

ALPHA NEWS

Friday 23rd January 2026

We started our week with Years 2 to 6 singing (and dancing) their hearts out as they rehearsed for their Young Voices performance on the evening of 4th February in Wembley Arena...what a great rehearsal it was and I think the disco medley is a particular favourite amongst the staff! On Monday, Year 6, accompanied by Mrs Lehane and Mr McAllister visited the RAF Museum to take part in a Junior Citizenship Scheme event. To further enhance their history studies of World War II, Year 6 also visited Headstone Manor on Thursday morning to explore what life was like for evacuees during the war. During the week, I attended Year 3 music lessons and I would like to thank the children, and Miss Trott, for teaching me three chords on the ukulele – I am not sure I will be joining Ensemble Band anytime soon, but the children were extremely positive and helpful and, if I may say, all of our ukuleles sounded rather good together. In drama this week, Year 5 explored the layout of script-writing and they performed various scenes from the script of 'The Three Little Pigs' – beneficial preparation for when they begin to write their own myths and legends scripts next week. Today, we have been treated to a special Burns Night-themed lunch by the Catering Team, including Ms Rasheed's own recipe for lamb 'haggis' and vegetarian 'haggis' – as Robert Burns wrote, "Some hae meat and canna eat, and some wad eat that want it; But we hae meat, and we can eat, Sae let the Lord be thankit." In line with their 'Understanding the World' curriculum, Reception have been visited by two parents, who have spoken to the children about their jobs...thank you to Miss Gough (Bryan's mother) for speaking to the children about the responsibilities of being a nurse and thank you to Dr Nandra (Avi's mother) for exploring the ins and outs of being a radiologist. During the week, Reception have also been trying to track down the Evil Pea, who is still on the loose, and they have asked if any of the parents have seen him so that they can stop the havoc he has been causing in the Reception Classroom. Evil Pea captured some carrots and stuck them to the windows, he drew a moustache on Mr Pepper and he has left a trail of green blobs across the windows. The children have created traps to catch Evil Pea, but he always escapes them! In the most recent trap, all the Evil Pea did was leave behind some leftover Bourbon Cream biscuits. The children have drawn their version of the Evil Pea, so if you do happen to spot him, please let us know. Have a wonderful, Evil Pea-free weekend.



My Ninja Vocabulary words for this week are:

Rec to Year 2

havoc

Year 3 to Year 6

villainously

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 26th January

Young Voices Assembly

Wednesday 28th

Nursery and Reception Visit to Harrow Fire Station

Friday 30th

Year 3 Trip to The Natural History Museum

YEAR 6 EXPLORE EVACUATION

On Thursday 22nd January, Year 6 visited Headstone Manor for a workshop entitled 'Evacuate Wartime Harrow' to find out what happened in our local area during this time.

Shanaya Writes...

We saw the ducks in the pond before the workshop. First, we listened to stories about what happened in Harrow during the war. Then we looked at artefacts in groups. My group looked at food and clothes rationing. We learnt that coupons would be cut or stamped out and if you wanted any more, you would have to wait until the next week. From the other groups, I learnt that they would use a wooden 'clacker' to signal a gas attack, and babies had a huge mask to fit over their body, which we all thought would be for adults or soldiers. Then we looked in the museum at photographs of bombings in Harrow. I enjoyed delving deeper into this topic.

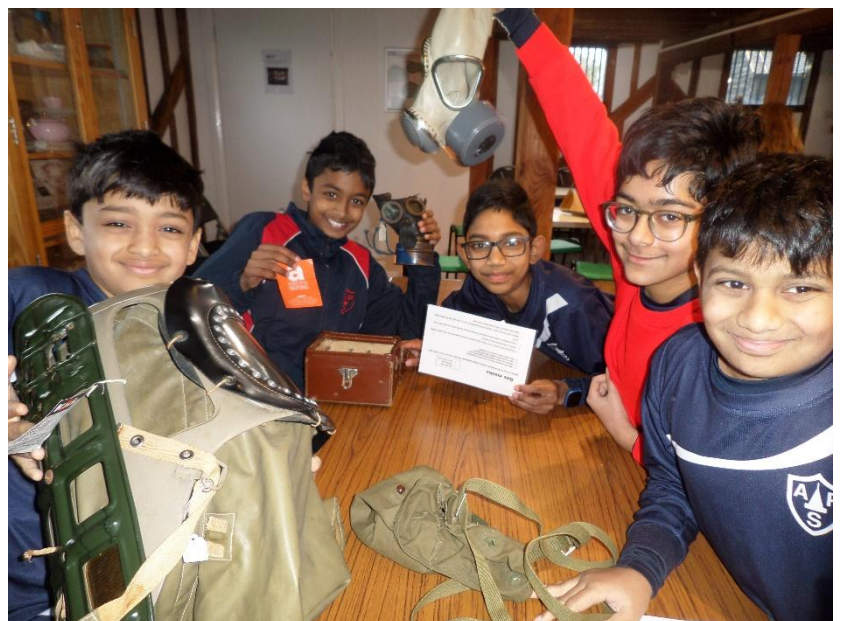


Livinia Writes...

The trip was so much fun! Firstly, we learnt about Harrow's role in World War Two. Then we were put into groups to look at different things. Our group had rationing books and food. Then we presented what we had learnt to the class.

Millie Writes...

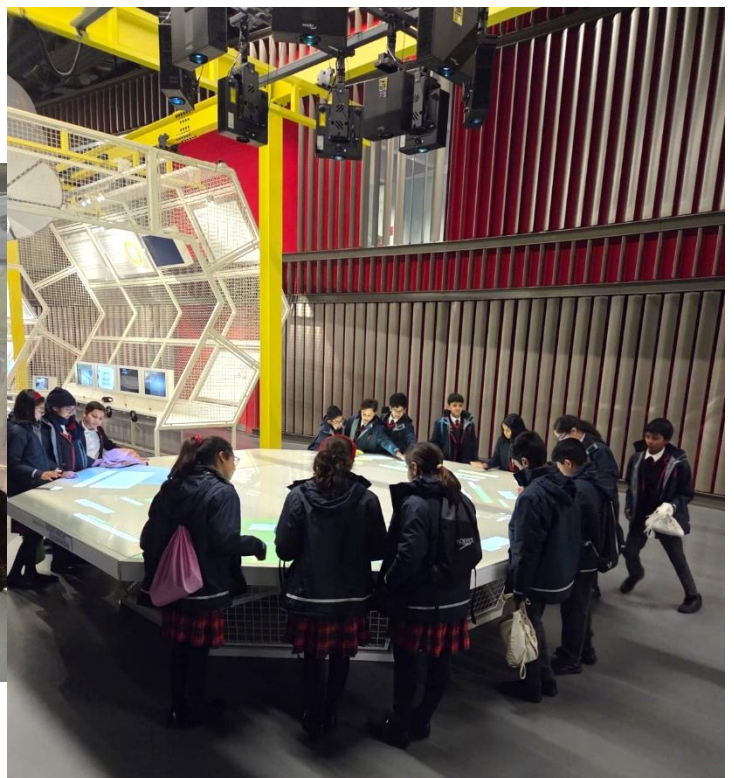
I learnt quite a lot about all the aspects of World War Two, including, bombings, living during World War Two, evacuations and rations. The lady there talked about life in Harrow, at the time and what it would have been like. She explained that Winston Churchill went to Harrow Boarding School and how he was prime minister at the time. Then we split into groups. In my group, we were talking about bombings and wardens- a warden's job would be to make sure everyone was turning off lights at night and would help people during the day. Then we presented to everyone what we had learnt. To finish off, we made a paper suitcase and wrote all the things we would pack if we were evacuated. It was a very interesting morning!





YEAR 6 JUNIOR CITIZENSHIP

On Monday 19th January, our Year 6 pupils travelled to the Royal Air Force Museum to participate in a variety of interactive scenarios aimed at educating them on how to lead a safer and more responsible lifestyle. This enriching experience covered various important topics, including bus and tube safety with representatives from Transport for London, home fire safety with the London Fire Brigade, health and well-being with Hope UK, and the issue of county lines presented by the Metropolitan Police.





HAVE YOU SPOTTED THE EVIL PEA?

If you happen to see The Evil Pea, please let Reception know as soon as possible.



The Evil Pea may look something like this:



YEAR 5 HUFF AND THEY PUFF



BURNS NIGHT AT ALPHA



Burns Night

Mains

- Fish & Chips
- Veggie Fingers & Chips
- Scottish Fish Pie
- Lamb or Vegan Haggis
served with Neeps and Tatties

Sides

- Burns' Roasted "Tartan Veggies"

Desserts

- Scottish Shortbread Biscuit
- Ice Cream with Flake

Decorative elements include Saltire flags, a kilted man figure, and a portrait of Robert Burns.