



## **Peace Fields**

**Event:** Peace Fields  
**Date:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
**Venue:** Oasis Academy East Campus

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Oasis Academy commemorate the first anniversary of our twinning of our Academy Peace Fields with the Flanders Peace Field, Messines, Belgium; site of the World War One Christmas Truce in 1914. In the week leading up to Christmas 1914 groups of German, British and ally soldiers stopped fighting to sing festive songs, and ventured into what was known as "No Man's Land" to exchange gifts and play friendly games of football.

With the help of Oasis Primary School Games Organiser, Melanie Tsangarides, primary school children from the island and Sittingbourne had the opportunity to participate in a Peace Tournament where they experienced various sporting activities and games on the Academy's Peace Field. Supported and marshalled by student helpers from Oasis Academy, children joined us from Eastchurch Primary, Minster in Sheppey Primary, St Peter's Catholic Primary in Sittingbourne, Iwade Primary, Regis Manor Primary, Bobbing Primary, Rose Street Primary and West Minster Primary.

Dr Suzanne Lienert, Associate Principal welcomed our young visitors and explained the importance of this occasion and of Peace, reflecting on the recent attacks that has taken place across the country. A minute's silence was held to remember all those lives lost during the conflict, and also from recent terror attacks. Sixth Form student Emily Collins signalled the end of the minute's silence by playing the Last Post on the trumpet.

Father Frank Moran from the Catholic Church in Sheerness led prayers, and informed us that the letters IOSA on the side of our sports building, which stands for "Isle of Sheppey Academy" means Jesus in Gaelic.

Friendly games took place on our Peace Field to strengthen team spirit and friendship. All children received medals to remember the occasion, which they wore with pride.



Left to right:

Dr Suzanne Lienert, Associate Principal, Oasis Academy

Father Frank Moran from St Henry & St Elizabeth Church, Sheerness

Sixth Form Student Emily Collins holding the Peace Field Poppy Ball

Ernie Brennan, Managing Director, National Children's Football Alliance

Dr William Butler, University of Kent

Martin Goodhew, Swale Borough Council



Sixth form student Emily Collins plays The Last Post

Father Frank Moran and Ernie Brennan, Managing Director of the National Children's Football Alliance



Regis Manor Primary School



Minster Primary





Eastchurch Primary School



Regis Manor Primary School



Tahnae Justin, age 9 & Brooke Browning age 9 from Rose Street Primary



Iwade Primary School



All the children received medals for their efforts





Student helpers from Oasis Academy

