



26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week the children have had! Thanks again to the FoMH for organising the sensational sponsored slide; the glee on the children's faces was a joy to behold! Thank you for supporting this event.

### **Purple Up Day**

The school was flooded in purple today in honour of our military children. We learnt about the services which make up the Armed Forces and discussed the different character traits our military children possess as a result of their unique lifestyle. We then thought about some of our own character traits and how these traits have helped us achieve goals. We created medals to celebrate our personal successes.



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We are very grateful to Padre Nicoll for leading a wonderfully engaging assembly and also to Lieutenant Colonel Sawyers for putting the children through their paces in some fun outdoor “phys”. Thank you to Mrs Nicoll for her role as Forces Liaison Mentor, ensuring our military families are well supported and for giving up her time to run our Armed Forces Club.

Most importantly, all the children enjoyed this event and our military children were celebrated in style!

### ‘Curious Learners’ – *what we learn*

Please click on the link below to have a peek at some of the wonderful learning that has taken place in your child’s classroom this week:

<https://merryhill.org.uk/our-learning-community/year-group-blogs/>

### ‘Collaborative Learners’ – *our place in the world*

#### Earth Day

Monday 22nd April was Earth Day – this has been celebrated for over 50 years and aims to raise awareness for our planet and the environmental challenges it faces. The theme this year was Planet Vs Plastics. In our Earth Day assembly on Monday the children discussed topics such as climate change and the impact this has on our planet and wildlife. They were thinking very responsibly and were good at suggesting ways we can all help to protect the planet. Taking small actions such as walking to school whenever we can and using a refillable water bottle will help us to create sustainable long term habits which will support the future of our planet.

#### Cost of Living

Every week, we aim to feature a suggestion for a free (or inexpensive) family activity that you can enjoy together. If anyone has any tips or ideas of free or inexpensive activities you would like to share with our community, please let the office know. I hope you find these activities enjoyable and valuable for quality time together.

#### Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event which takes place on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and highlights the importance of protecting the environment. The theme this year was *Planet vs Plastic* which aimed to raise awareness of the harms of plastic pollution for human and planetary health. Organisers have suggested that people could volunteer for a clean up event or learn more about the damage done by plastic pollution. So for our suggested activity this week, why not become a *litter hero* and help to Keep Britain Tidy! For tips on how to litter pick safely, please see the link below.

<https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/sites/default/files/resources/Beginner's%20Guide%20To%20Litter%20Picking.pdf>



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### **Food Banks**

We would like to remind you about an issue that touches the lives of many in and around our community. As we navigate through challenging times, it is important to remember that we have local food banks ready to lend a helping hand. These invaluable resources stand as pillars of support offering aid to those facing hardships. Whether you find yourself in a position to contribute donations or are in need of assistance, our local food banks are there for you. The Red Trust Food bank is open every Tuesday from 5pm - 6:30pm at The Phoenix Centre, 4 Farrington Avenue, WD23 3DG. It is open to anyone who lives in Bushey.

For those of you attending the FoMH Movie Night, I hope you have a fabulous evening. Have a wonderful weekend everybody!

Sincerely

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