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# Weekly News

**Headteacher's Message:** This week pupils have been involved in assemblies and activities to mark Remembrance Day. At 11.00 am today we held a minutes silence across the school which was followed by our Head Boy and Girl reading, "In Flanders Field" and our music teacher Miss Back-house playing the last post. Each year we take time to remember the number of past pupils who have served in the armed forces or are currently serving. All at Dean Trust Wigan are proud of those pupils who choose this as their future career. Along with this you will see how vibrant this week in school has been. A number of our students have been involved in enriching experiences including meeting WWE wrestlers and watching a visiting theatre company. I hope you enjoy reading about everything that is happening.

## Wigan Athletic

### Girls Cup 2017

Last Friday a group of our talented year 7 and 8 girls made the short trip to the Soccer Dome to take part in the annual Wigan Athletic girl's football cup. The girls played every game with passion and determination and displayed tremendous skill throughout the competition. The games played were very close and we finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in our group, narrowly missing out on the semi-finals. The girls who took part were Emily Standish, Elise Ashurst, Charlotte Leather, Kayleigh Mackin, Chloe Ashurst, Sofia Dinalo, Charlie Gallagher. Well done girls.



## Be A Star



The 'Be a Star' programme is an anti-bullying initiative led by the WWE and the Manchester United Foundation. This week four of our Year 7 anti-bullying ambassadors travelled to Old Trafford to attend a seminar delivered by WWE superstars Natalya and Dolph Ziggler. They will now use the skills learned to deliver the anti-bullying message within school.

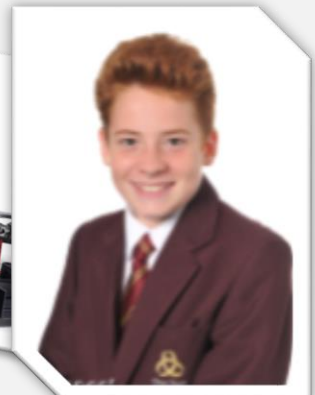
## Book Art Workshop

Book Artist Kate Bufton worked with our GCSE year 11 students on Friday afternoon, she shared her experience in book art with a small group of art students. The students were introduced to Kate and her practice and she showed them how to fold paper to create a 3D sculpture which they added colour to. They are going to develop this work over the next 3 weeks working alongside Kate to create a structure that will support their GCSE portfolio work.



## Ethan Bradbury Redgrave Success

Ethan Bradbury in 7K has a really interesting hobby and we wanted to share his story and success with you. Ethan and his family build and race remote control cars in their spare time. The cars are 1/10th of the size of a Formula 1 car and they are received by competitors as a metal chassis. Each person has to then build their car, including all the electrics, from scratch. There are clubs all across the world and regional and national championships are held annually. Ethan doesn't like to brag about his talents so his sister Megan (11P) has had to do it on his behalf. Ethan achieved 2nd place in his club race last Friday and last year he was the under 12 champion! It is wonderful to have such a variety of talent in Redgrave Hall. Well done Ethan!



## Remembrance

This week we have remembered those who have served in various wars, those who have lost their lives, those who are suffering today due to the consequences of war and their families. Mrs Gibbard held assemblies with each Hall where we learnt the importance of the poppy, why we wear a poppy and how the money we raise goes to support veterans and their families. Following assemblies student volunteers sold poppies to raise money for the Royal British Legion ahead of Armistice Day this week-end. As we're not in school this year for Armistice Day we paid our respect on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. This year our Head Boy and Head Girl, Leo and Alisha, read 'In Flanders Fields' to the whole school, the words of this poem played through each classroom just before 11am whilst our student council, senior prefects and staff congregated to hold a silence as Miss Backhouse played The Last Post at 11am. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all students and their families for their kind donations to the Royal British Legion this week. Lest we forget.



## The GW Theatre Company

This week has seen The GW Theatre Company deliver a play to our students in U10. The production is designed to provide a greater understanding and awareness of street grooming, social media vulnerability, online threats and 'sexting'. 'Somebody's Sister, Somebody's Daughter' toured in 2016 to many schools across the country with the Dean Trust Wigan being the first school in Wigan to host the performance. The thought provoking drama addressed many issues and raised questions which the students were given the opportunity to put to the cast at the end of the play. Student feedback was incredibly positive and it is hoped that a film of the production will be available in the new year which we can show to other year groups in the future.

