



'It's about time'

In this term's edition of the newsletter we have a report about a project celebrating the 200th anniversary of Dereham St Nicholas Junior School and details of an archive training day for teachers from Great Yarmouth's Heritage Schools.

2nd Air Division workshops prove to be a success!
Last term, we advertised a number of dates for workshops run by ourselves and the Second Air Division Memorial Library. The take-up was phenomenal. The workshops booked up within three days of our advert going out to schools and we had to add further dates to meet demand. In total, we delivered eight workshops to seven primary schools.



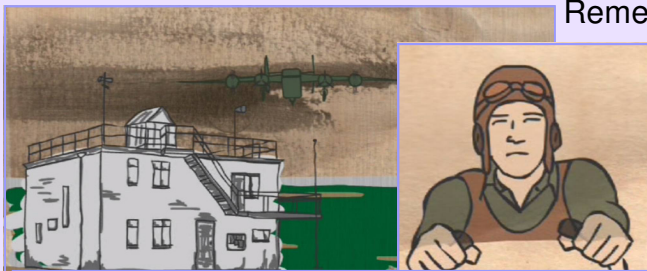
Pupils at Beeston Primary School looking at an escape map and compass

Our first workshop, in October, took place at Beeston Primary School. The school, located right next the old base for the 392nd Bomb Group at Wendling Air Field, wanted to provide a cultural and moral connexion to their local history. Our session formed an introduction to the Second Air Division. During the session, pupils had a look at photographs of evacuees and American Servicemen, artefacts including a silk map and compass, watched archive film about the Liberator Bombers, and a cartoon based on an oral history recording about an emergency landing at Horsham Air Field.

The school still uses its proximity to the air base in awarding the 'Liberator Cup' to the best performing pupil, and the 'Crusader Cup' to the best performing house team (so called after the nickname of the 392nd Bomb Group), and the session helped put these awards into context. After our session, the school conducted their own



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Remembrance service and had an afternoon painting Nose-Art, which was displayed alongside poppies to show the wide diversity of people who have died in conflict.

Stills from *A bad bad day for the Clarke crew*, by Elliott Mulhall

Tunstead workshop

Class	Names	When admitted
Boys	Stevens John	Sept 1871
	Benns William	80
	Gale Robert	80
	Truce James	80
	Chippell William	80
Girls	Stevens William	80

In October 2012, we provided a workshop for a Year 5 and 6 class at Tunstead Primary School, looking at the history of their school and local area. Pupils compared information about various teachers from the 1871, 1881 and 1891 census returns before having a look



List of boys in Tunstead Sunday School, 1817. NRO, DN/NDS 276

at other documents relating to the school.

Photograph of Tunstead School pupils, 1923. NRO, MC 2416/4/1

Teacher training session for Great Yarmouth's Heritage Schools

You may have heard that Great Yarmouth and Gorleston have been chosen as one of the areas in the country for the first cluster of heritage schools. Teachers from these schools are already thinking of ways in which they can bring heritage into their schemes of work. In November 2012, we ran a half-day training session for teachers from all 12 primary and secondary schools. During the morning, the teachers found out how to go about carrying out their own research into the archives, how to use archive material in the classroom and had a look at resources available to them online. The session ended with the teachers having a look at a range of documents on topics of their choice which has given them inspiration in what to include in their revised schemes of work.



Nick Sellwood, Senior Conservator talks about repairing documents

Dereham St Nicholas Junior School celebrates its 200th anniversary

In September 2012, nineteen gifted and talented pupils from Year 5 at Dereham St Nicholas Junior School visited The Archive Centre in order to kick-off a project looking into the history of their school. The pupils worked in groups, looking at original documents such as plans of the school, and a list of pupils in 1817. One group carried out research using a microfilm of their school log-book (as the original is too fragile to view). At the end of the session, they started adding post-it notes, containing key dates and events gleaned from their research, to a timeline detailing the school's history.

In October, we visited all four Year 5 classes in school. Each class had a workshop on a different topic relating to the history of the school. Topics were the building itself, the pupils, the school day and teaching staff. Pupils who looked at the school building matched an engraving of the building to 1840s plans of the school. Next, they used dimensions, taken from the 1880s school log-book, to map out the size of each of the three classrooms. Using the government recommendation at the time of allowing 8 ft² per child, the class worked out how many pupils would fit into each classroom. Finally,



Pupils use a microfilm to view the school log-book

we measured the modern classroom and discovered today's children have over double the amount of space that the pupils in 1880 had.



Pupils looking at a roll during their visit to The Archive Centre

At the end of each workshop, pupils added their own post-it notes to the timeline, enabling them to build up an overall picture of the history of the school.

Just before half-term, pupils gave a presentation demonstrating what they had learnt as part of a Bicentennial Thanksgiving Service. During the service, the remaining log-books and admission registers were presented to the Record Office for safe keeping.



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