

Remembrance Day



Why do we have Remembrance Day?



Every year, in November, we celebrate Remembrance Day. On this day we remember all of the people that have fought and died in all of the terrible wars.

Over 100 years ago in 1914 was the start of the First World War when many countries fought with each other.



What is Remembrance Day?



4 years later on 11th November 1918, all of the countries finally agreed to stop fighting and the world became peaceful once again.



As a result, every year on 11th November we wear poppies to show that we remember all of the people that lost their lives during wars.

What is Remembrance Day?



Remembrance Day is on 11 November. It is a special day set aside to remember all those men and women who were killed during the two World Wars.

Remembrance Sunday is held on the Sunday nearest to 11 November.

Special services are held at war memorials and churches all over Britain.



How do we remember?



Many people wear poppies to remember the people who died.

Wreaths are laid beside war memorials by people. The Queen even lays a wreath in London to show that she is remembering the people who have died.

Lots of places hold a 2 minute silence at 11:00 to think about people who died.



Why do we wear a poppy?



In World War 1, a lot of the fighting was done in countries called France and Belgium. Everything was destroyed; buildings, roads, trees all vanished.



The men were fighting in large fields, but as they fought, all the ground turned to mud, where no grass or plants grew.

Only 1 thing grew - poppies! When all the fighting had stopped these flowers grew all over the land that had been destroyed and made people happier. The poppies grew every year, and reminded people about the war.



What happens to all the money?

All of the money that people donate when they get a poppy gets collected by an organisation called The British Legion.

This organisation helps and cares for people who have been in a war and their families.



A Remembrance Ceremony

Each town in Great Britain has a war memorial. This often has the names of the people who died in the First and Second World Wars.

People go to this place and sing songs, say poems and talk about what happened so that they remember that a world war must never happen again.



Special music is played on the trumpet and a flag is lowered to show that we respect those people who fought in the war.

People also lay wreaths of poppies to show their respect and thanks to those that fell.



In London

In 2014, at the Tower of London, a famous artist made poppies and put them all around the tower. There were 888,246 poppies which is one for every person from Great Britain that fell during the First World War which ended in 1918.







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