

TYNECASTLE REMEMBERS

*Marking 100 years since the end of
World War I and remembering those
who lost their lives in conflict*

I am very pleased to be able to share with you our commemorative memorial newsletter. It was a real privilege for our school community to be invited to take part and lead in so many events. During Tutor Time on Friday 9 November we shared our recent battlefields trip images, the screening of our input to the BBC News and gave the school community the chance to respectfully remember together, with a shared minutes silence. On Sunday we attended the Remembrance Service at Haymarket, where Claire Delworth and Alex Prentice had the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of the school this year. *Hazel Kinnear, Head Teacher*

TYNECASTLE YOUTH COMMUNITY PIPE BAND



The Tynecastle Youth Community Pipe Band were lucky enough to be involved all weekend with Heart of Midlothian Football Club and their events to mark the 100 year anniversary of the end of the First World War. On Saturday we were asked to play at the side of the pitch while the two teams warmed up, so the band did a 20 minute set right next to the players from Hearts and Kilmarnock as the stadium filled up. Then the loan piper played a solo which led into a particularly poignant

minutes silence when the whole 17,000 strong crowd remembered those who lost their lives during the conflict. It was a really special opportunity for the band, who were invited to stay and watch the game, and even the disappointing 1-0 defeat didn't take the shine off the day.

On Sunday, the players were part of the Remembrance Sunday Service at the War Memorial at Haymarket with TYCPB leading the public, players and fans back to Tynecastle Park where the Story of McCrae's Battalion was told. The band were very much on show all weekend and stepped up to the mark by showing respect for the significance of the occasion and behaved exceptionally at all times. They were a credit themselves, to the school, to Hearts Football Club and to the whole community, and should be very proud of themselves. *Mrs Catriona Robertson, Chair of Tynecastle Youth Community Pipe Band*

"I saw the Memorial March through Gorgie today and although I didn't see much of it I could have sworn the pipe band at the front were wearing the Tynecastle uniform. If this is correct I want to say how impressed I was. The people involved were talented, well turned out and showed the maturity and respect the occasion deserves. All too often school pupils are criticised for various reasons but nobody could have faulted their behaviour today. They were a credit to your school." Local Resident



THE STORY OF MCCRAE'S BATTALION

One hundred years since the day of the Armistice, the story of Heart of Midlothian Football Club and McCrae's Battalion was told by pupils from the club's affiliated schools, performers and musicians. We were delighted to have Mhairi Robertson and Molly Lloyd reading 'The Outbreak of War' to start this event.

#iPLAY4PEACE

The #iPlay4Peace Concert at Napier University saw Neil McLennan and the partnership project bring together musicians across borders, to play in harmony, a strong symbol of creativity and cooperation conquering conflict.

Students were delighted to be involved in the ENSEMBLE research project with Napier University due to the fact that Wilfred Owen taught English at Tynecastle High School when he was a patient at Craiglockhart Military Hospital. Students visited the University's state-of-the-art studios at Merchiston Campus to observe the music and audio-engineering activities. They were inspired by their trip and returned to Merchiston Campus on Sunday to perform Armistice. Some students joined the musicians at Craiglockhart Campus and others helped engineer the sound for this historic event.



Ellie Green, one of the school's House Captains had the privilege of being invited to read Anthem for Doomed Youth written by Wilfred Owen as part of this historic event.



Performing in #iPlay4Peace was a truly amazing thing to be part of. Yes, I got frustrated and yes, I found bits challenging but in the end the pride of playing made it all worth it. I hope to have more opportunities like this in my future. Sarah Smart, S3 Student

I was involved in the #iPlay4Peace concert. During this experience I was struck by the fact that so many people had come together to make this event possible - to remember 100 years on. It took my breath away. Ellie Green, S6 Student

BBC NEWS



Students from Tynecastle High School were delighted to be chosen to take part in a BBC News item on WW1 poet Wilfred Owen and his links to our school as a former teacher, recuperating during his time at Craiglockhart Military Hospital. This was part of the BBC Armistice Centenary coverage.

Lorna Gordon, BBC's Scotland Correspondent, said in an email: *"Your students were absolutely amazing and a real credit to your school. Their considered comments about Wilfred Owen and the First World War, and enthusiasm for the poetry performance, meant filming with them was an absolute pleasure."*