



*Poppy Field School offers a holistic, family-oriented, therapeutic approach to bringing children inner-peace and contentment, enabling them to access education, and become positive, valued members of society.*

## Autumn (1) Newsletter 2023



### Welcome Back!

It has been a busy return to school with lots of new faces joining the school - both staff and students. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone to team purple and engage with some excellent experiences already!

A reminder that we break up for half term on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**, and then return to school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**.

The school calendar dates are detailed below for your information.



### Wearing it Wild!

We had a super day on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October as we supported the World Wildlife Fund 'Wear it Wild' Campaign.

Students and staff went 'wild' in their choice of clothing, and donated to the charity. There were learning opportunities across the school, helping students understand both the work of the WWF and why it is necessary. There were of course also some fun activities including creating personalised 'wild' cookies for pudding.

We are delighted to have raised £34 for the charity, which was sent off immediately.

Thank you so much for your continued support, which makes events like this possible.

We have also marked **World Mental Health Day (10.09.23)**, **World Food Day (16.10.23)** and **E-Safety Day (18.10.23)** ensuring students understand the diverse and wonderful world we live in.



### Operation Encompass

We are proud to share that we are an Operation Encompass school. This as a is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces, in order to protect children and families.

Essentially - Every school appoints a trained Key Adult – the Key Adult is the person who receives information about police attended Domestic Abuse incidents.

The Key Adult will be notified prior to the start of the next school day that the police have attended an incident of domestic abuse. This timely information sharing enables appropriate support to be provided for that child so that all interactions, from when the child first arrives at the school gates, are of a positive nature.

**The Key Adult at Poppy Field is Nicky Hadfield (Head of School).**

For any further information on Operation Encompass – please visit the website below:

[www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org)



## Coming Up

We have got lots happening this term including some important dates for your diaries. We take great pride in supporting and raising awareness of a wide range of good causes.

This term we have the following events taking place:

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – We will mark Remembrance Day**



Poppies and general merchandise will be on sale in school reception just after half term. Watch out on the Facebook page to find out when they are available. Please note, no pins are allowed.

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti Bullying Day**



Wear odd socks to show support.

Raising awareness about different forms of bullying  
The theme this year is 'Make a noise about Bullying'

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need (suggested donation £1.00)**



A non-uniform event – with a '**wear spots**' direction as part of the 'Spotacular' theme for this year's event.

A fun filled day raising awareness and donations for those who are not as fortunate as we are.

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day (suggested donation £1.00)**



Wear a Christmas Jumper to raise awareness for the Save the Children charity

**Please note, these events are all supposed to be fun and enjoyable, not to cause stress or expense. Students are encouraged to participate as best suits them.**



## Our School Improvement Plan -



At Poppy Field we strive to consistently be the best we can. As you will be aware, we care passionately about the children in our care and work hard to ensure we are doing the very best for every one of them.

Every year we will reflect and look at how we can do better than the year before, and set ourselves some targets based on the question - how can we improve?

This year we have four key areas that we are focusing on:

- 1. To embed a love reading for all pupils.***
- 2. To ensure that behaviour is positively managed and has minimum impact on others.***
- 4. To increase the frequency of opportunities for pupils to enhance their cultural capital.***
- 5. To continue to engage in school council ideas to improve the school and environment to enhance pupils' experience.***

These goals are shared and through working together, we can achieve them. We will work on them over the coming year and share updates via this Newsletter and on our Facebook page.



## Home Learning Packs

Last week students came home with their own home learning packs. These are for them to complete as best suits them and do not need to be returned to school.

They offer practice in areas that will help develop key maths and English skills.

This came about following feedback in weekly phone calls about how home support could be offered – but please understand they are not to cause stress or anxiety.

*They are to be used as best suits the student.*



A small selection of pictures from this half term...



FOR YOUR WORLD  
WWF

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN

**WEAR IT WILD**

Thank you to  
Poppy Field School

for raising a beastly  
**£34**  
to help protect  
our beautiful world  
[WWW.ORG.UK/WEARITWILD](http://WWW.ORG.UK/WEARITWILD)

School Opens	School Closes
<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
<b>Summer Term 2024</b>	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Bank Holiday Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024

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Together, we achieve the extraordinary.