



MCS Parents' Association



Junior School Autumn Fun Festival

Saturday 19th November from 1 – 3pm

Dear JS Parents,

The plans for this year are in place for the JS Boys Stalls in the Sports Hall.

Please come along and support our boys, catch up with other JS parents, and enjoy a hot drink with mince pies up in the Sports Hall Balcony.

While taking a little break, please also visit our much-loved school “retailers”:

Mr. Place will be selling signed copies of his new book, ‘**A Tommy’s Life in the Trenches**’, see below for more information. **Dr. Bebbington** will also be there with his book ‘**Mister Brownrigg’s Boys**’ as will the **Waynflete Office** selling MCS branded goodies - perfect as Christmas presents!

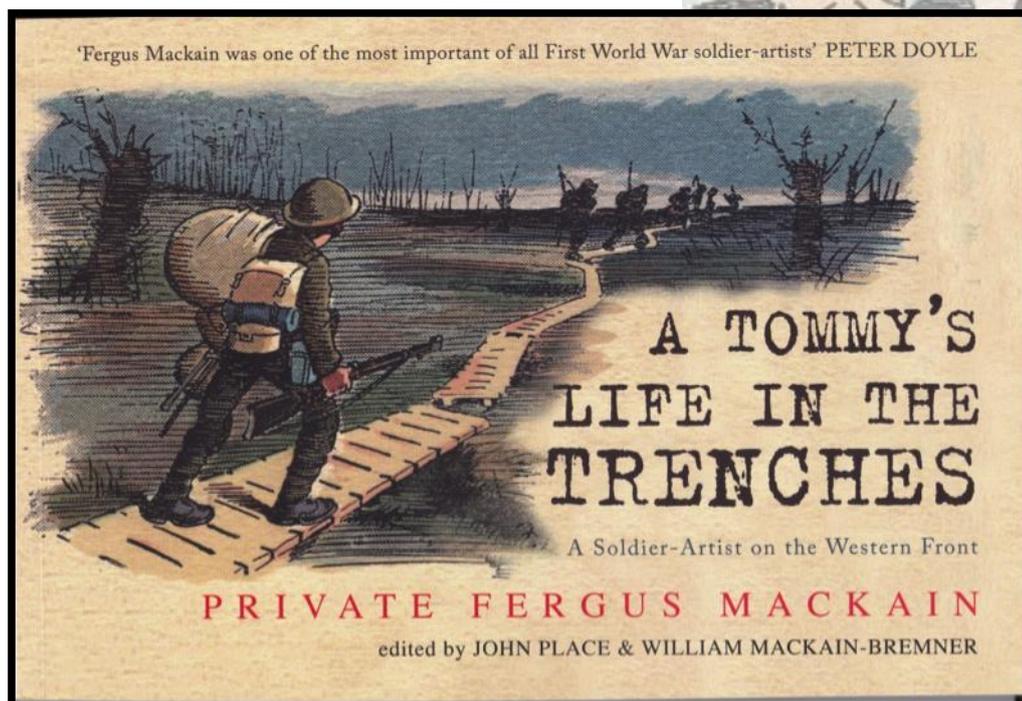
Part of the money raised from the event will be used to fund wide-ranging extra curricular activities, events or school projects. The rest will be donated to **SeeSaw** an organisation that provides grief support for children and young people in Oxfordshire and the **Dr. David Brunton Bursary Fund** that provides opportunities for boys and girls to study at MCS who would otherwise not be able to do so and to

A big THANK YOU to the parents who have volunteered to help. If you’d like to get more involved with the PA, are new to the JS or the area, and want to connect to our warm and welcoming MCS community, then this is a perfect place AND you’ll be raising money for some great causes at the same time.

We very much look forward to seeing you there!
MCS Parents’ Association Autumn Fun Festival Team

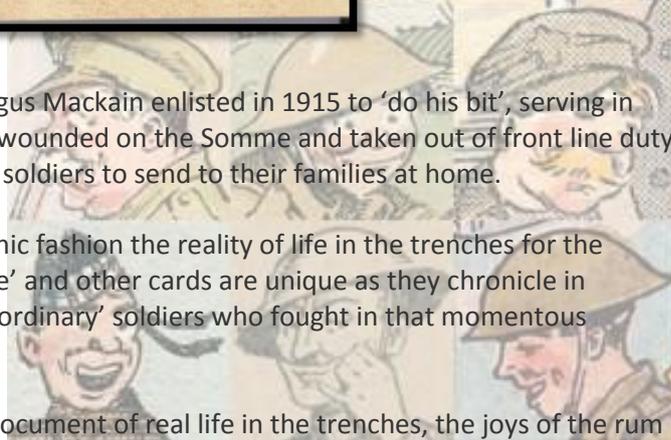


JFP's first published book!
Signed copies available for only £11
(including a donation to the Parents' Association)!



An advertising illustrator and artist by trade, Private Fergus Mackain enlisted in 1915 to 'do his bit', serving in France when the fighting was at its fiercest. After being wounded on the Somme and taken out of front line duty in 1917, he turned to designing humorous postcards for soldiers to send to their families at home.

These colour postcards reflected a light-hearted and ironic fashion the reality of life in the trenches for the ordinary Tommy. His 'Sketches of Tommy's Life in France' and other cards are unique as they chronicle in accurate detail both his own life and the lives of all the 'ordinary' soldiers who fought in that momentous struggle.



Largely forgotten today, Mackain's sketches are a vital document of real life in the trenches, the joys of the rum ration, the cacophony of the artillery barrage or being stuck in a shell hole knee deep in water.

Author John Place, (whose own grandfather fought on the Somme) has collected together for the first time all the extant postcards drawn by Mackain together with contextualizing commentary to the Western Front scenes depicted. Also included are the texts of actual messages sent during the war on the back of Mackain's postcards. Publ. Amberley Press (RRP £16.99). All other profits and royalties go to 'Help the Heroes'