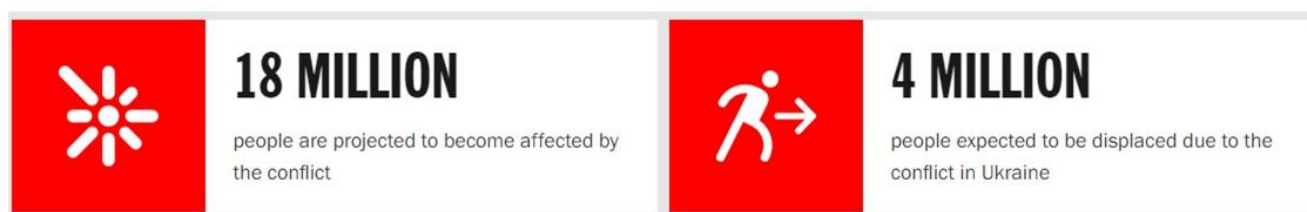


4th March 2021



Children and staff have spent a lot of time in the last week considering how we can support the people of Ukraine.

With images on television, in newspapers and references across football matches, the internet and other media platforms the reality of war in Europe has now firmly entered all our lives. As the week has gone on our children have been asking more questions. That has been throughout the school. Discussing war and conflict is a challenging subject with Primary School children. They are a generation that has grown up with war becoming a distant or historical threat.

We feel that the best way to approach any issue that causes children concern is to:

1. Provide quality time for discussion, to give the information that they need. Whilst this must be age appropriate we have to recognise that our children are getting information from their friends, television, the internet and online. If we don't talk to them about these issues they often have misinformation and their fears increase.
2. Help our children to see what small things we can do to help. The reality is that the people of the Ukraine are facing a huge humanitarian crisis. We need to help. We need to send our support and messages to promote their safety, welfare and peace.

Next week we are setting up initiatives across the school. They include:

Year Group	Action
EYFS	Making peace symbols/sunflowers for fences at both sites. The sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine.
Y1	Making Ukrainian flags for fences at both sites
Y2	Planting Sunflowers to grow in boxes along both sites
Y3	Organising a fundraising idea
Y4	Organising a fundraising idea
Y5	Organising a fundraising idea
Y6	Writing to Angela Eagle urging parliament to support people of Ukraine (using an established letter template).

Supporting People of Ukraine

On Friday 11th March we are inviting all children to wear yellow and blue clothing to show solidarity with the people of Ukraine. We are also inviting families to make a small donation that St George's Primary School can send to the Disaster Emergency Appeal for Ukraine. That can be sent into school next Friday or families can donate online:

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

These are unprecedented and frightening times. We don't want to exaggerate those feelings with our children. We hope our school community's efforts will help us to manage our children's questions, fears and desire to help.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Cassidy
Head Teacher