



Remembrance At Selkirk High School



The cadets of Selkirk High School were on duty at the school entrance on Wednesday morning, ready to offer poppies and welcome visitors to the SHS Remembrance Assembly. Pupils and teachers gathered to remember the lives changed by war and conflict since World War 1. They were joined by parents, members of the Royal British Legion and Councillor Gordon Edgar to look back on how war has affected so many families, including some individuals in the school.

Head Girl Eilidh Pearce and Head Boy Gregor Nichol led the assembly with a short but powerful summary of the experience of those who served in the merchant navy in the First World War and the impact of the German U-Boat campaign. This was followed by a minute's silence during which you could have heard a pin drop.

S4 pupil Archie Penman also contributed, talking about his older brother Thomas who serves in the Royal Navy. He mentioned the submarine his brother works on for most of the year and said that it was 'inspirational but worrying' that his brother was doing such an amazing duty for our country.

Another S4 student, Joe Bell, very movingly and eloquently discussed his great-great grandfather and how he was killed in action during World War 1 at the Battle of Arras. Joe also showed us part of a BBC documentary video where he and other students visited battlefields, cemeteries and memorials relating to the battles of Loos, the Somme and the Third Battle of Ypres. This concluded with Joe's visit to the Menin Gate, Ypres on which his relative's name is engraved.

Head Boy Gregor Nichol called the assembly very 'emotional, and it was nice that his first assembly presentation as head boy was such an important one.'

One visitor expressed very well what so many were feeling after the assembly: 'the entire school should be very proud of the way you marked the occasion. It was a very thoughtful, respectful, and at times emotional assembly, and I was very honoured to have been in attendance'.



Cadets Shaun Aitken, Maya Golden and Lewis Inglis were on hand to welcome pupils, staff and visitors to the Sekirk High School Remembrance Assembly



Archie Penman, whose brother serves as a Royal Navy submariner, addresses the whole school.



Joe Bell, S4, at the Menin Gate where his great-great grandfather's name is engraved.



Head Boy Gregor Nichol and Head Girl Eilidh Pearce led the Assembly



Visitors included parents, members of the Royal British Legion and Councillor Gordon Edgar



The senior 1st XI hockey team have had a busy couple of weeks. They were narrowly beaten in the 2nd round of the Scottish Cup against Craigholme High School. They have also just competed in the South Schools 1st Tournament where they got to the semi finals. Despite not conceding a goal, they were knocked out on penalties. Fine margins separate teams sometimes and the girls should be very proud of their effort as well as those many moments of astonishing individual skill and teamwork which have delighted onlookers every time they play.



Very well done to S1 pupil Eden Collins and younger brother Braden for their tremendous efforts on the golf course this year. The boys are collecting their awards at the Peebles Golf Club Junior Prizegiving.