



newsletter

Primary edition

World War One centenary

This year marks 100 years since the start of World War One. Over 65 million men from 30 countries were involved in the conflict. Events to remember those who died in service of their country are taking place all around the world and we have a special area on the Global Classroom. In this space, you can share your thoughts, ask questions and showcase what you have been doing in your school.

You can also read about what it was like to be a 15 year old soldier in the Great War, in our Book Club choice which is 'My Brother's Keeper' by Tom and Tony Bradman. Tom and Tony will be answering your questions, so keep an eye out for their responses online.



Did you know?

Journalists were banned from the front line. Reporting on the conflict was, according to the War Office, helping the enemy. If caught, they faced the death penalty.

Ready, steady, **debate!**

Over 350 students in 60 teams have signed up to this year's debating league! Teams of all ages will be going head-to-head, starting with the impact of technology on human relationships in round one. Even if you're not in one of the teams you can still support others by going online to see how they're getting on and commenting in the community forum.

Round one has produced some high quality debating:

'Ever since technology was invented a day at work is getting longer. Every time parent's phones beep they check and spend an extra 10 minutes on the device. 50 years ago you would come back from work at 5:00 and would spend the evening with family. Technology is stealing time away from our quality time with family.' **Sanlitun 1**

'Research has proved to us that humans are still making relationships, just in a different way. There has been evidence that technology has helped shy, or disabled people express emotion or talk, with no fear of retribution. This means that they gather courage, and self esteem.' **Chicago 3**



The mystery of **Jurgen Gladbach**

Mysterious parcels were sent to our schools around the world... but what was inside and why were they sent?

Jurgen Gladbach had a vision. He saw a Global Classroom that went around the world connecting, collaborating and communicating across schools. But Gladbach didn't have what we have... the internet and technology.

Your school's challenge is to bring Jurgen's dream to life, with help from your student leaders!

Parcel one contained some material, a needle and some thread.

The first task is to create a tapestry; you need to capture your school's identity and ethos in one image.

What makes your school great and how will you capture everyone's ideas in just one picture?

Key vocabulary:
Ethos

Can you find the dictionary definition and summarise the ethos of your school?

Challenge:
Do you know of any famous tapestries?

Did you know?
Although not as decorative as now, tapestries have been around since the 12th Century – that's over 900 years!



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