

This week in the Senior School there have been several events focused on serving and supporting others as well as remembering those who gave their lives in conflict. Despite the challenges we are currently facing, it has been a rewarding time to think of others and put the school motto, Res Non Verba, into practice.

Nepal 2021



This year we are aiming to continue our longstanding relationship with Nepal, including supporting the Peace Garden School and the Anandit Charity. To ensure this good work continues we have asked L6 pupils to support Nepal in one of three areas; Charitable Aid, Media Communications or Events Management.

We have had an overwhelming response from the L6 pupils, even in light of there being no trip. This shows a brilliant depth of character and resolve to work hard and help those in need. One student wrote on their application form:

'When hearing in your assembly that there was no way of doing a trip for my year group I was really disheartened but quickly realised that having the mindset of the trip being purely for my enjoyment was selfish because the real reason it exists is to help others less fortunate.'

Well done to all applicants, you have shown an outstanding attitude and are a credit to the Birkdale community.

Ceremony of Remembrance



Each year Birkdale remember those who gave their lives in conflict. In the Prep School and Senior School, form groups gathered to watch virtual Remembrance Services.

In the Senior School the virtual service was conducted by Head of History, Mr Clarke. The two-minute silence was observed at 11am followed by a compelling reminder of the horrors of war, when Mr Clarke spoke of the devastation Sheffield suffered during the Blitz. This was followed by the traditional wreath laying by the Heads of School in the Memorial Garden.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16 November
S1 Parents Evening – 5.00 pm

Non-uniform Day for Golddigger Trust

It has been a lovely end to week with staff and students coming to school in non-uniform to kick-start fundraising for this year's school charity the Golddigger Trust. Golddigger work with young people to equip them with the skills to make positive life choices and are at the forefront of self-esteem work in Sheffield. We are looking forward to further fundraising in the coming weeks.

Game on!



It has been all go at Castle Dyke this week with rugby and hockey matches galore! On Monday, S1 and S2 pupils enjoyed competing for their houses in week one of their year group bubble competition. A great time was had by all who took part, even if they had to navigate the mist as well as the opposition!

During games lessons on Thursday it was the turn of the S3 and S4 pupils to take part in their house competitions. There were some fantastic skills on display and lots of tries scored. Everyone really enjoyed the opportunity to compete and remaining games will be played over the next two weeks.

Finally, it is a real pleasure to be able to announce that we are resuming our extra-curricular sports programme after-school from next week (w/c 16/11). Pupils attending a sports club may come to school changed in their Games kit and Birkdale tracksuit if they do not have Games on the same day. When they do have Games, they must come to school in uniform but can then stay changed in their Games kit and tracksuit after their Games lesson. Saturday Sport will unfortunately remain suspended until the end of the National Lockdown.

Please see the Birkdale Post sent earlier this week for more information.



It is always a very great pleasure and privilege to tell you about the achievements of our pupils both in and outside of their involvement at Birkdale. Please do not hesitate to contact me at prking@birkdalschool.org.uk if you ever have any news about your child that you would like to have included in the bulletin.