the war effort. As many educated young women did at that time, she found her role in nursing sick, injured and dying servicemen.

Edith moved to London and whether she was a trained nurse, a VAD [Voluntary Aid Detachment] or a British Red Cross volunteer is unclear, but what is known is that she devoted herself to caring for others.

As badly injured servicemen began to arrive back in Britain from the renewed fighting on the Western Front after the German Spring Offensive, they brought the influenza virus home with them and passed it on to nursing staff, family, friends, and strangers alike, allowing the disease to gather momentum as the autumn and winter approached. It is difficult to be certain whether it was definitely the influenza virus or some other disease which Edith contracted whilst nursing, but what we do know is that at the Nursing Home where she worked at 33 Brixton Hill, Surrey on Wednesday 10th July 1918 she succumbed to the consequences of her dedicated work to help other people.

(Research by Kenneth Ballantyne, who has kindly given permission for us to use this in the newsletter.)

William E Stanton

On October 13th 1941 he was reported as missing when his ship was lost at sea.

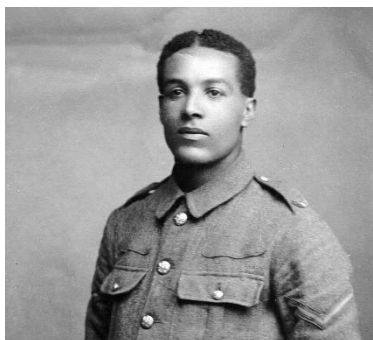
Flight Sergeant Albert Adderley



Received the Distinguished Flying Medal on 2nd September 1941. On the day of 24th July, 1941 Flight Sergeant Adderley was the rear gunner of a Wellington Mk.IC aircraft detailed for an attack on Brest. Just outside the flak barrage area, his aircraft was attacked by an Me.109 which opened fire at 600 yards range, hitting the armour of the rear turret. Flight Sergeant Adderley returned fire at 300 yards, giving him a long burst to within 50 yards. The enemy aircraft turned off to port and, after one more burst, crashed into the sea out of control. Despite the heavy flak barrage and difficult conditions prevailing Flight Sergeant Adderley displayed the highest possible courage in the face of the enemy attack. Flight Sergeant Adderley has, in all his operational flights, set a very fine example to the other Air Gunners of the unit of courage and devotion to duty. He died on 24th May 1942 aged 21 when the Wellington Mk1c T2802 aircraft he was on was involved in a simulated attack and taking a steep turn, a structural failure occurred in the starboard wing causing the outer plane of that wing to become

detached. The pilot was unable to control the aircraft and it crashed near the village of Stanton, Suffolk at 1602 hours.

Walter Tull



Building on our work from Black History Month we have also remembered Walter Tull. Walter Tull was both a professional footballer player and a soldier during World War One. Walter had to give up his career as a footballer to help out in the war, but he then became recognised as the first black officer to lead white British soldiers into battle. Walter had a successful career during the war. He was quickly promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Football Battalion. In 1916 Walter moved back to England and began training as an Officer. At this time, only a white, British-born person could be trained to be an Officer. Walter became an exception to these rules and was allowed to continue his training. In May 1917 Walter was 'commissioned' to the rank of Officer. Walter was highly praised for his role in battle, notably for leading soldiers over a river in Italy. On the 25 March 1918, Walter led an attack on German trenches. They had to cross 'No Man's Land', which was open ground and under fire from German machine-guns. Walter was hit and killed.

Futility by Wilfred Owen

Move him into the sun –
Gently its touch awoke him once,
At home, whispering of fields half-sown.
Always it woke him, even in France,
Until this morning and this snow.
If anything might rouse him now
The kind old sun will know.

Think how it wakes the seeds –
Woke once the clays of a cold star.
Are limbs, so dear achieved, are sides
Full-nerved, still warm, too hard to stir?
Was it for this the clay grew tall?
– O what made fatuous sunbeams toil
To break earth's sleep at all?

The poem is about an injured, probably dead, soldier. It's set in France during the First World War. World War I (1914-18) was fought on most of the continent of Europe between Germany and the Allies. The poet questions what the point is of life being created if it can be destroyed so easily.

You should compare this poem with other poems about the same themes: sadness and loss: *'The Falling Leaves'*; *'Come On, Come Back'*; effects of conflict: *'Poppies'*; helplessness: *'Belfast Confetti'*

The term and title of the poem; "Futility" shows how pointless and worthless war is. "Futility" is Owens' belief in the worthlessness of both God and war.



Wilfred Owen (1893-1918) was born in Shropshire to an English and Welsh family and was best known for his war poems written whilst he served in the trenches in World War One. He died in battle only one week before the end of the war.

Futility
Wilfred Owen

Wilfred Owen – along with his friend and mentor, Siegfried Sassoon – is now thought of as the poet who exposed the brutalities of trench warfare and the senseless waste of life caused by World War One. Owen spent only four months fighting and only five weeks in the front line, but the shock of the horrors of war was so great that he decided it was his task to expose the 'Pity of War', to represent in poetry the experiences of the men in his care.

INFORMATION FROM THE PASTORAL TEAM



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Magazine Helpful articles, personal experiences and tips from young people and our Kooth team.	Chat with the team Chat to our helpful team about anything that's on your mind. Message us or have a live chat.	Discussion boards Start or join a conversation with our friendly Kooth community. Lots of topics to choose from!	Daily journal and goal setting Write in your own daily journal to track your feelings or emotions and reflect on how you're doing.	Mini activity hub Select from a growing menu of fun, therapeutic and useful activities.
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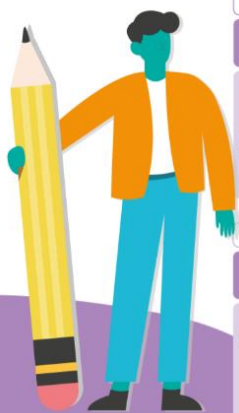
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- 3 Choose your **area** and **location** from the drop down menu.
- 4 Select the **year** and **month** you were born.
- 5 Click on the **gender, ethnicity** and **background** that most closely describes you.
- 6 Create an **anonymous username** and secure **password**.
- 7 Let us know how you found out about Kooth from the drop down menu.
- 8 Select **Next Step** to complete your registration!

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What's on Kooth in November



November 1 Kooth Live Forum 7.30pm to 9pm Managing Stressful Feelings Have you felt stressed or overwhelmed recently? Join us for this live forum discussing tips to help manage stressful feelings! If you can't make this one, keep an eye out for our discussion board after.	November 3 Kooth Discussion Board November - Mates, Matters, Movements, and More Join us this November to help highlight the importance of male physical and mental health by sharing your thoughts, support, and tips.	November 12 Kooth Live Forum 7.30pm to 9pm Childhood Books & Characters A fun live forum to honour Children's Book Week, talking about books, characters, and the benefit of child-play.	November 12 Kooth Podcast What is 'SAD'? Most of us will experience a shift in our wellbeing as the days get shorter, the weather gets colder and we tend to stay inside more. We talk about what Seasonal Affective Disorder is, as well as our top tips to battle the winter blues!
November 17 Kooth Live Forum 7.30pm to 9pm Myth Busting - Toxic Masculinity What's really meant by Toxic Masculinity? Join this live forum to find out more in time for International Men's Day!	November 24 Kooth Discussion Board "A Little Light Disperses A Lot of Darkness" Are you celebrating Hannukkah this year or wanting to learn more? Why not stop by and share your thoughts as we consider some of the traditions of this holiday.	November 26 Kooth Live Forum 7.30pm to 9pm Young Carers Rights Day A live forum to celebrate our wonderful young carers and to raise awareness of the rights they hold. If you can't make this one join us earlier in the week on our discussion boards instead.	November 29 Kooth Live Forum 7.30pm to 9pm Games Night Come and join us for a special games night live forum, full of entertainment and excitement!



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If your child is suffering from sleep issues or you are struggling with your child's bedtime the National Sleep Helpline are there to help.

the national sleep helpline

50% Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?
In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

03303 530 541
Available Sunday - Thursday
7pm - 9pm

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the national sleep helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541
Available Sunday - Thursday 7pm - 9pm

Woo hoo... Monday 15th November is Odd Socks Day!

To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 15th November. The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way. In school, we will be thinking about how we can spread kindness by celebrating what makes us all special. As we are also marking Children In Need on Friday, we aren't asking for donations. However, if you would like to donate to the Anti-Bullying Alliance, you can find a link to their Just Giving page [here](#).

We'll be wearing odd socks with the **Anti-Bullying Alliance** and their patrons, **Andy and the Odd Socks**, on **Monday 15th November** for **Odd Socks Day**. Will you?

#AntiBullyingWeek
#OddSocksDay

Odd Socks Day

Pupils in Year 4

In Design Technology, we will be investigating pneumatics and using what we have learnt to create a moving monster inspired by the Anglo-Saxon poem 'Beowulf'. In preparation, please could you find a **balloon**, **2 small yoghurt pots** and a **cardboard egg box** (any size). As soon as we are ready to make our products, your class teacher will let you know when to bring in your items. Thank you for your continued support.

Reception Maths

Activities that you could do to help your child at home include lots of counting both by rote and counting objects.

Currently, in school, we are focusing on comparing quantities of non-identical objects and finding out which has more, fewer and the same. An activity to help your child would be to make collections for them to sort and compare, identifying where there is more, less, fewer or the same. An extension to this would be to ask them how many more? Eg. If there are 5 apples and 4 pears, how many more apples are there?

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Tuesday 2 nd November to Thursday 18 th November	Learning Conferences – details have all been sent
Monday 15 th November	Odd Socks Day!
Wednesday 17 th November	Reception Local Walk
Wednesday 17 th November	Class 4G1 Indian food tasting
Friday 19 th November	Children In Need
Wednesday 24 th November	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 1 st December	9:30am Year 1 Nativity High Ercall Church 11:00am Year 2 Nativity High Ercall Church
Wednesday 1 st December	Viking Workshop
Thursday 2 nd December	Reception Nativity – 9:30am in school
Friday 3 rd December	10:00am Year 3/4 Carol Service All Saints Church Wellington 1:30pm Year 5/6 Carol Service All Saints Church Wellington
Friday 10 th December	Year 2 Guy Fawkes Experience
Monday 20 th December to Monday 3 rd January	Christmas holidays