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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to join with many other school across Somerset by having a mufti-day to raise money for the Red Cross to support their work in Ukraine. We will be having the mufti-day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March and ask that the children donate a minimum of £1 each for this very worthy cause. As the children in Owlets do not officially wear a school uniform, we would like them to wear yellow and/or blue on any of the days that they attend next week and to bring their donation on that day.

The school-aged children have been asking questions about the conflict in Ukraine this week and we have helped to support their understanding of the situation and to allay any worries and concerns that they may have. We have made meaningful connections with learning about refugees, linked to our recent School in a Bag work. There have already been some really thoughtful conversations with children who want to know what they can do to help those affected by the conflict.

I wish to assure parents that we are talking to the children about what is happening in Ukraine, in a very carefully planned, age-appropriate way, using the teaching resources that have been given to us by the Local Authority, the Diocese and other education professionals. We have also received support from mental health practitioners with how to talk to the children, including this useful link:

[Talking to children and young people about war in Ukraine - edpsy.org.uk](https://edpsy.org.uk)

We are very happy to talk with parents about any of the above, should you wish.

We thank you for your continuing support.

Best wishes

Mrs S Svenson  
Headteacher