

Discover Birkenhead

at Birkenhead Park School, June 2016

Discover Birkenhead is the name of the history workshops offered to eleven primary schools across Birkenhead as part of a taster programme at Birkenhead Park School, a secondary school in the heart of Birkenhead.

Friends of Birkenhead Park were invited to help out during the four mornings of activities. Pauline Beecham and Emma Blake duly donned Victorian dress and went along. Each morning followed the same format and proved a huge success. The schools were welcomed by staff and volunteers who had all dressed up in some costume to represent the period.



They went to the hall for introductions by the head teacher, Mrs Johnson. The primary school children then were divided into groups of about 20 and taken to a classroom which became their base for the morning. There were 4 groups in each room and each created and worked on a timeline from about 1800 to present day discovering different aspects of the life and times of Birkenhead. They were given packs of pictures and facts to cut out and stick on the rolls of paper. The timelines were fantastic, colourful and the schools took them home at the end of the morning.

During the morning the children went off to meet various characters. We had 'John Laird' talking about the town, shipping and Birkenhead Park, 'Sandy Irvine' talking about the famous people of Birkenhead including Paul O'Grady so there was a modern feel to the day too, then we had an olden days teacher who talked about the history of Birkenhead Park School, and then the 'School Ghost' who had been 'killed' in the blitz and now haunted the school corridors. He talked about Birkenhead and World War Two.



The children had a great time. They learnt a huge amount and the whole event was an excellent showcase for Birkenhead Park School. The students who helped staff were smartly dressed in their uniform and were very polite and helpful to the visitors. They were a credit to the school.



Friends of Birkenhead Park were delighted to have been included in the event and have marked it in their diaries for next year. Thank you for having us at Birkenhead Park School. Congratulations on organising a great event.

Emma Blake

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