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This week at St Michaels' we have tailored and adapted our lessons in accordance with the national events that we celebrate every year. We have engaged with several important themes: Remembrance Day, Odd Socks Day, Anti-Bullying Week, World Kindness Day, Inter Faith Week, and Children in Need. Although these events recur annually within our curriculum, the themes and focus for discussions change, allowing our pupils to explore new topics each year.



Pre-School and Reception have enjoyed getting dressed up by wearing something spotty or yellow to raise money for children in need. We also made Pudsey bear masks!

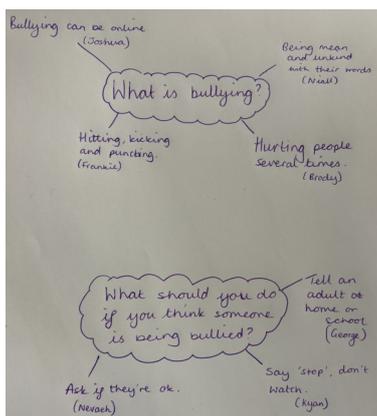


On Monday, Year 1 had a full day learning about Remembrance Sunday. We talked about the heroes that fought in the wars and the whole school held a 2 minutes silence at 11am.

Children were invited to use their creative skills to paint a poppy in the style of artist, Georgia O'Keeffe. They also decorated a slider with poppies as a group project. We finished off the day with decorating a biscuit each.



This week is Anti Bullying Week. Year 2 watched this year's video 'Choose Respect' and then discussed what bullying is. The children explored different scenarios and explained whether the incident could have been bullying and what they could do in the situations. We created posters with the knowledge that we learned and we are going to display some of them around school to share with other children.



On Wednesday this week it was World Kindness Day. Throughout school we have celebrated and encouraged kindness through whole school worship and a range of classroom activities. As a school we have learnt that kindness is a powerful tool to make others feel accepted and important and that no matter how small we are in the world, we can make a big difference.



Tuesday was Odd Socks Day and the whole school was invited to come in wearing odd socks. The purpose of this day is to encourage people to express themselves and

celebrate our uniqueness. As well as having a special assembly, Year 4 were encouraged to reflect and celebrate what makes them different to everybody else. We then fed back and shared what we are proud of to the class.



This week the whole school have been preparing for our Inter Faith Exhibition on Monday. Year 5 will be writing next week's newsletter where we will be sharing all the wonderful work.



Year 6 participated in a Kooth online lesson based around making and recognising what healthy friendships are. Kooth is an online support group that provides guidance and opportunities for children to ask questions when they feel worried or anxious about a situation. As a class, we took this opportunity to reflect on what healthy relationships look like and considered how this will support us when we transition to high school and make new friendships.

