



Poppy Appeal

There is only a month to go before Remembrance Day and here at West Moors Middle School we are trying to create our own version of the Tower of London Poppy display. Please can you support your child to join in by following the step by step guide below to creating a plastic bottle poppy at home and donate your poppy to our good cause.

You will need: · A plastic bottle (any size) · A drill or a pair of scissors · Red, black and green acrylic paint or permanent markers · A paintbrush · Hairdryer · Wire (florists wire) · Black button or bead · Stick (for stem)

1. Cut off the bottom of a bottle (4 -7 centimetres).
2. Use a drill or a pair of scissors to make a hole in the bottom of the bottle.
3. Snip off bits of the bottle to make petals (rounded will be best).
4. Paint the inside of the poppy with red acrylic paint or colour with a marker. Leave to dry.
- 5 . Cut a 7 cm circle from the remains of the bottle and make a hole in the centre. 6. Paint the circle black or colour it with a marker. Leave to dry
7. Repeatedly cut from the outside of the circle inwards to fringe it (don't cut to the hole).
8. Cut a piece of wire to about 20cms long.
9. Next thread a black bead or button onto the wire and put both ends through the black circle.
10. Heat the outer edge of the black circle with a hairdryer until it curls (this may take a while).
11. Pass the wire through the red poppy base and pull.
12. To make a green calix, cut a large circle out of the remaining bottle pieces and make a hole in the middle.
13. Shape it into a starfish shape and paint it with green acrylic.
14. Thread this onto your poppy.
15. Use the wire to attach the poppy to a stick.
16. Finally use a hairdryer to curl the edges (it will take a while to curl the petals). Have fun creating your poppy and our children will "plant" it along our fencing at the front of the school.