

Roseberry Primary School

Year 4 Assembly – November 2014

The children from Year 4 welcomed parents, friends and family to a class assembly to showcase their topic from the last half term.

Visitors arrived to ‘It’s a long, long way to Tipperary’ and the children’s enthusiasm showed as they energetically joined in to the track.

Having planned the assembly and written the script themselves, they did a wonderful job of covering key facts whilst sharing some of their class work and homework. They informed the audience of when the war started, played a radio announcement declaring war, shared facts on Allied and German aircraft along with models they had completed as part of their homework and explained what happened during the Blitz.

A moving role-play of evacuated children showed Year 4 had empathised with the children of the time and they showed us the benefits of an Anderson Shelter; with some excellent examples they had completed as part of their homework. We heard about rationing and were told the types of food and the reasons why and even learnt that rationing applied to The King and The Queen!

The children read extracts from Anne Frank’s diary ‘Kitty’ and shared some of their own writing in the style of Anne. Recognising the war contribution from our region, children explained the story of local hero Stan Hollis, born in Middlesbrough and the only recipient to receive the Victoria Cross on D-Day for his bravery.

The children completed the timeline by explaining how the war ended and again treated visitors to a re-enactment, this time of the distribution of medals; before reminding us why it is important that we remember our war dead every year on Remembrance Sunday and explaining how the ‘Dunkirk Spirit’ is still discussed today and applies to modern day life and communities.

To close their informative showcase the children linked arms and sang ‘The White Cliffs of Dover’ before visitors were invited to view work being completed around the current topic ‘Where Do Supermarkets Get Our Food From?’

The Year 4 classroom was a buzz of excitement with most of the parents taking the opportunity to see some of their children’s work from this half term and the children proud to share their efforts.

‘It makes me feel proud when my Mum sees my work’ Chloe

“I like showing my Mum my work; she thinks I’ve got nice handwriting” Grace

“The assembly was brilliant! It was full of interesting facts, they all did really well and it’s always good to see what Paige is doing at school and not just the work she brings home”
Paige’s Mum

“Alexi has been going on about the assembly all week but he never told me everything so it was a nice surprise to see it today” Alexi’s Mum

“I was evacuated during the war and I think they told the story very well. It was also nice to sing along to some of the songs” Jayce’s Family Member