



Thornhill Junior and Infant School November 2018



DEWSBURY SACRIFICES

Suzanne's Report of her visit to the School

I attended Thornhill Junior and Infant School on the 15th and 16th November and spent a day with each of the Year 4 classes. I was given a warm welcome by the staff and pupils. Both teachers were very supportive and were interested in the project.

I shared the profiles of four local soldiers (two with each class). The pupils were engaged and interested throughout. They had recently been to visit their local church (Thornhill Parish Church) for a remembrance service so were familiar with the war memorial and plaque.

I was able to show the children a photo of one of the homes of the soldiers (Ernest Asquith) on google maps and they knew where this road was. One of the girls was excited because her Great Uncle lives next door! They were particularly interested to learn about how Ernest had been invalided out of the army on health grounds and that he had been awarded the Military Medal.

The pupils had not previously known about the separate boys' and girls' schools which used to be in Thornhill, near the church. Their teachers told me that next summer Year 4 will be going on walk around the village to look at local history. They said that they will visit the sites of these schools as well as some of the houses that the soldiers lived in.

In one class one of the girls had the surname of 'Bruce' so she was very excited by the idea that she could well be a relation of one of the soldiers we looked at, Alexander Bruce.

The second day one of the boys in the first class brought in some photos and information about two of his Great Great Grandfathers who had fought in WW1. He had been particularly engaged with the workshop and was awarded 'Star of the week' for his enthusiasm and interest.

I told the children about the Roll of Honour book in Dewsbury library and a few of them said that they go there sometimes and will ask to see it next time they visit. Many pupils said they were now inspired to do some further research into their own families' connections to WW1.

The School's letter of satisfaction

I just wanted to say a big thank you to Suzanne Hudson for visiting our school on 15th November and working with the children as part of her role in Dewsbury Sacrifices.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to find out more about local people and their involvement in World War 1. The day fitted in perfectly with our current work about WW1 and was very relevant and appropriate. It was really interesting to find out about the lives of soldiers from Thornhill.

Thank you!

Yours sincerely

Helen Holmes

Year 4 Teacher

CORRESPONDANCE	ADRESSE
<p>Dear Ma and Pa,</p> <p>Thank you for the scarfs and Tobacco and the toffees and the chocolates. I'm doing fine. I am just in the hospital recovering from my injury. It is not as bad as you think. Please don't worry. Be home soon.</p> <p>Your loving son Alexander xxx</p>	<p>Mr and Mrs G. Bruce</p> <p>45 The common</p> <p>Thornhill Dewsbury</p> <p>Yorkshire</p> <p>England</p>

<p>Dear mum and Dad,</p> <p>Thank you for the letter it really cheered me up. I also made lots of friends called Jack, Harry, Will. I've been injured so now I'm in hospital. Sorry I missed your birthday. I'll write to you again.</p> <p>Love from Alexander xxx</p>	<p>Mr and Mrs G. Bruce</p> <p>45 The common</p> <p>Thornhill</p> <p>Dewsbury</p> <p>Yorkshire</p> <p>England</p>
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<p>My dearest Ma and Pa</p> <p>I miss you so much because I don't get see you every day! The food is not as good as your's don't forget that.</p> <p>Your loving son</p> <p>Ernest xxxxx xxxxx</p>	<p>Mr and Mrs W. Hurdcliffe</p> <p>Alpha House</p> <p>Whitby Road</p> <p>Thornhill</p> <p>Yorkshire England</p>