

Children 'evacuated' for war project

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The clock was turned back for youngsters when they were 'evacuated' for the day.

Pupils from Grove Road Primary School in Tring experienced wartime life first hand last Friday (March 13).

Dressed in traditional clothing, the eight and nine year olds travelled by train with teachers to Berkhamsted before walking to the town's civic centre.

Working with the Dacorum Heritage Trust, the journey helped bring to life their classroom project on World War Two.

During the visit Year Four pupils stepped inside an air raid shelter, tried on gas masks and got to handle a real ration book and air raid siren.

Trust volunteer Eric Holland gave a talk to pupils about his wartime experiences as a child. He was evacuated from London to Berkhamsted and has remained in the town ever since.

Isobel Aptaker from the history organisation said: "The children all really enjoyed it. They were really interested and were interacting with the leaders of the groups really well. Because they had learnt so much about it before they came they were really good at asking questions and reacting to questions."