



Leader: *As we gather together today as a school community*



ALL: *May our thinking, talking and wondering help us to grow.*



Captain Noel Chavasse is an example of an individual from history that is celebrated for his bravery

Captain Noel Chavasse was born on 9th November 1884 in Oxford.

He is remembered as a local hero in his communities of Oxford and Liverpool.



He was one of seven children and had a twin brother. When he was five years old, his family moved to Liverpool.

Noel and his twin brother did well in sport at school.

They played rugby and competed in the Olympic Games in 1908.

Noel studied medicine at Oxford University and in 1913 to become a doctor, he joined the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Captain Noel Chavasse fought in many battles in WWI.

He fought in the Battle of the Somme.

He was an extremely courageous soldier who was awarded not one, but two **Victoria Crosses** for acts of extreme **courage**!



Some soldiers were rewarded for their bravery in WWI with medals and **awards**.

Awards and medals were given to soldiers who showed extreme bravery, skill, or for service to their country.

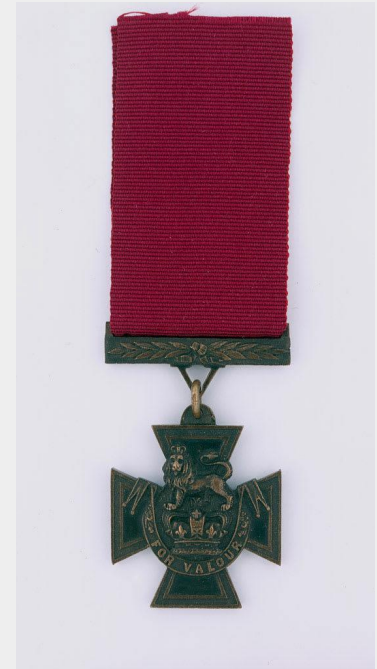
One of the most **prestigious awards** was the **Victoria Cross**. It was given to soldiers who had shown extreme **courage**.

It is considered one of the highest **awards** a soldier can achieve.

Photo of a WWI medal



Photo of a **Victoria Cross** medal



Noel is one of the few soldiers to have been awarded the **Victoria Cross** twice!

Photo of a **Victoria Cross** medal



Noel's first **Victoria Cross** award:

- 9th August 1916
- Guillemont, France
- Under heavy fire he helped wounded soldiers from the battlefield
- Risked his life to collect identification discs



Noel's second **Victoria Cross** award:

- 31st July - 2nd August 1917
- Wieltje, Belgium
- Despite being wounded, carried another soldier to safety
- Continued to search for injured soldiers whilst under heavy fire



I wonder what made Noel want to become a doctor in the army?

I wonder how he felt when he risked his life for others?

I wonder how you can thank others who show kindness and courage?



Dear God,
Thank you for all the courage shown by men, woman &
children in wartime.
We pray that you help everyone to live peacefully together,
in this country and around the world.
Amen





Leader: As we leave this place and time and go into the day ahead

All: Let us shine brightly & show courage in our community