

WESTWOOD CHRONICLES

REMEMBRANCE DAY



15 November 2022, 1:00 pm

Remembrance Day is a memorial day observed in the United Kingdom since the end of the First World War to honour soldiers who have died in the line of duty. Following a tradition inaugurated by King George V in 1919, the day is also marked by war remembrances in many non-Commonwealth countries.

While all countries acknowledge it differently, the objective is the same; that is, to remember those who lost their lives for the country. On 11 November at 11 AM is a time the UK takes two minutes of silence to remember those who lost their lives fighting for freedom.

Poppies are also worn by people during the month of November to remember and pay respect to soldiers. We paid our own respects at the given time by observing two minutes of silence in school.

Fatima Naveed and Tazkira Abeedah
Year 8

DISHI RISHI IN OFFICE



22 November 2022, 10 am

Our first ever snack-sized Prime Minister has arrived! But will he last long? Known as Dishi Rishi for his dashing clothing, Sunak is the third PM Britain has had in seven weeks! Rishi Sunak, born in 1980 in Southampton to parents of Indian descent, is our first Asian British Prime Minister. Recent polls have shown: 25% expect him to be great; 29% expect him to be average, and a staggering 29% think he will be terrible in office.

Members of the public believe Sunak waited for his opponents to drop out of the race to nab the role. Sunak has been anxiously making moves to prove to the British public he is worthy of his new role. Countless hospital visits, donating large amounts of money to Kyiv (Ukraine) and his approach to compulsory education have all proven to be taken somewhat positively. Sunak would like Maths and English to be made compulsory till the age of eighteen years old.

Will Sunak be able to redeem himself to the British public? Will he last longer than forty-four days?

Anaya Razzaq Year 8

SLUMBERING SOULS



4 November 2022, 12:00 pm

On Saturday 29 October, locals of Itaewon wanted to dance the night away while enjoying street food and music to celebrate Halloween. What should have been reminisced for its joyous moments is now remembered for its grief, confusion, and terror. Itaewon's Halloween party led to South Korea's largest crowd crush to date. This distressing day lost 153 people who were crushed to death. The stampede went out of hand while people stood unable to budge from the number of individuals that gathered. A report found there were over 190 fatal injuries, adding to the unfortunate event. An estimated number of 100,000 attendees were present, but there was no security to control the crowd. The government has stated, 'there was no traffic or crowd control, and the cause for this was that people did not abide by the government rules.' Families who have lost loved ones are now in despair and grief-stricken.

Rahma Zahra Khan Year 8

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SHAKEN ITALY



20 November 2022, 10:20 am

Italy was hit by a shocking earthquake with a magnitude of 5.7 on the Richter scale. It was not only felt across the country, but the impact reached neighbouring countries, as far as Croatia. The Vatican City reported the tremors, as did Bologna. The center of the quake was in the Adriatic Sea, 26km from Semigallia province of Ancona. The earthquake started around 11 AM and lasted for one minute.

Aftershocks were still being felt across the country. No loss of life has been reported and no serious damage was found to any buildings. This is a stark difference to the 4000 deaths from the 1980 earthquake Italy once endured. Thankfully, no deaths were reported; Italy will now be on the mend to fix the remaining damage.

Aiyah Isha Omar Year 7

COST OF LIVING



23 November 2022, 2:15 pm

According to the Office for National Statistics, 93% of adults in GB reported an increase in their cost of living. Low-income households spend a larger proportion on energy & food. The high rate of inflation has contributed to a cost crisis. This crisis follows the Covid-19 pandemic & Brexit. People who rent homes have also been impacted heavily. Almost 2.5 million renters are either behind or constantly struggling to pay their rent. There are numerous ways you can tackle the cost of living this year. Make yourself toasty this year by layering up, keeping your curtains closed & drinking warm liquids. Selected supermarkets are offering meal deals for over 60s. So, take your Nan over for some free goodies.

Emaan Abbas Year 9

CLIMATE CRISIS



14 November 2022, 9:20 am

Rising sea levels, ferocious floods, intense heatwaves, and devastating droughts. Global CO2 emissions hit a daunting new record of 36.6 billion tons! These are just some of the alarming effects of climate change. Politicians make empty promises about the global dilemma. Cop27; another chance for them to merely hide behind their glistening facades. Bold and bright goals set up, never to be fulfilled. How can the younger generation put trust in politicians in power? People are destroying our future. Through this dark, dire and murky path we are all treading on. Can light be found? Ordinary people like us contribute to the drastic climate changes.

Needless to say, changes can be made and the world can be saved. Small differences we make can assist in slowing down these drastic effects. Something as trivial as switching the lights off or disposing of rubbish correctly can help sustain a better future. Our actions have consequences; make the right decisions for the betterment of those to come.

Pashtana Zazai Year 10

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INTERFAITH WEEK



18 November 2022, 12:00 pm

This week expresses the importance of being kind and considerate towards people of all faiths. It is good to do this every day. It makes us more tolerant towards different individuals. We acknowledge this day in school by being presented with the opportunity to listen to two important guest speakers from the community. Mufti Helal and Father Phillips gave us an enlightening presentation of the similarities and differences found in Islam and Christianity. They also cleared up any misconceptions we may have had about both religions. They used their comical ways to lighten the mood and make it enjoyable. We would like to give a special thanks to our guest speakers!

Sumaiyah Safa Islam Year 9

ROAD SAFETY WEEK



18 November 2022, 12:30 pm

Road Safety Week is a dedicated week to raise awareness of accidents that happen on the road. The aim is to inspire thousands of schools, organisations and communities to take action to make sure the road is safe for everyone. When crossing the road, you must stop, listen and look right and left to have a clear visual of any oncoming traffic. Always wait for the green man to appear before crossing the road. It would be even better to cross the road with a lollipop lady/man if they are available at the crossing. Zebra crossings are there to ensure cars stop for you to cross, but don't always trust them. Wait! Lastly, adding something bright to your clothing makes you stand out, so no one can miss you out on the road. A yellow coat would be perfect. It is very important for everyone's safety that we follow these rules when on the road.

Muntaha Shabir Year 5

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



18 November 2022, 12:15 pm

ABA are the official organisers of Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day. The aim is to teach people to be respectful towards others and to share kindness. Bullying behaviour stems from the individual's insecurities. They feel better taking their aggression out on innocent victims. This provides us with an understanding of a bully's mentality and how we can resolve the issues. You can report bullies to a teacher, a family member, or friend. Teachers are here to help you. The student council are always available to listen to your worries as well. No one is worth your anger and rage; bear patience and have trust in your teachers to resolve the issues. You can also help someone who is being bullied by offering a shoulder to cry on, spreading kind words and making them feel appreciated. To further pay acknowledgment to this poignant week, we, as a school, wore odd socks. There is no harm in being different. Rather, we should celebrate being unique! If someone is being mean to you, do not let their words or actions stop you from being you. Remember the greatness within you and do not let anyone take your light.

Raihanna Begum Year 9



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UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER



25 November 2022, 12:40 pm

My classmates and I took the tram all the way to Manchester. The journey was fairly quick and comfortable. We then had to endure a grueling 30-min speed walk with our teacher. Despite this, we made it through the crowds of people and crossed numerous roads, safe and sound. The streets were quite magnificent with hundreds of shops and architectural buildings lined up, calling for us to enter and spend our money. Each step we took towards the university campus only heightened our anticipation. There were a number of twists and turns before we reached a wonderful lecture theater. Comfy seats, spacious desks; not one, but two enormous screens! It is easy for anyone to see from any angle. A man, who I assume is a professor, spoke to us and used the screens to inform us of the many advantages to attending this university: the incredible dorm rooms; the vast variety of courses, and even how to write a personal statement. It was quite an intriguing lecture that ended in a series of questions and answers between ourselves and the eight ambassadors. With this, we learned all about the hurdles students face; advice on how to survive, and, of course, night life. Very beneficial. Overall, we had an exciting and entertaining time. Truly an experience that cannot be forgotten.

Umaimah Qayum Year 12



WESTWOOD SIXTH FORM TRIP TO
UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER
2022

WORLD KINDNESS DAY 2022



18 November 2022, 12:40 pm

Internationally celebrated by many all over the world to celebrate being kind to one another. It first occurred in 2009, and has since become a popular day. The purpose is to highlight good deeds in the community, focusing on the positive power which binds kindness among people. One act of goodness can change another person's day. It is scientifically proven that kind people stress less. The theme this year, which we presented in school, is to be caring in whatever situation. So open the door or pass on a smile! We also had the opportunity to deliver twenty one hampers to different organisations in Oldham! We hope they enjoyed the tasty goodies. Teas, biscuits, coffees and many more were included in the beautifully decorated hampers. Some of the places our fabulous hampers were delivered to were Iqra High School, Greater Manchester Police, and the local BP petrol station.

Aminah Awan Year 9

'Honour the guest, be generous to the orphans and be good to your neighbours'.

Prophet Muhammed ﷺ