

World War II comes to Kea!

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On the 16th of April Kea School dressed up as evacuees, to start their topic on World War 2. It took place on the first day of school after the Easter Holidays; even the *teachers* were dressed up!

In the morning, everybody was excited and were showing off their costumes and their home made labels and gas mask boxes. It was a very action packed moment in the playground! Some children even acted like real evacuees!

In year 6, they learned about fighter planes including the Messerschmitt and the Spitfire and much more. German planes had a black and white cross on the side of them; and the Royal Air Force planes had a circle like a dart board with the colours blue, red, white and sometimes a bit of a yellow around the sign. They also learned about some types of bombs, like the Toxic Gas bomb, the Incendiary Bomb and the regular Exploding Bomb which came from the enemy planes! They also got to dress up in a Captain's Jacket!

In Year 5 they did a DT (Design and Technology) session and made Anderson shelters which the people would go into when there was an Air Raid. They used cardboard, paint and mini sandbags to make them. The pupils worked with different children, from different classes in groups of 3 so they could have a bit of a change instead of just working with their classmates which worked really well.



In Year 4 they sang what the soldiers would sing when they marched along to war. They sang: 'It's a long way



To Tipperary', 'Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag' and 'There'll be Blue Birds over the White Cliffs of Dover'. They also made musical instruments out of scrap without using sticky tape or glue! (Tin cans, Lentils, string and much more!)

The last activity was in Year 3. They learned about rationing, which was the government's plan to make sure everyone got an equal share of food, but it wasn't very much, because most of the food was sent to the men at war who needed it more. Things that they take for granted today like eggs, sugar, butter, in fact most of the ingredients they need to bake were rationed so people had to learn to bake with what they had. For that reason they had to make scones without putting eggs or butter into it, so they used potato instead and they were surprisingly delicious!

In between activities, a man came in a spectacular Jeep! (A military car.) It was very old and was parked right in the car park. We got a chance to have a look at it and ask questions, it was very fascinating! Everybody was very excited to see it!

To continue our topic on WW2 Kea School will be going to Flambards to see a recreation of the Blitz to get the experience of being a real Evacuee, this will happen on the 2nd of May!