

## Year 8 Trip to Ypres

The Year 8 trip to Ypres was an amazing day with lots about the history of World War I. As soon as we arrived in Belgium we went straight to the Flanders Fields Museum. We were given a wrist band with a poppy on, which you had to scan on the green scanner. They gave you lots of information about lots of people and places around the world. The museum had photos of before, during and after the World War.

After the museum we got on the coach and travelled to Hill 62 (the trenches). When we got there, there were lots of dips in the ground where the bombs had hit the ground. The trenches were muddy and you can imagine what they were like in the winter, all snowy and cold! In the trenches there were tunnels so you could get from one side to the other. When we were going through the trenches you couldn't help but think that some people would have died where we were walking. As we got further into the tunnels it got darker and darker.



Afterwards we went to the English War Graves. There were lots of graves, many without names that just said 'A soldier in the Great War'. Lots of graves had different symbols on, i.e. Crosses and the Star of David. At the back of the graves, there was a wall with everybody's name on it who had died, but whose bodies had never been found. There were thousands of names on it! We then went to the German War Graves. These were much different to the English Graves. Instead of a headstone for each person, here there was a panel of up to 12 people under it. Each panel had all of their names on and the date of when they had died.

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# Book your reading for summer!

Students, please visit our HALF-PRICE summer Scholastic Book Fair in The Learning Centre at break and lunch-times, **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July.**

Choose from the ever popular Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, classics such as The Hobbit, humour from David Walliams, The Hunger Games trilogy and the next scrummy read from Cathy Cassidy's Chocolate Box Girl series: Summer's Dream...



Students have been given a leaflet listing a small selection of the books available at the book fair. Every book on the leaflet and at the book fair is HALF the marked price. If you wish to order a book please complete the form and return to The Learning Centre with the correct payment (cheques payable to Gosford Hill School). In addition to the leaflet there are more amazing books arriving on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. All year groups can pop into The Learning Centre at break or lunch-time to browse and purchase their books, some may also have the opportunity to browse during an English lesson. Please remember to send your child with some money, 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July, should they wish to make a purchase. Every purchase made at the HALF-PRICE summer book fair benefits our school and helps us to earn FREE books for our library.

Mrs Hedges - Learning Centre Manager

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