

THE WHOLE SCHOOL INVADES BLACKBURN MUSEUM FOR HISTORY WEEK!

This year we decided to develop our enquiry skills by visiting the collections at Blackburn Museum. Each class was given a mystery object to start them thinking about why we keep things from the past and how they can help us find out how people lived.

Reception and Year 1 explored toys and games whilst Year 2 investigated transport, interviewing a volunteer who remembers using the trams as a boy in Blackburn.

Year 3 found out about a Victorian collector with a passion for collecting beetles whilst Year 4 found out about the history of money, looking at Mr Hart's amazing collection. Year 5 explored the 19th Century Japan and took part in a printing workshop led by the artist-in-residence. Year 6 researched World War 2 through photographs and other interesting artefacts.



Born a Northerner: Died a Soldier At Blackburn Cathedral



On Tuesday 14th June, History Club performed a drama written by themselves and Mrs Troughton after several months of research on their relatives involvement in World War One. The drama was part of the ongoing commemorations at Blackburn Cathedral. Ann Arthur, a descendent of one of the characters, wrote to the children afterwards:

'To hear Joseph's name spoken again by St Charles' pupils so long after his death was beautiful. To see Mrs Annie Turner bustling about with her walking stick was marvellous. To hear my Great Grandfather's words describing the loss of his son in such a sacred place was truly memorable.'

The drama was performed again for the Open Afternoon on Thursday 23 June at 2pm in the Hall.





History Club hosted their own version of the 'Antiques Road Show' inviting children to bring in their own interesting historic objects. John Turkington, Friends of Blackburn Museum, brought in a Viking pendant. Mrs Daniels showed her collection of teddies!



THANK YOU'S

St Charles' School owes a big thank you to Mrs Troughton, parents relatives and families who helped to provide the research for the History Production, and the children in History Club, who all contributed so much to this excellent production. Also, we wish to thank Blackburn Cathedral for providing the perfect poignant setting for such a sensitive production, and Blackburn Museum for providing such interesting artefacts.



Holy Communion

Over 300 guests joined members of Year 4 to celebrate their first Holy Communion last month. Thank you to Mrs Baker and her volunteers for the music and to Mrs Troughton for teaching the programme and organising the Mass with the support of our catechists Mrs Worden, Mrs Goodall and Mrs Pollard.