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Year 6 World War 2 Workshop

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very pleased to tell you that on **Wednesday 25th March 2026**, Year 6 will be taking part in a workshop all about World War 2. The day will be fun and engaging for the children, who will take part in various activities, including quizzes, re-enactments of home-guard drills, discussions, and the handling of genuine WW2 artefacts and even take part in Air Raid Precaution training.

The workshop will take place on the school site and will be within normal school hours. It will be provided by 'Portals to the Past'- a team of educators, who will bring all of the equipment necessary to make the day as interactive as possible for the children. We hope that this workshop will help the children gain a better understanding of World War 2 and will support their learning in history lessons about this specific time period.

To cover the costs of this workshop, we are asking for a contribution of **£11.00** which can be paid via ParentPay. Please can payment be made by Wednesday 11th March 2026.

On the day, the children are invited to come to school dressed up as evacuee children or British soldiers (from WW2) if they wish. However, if your child does not wish to come to school dressed up, they will need to be in full school uniform.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Yours Faithfully,

Miss Waters
Year 6 Class Teacher





BOYS CLOTHING

Cap, Flat cap, Balaclava and woollen scarf.
 White, Grey or Checked Pattern Shirt.
 Short Trousers (boys didn't wear long trousers until they were teenagers!.)
 Jacket or Blazer
 Cardigan or waistcoat (Wool) or a sleeveless jumper.
 Grey Socks
 Plimsolls or lace up leather shoes.

GIRLS CLOTHING

Woollen coat, jacket or blazer
 Straw, felt or knitted hat and scarf
 Cotton or woollen dress
 (Girls did not wear trousers)
 Woollen skirt and Cotton blouse.
 Woollen cardigan or sleeveless jumper
 Long or short sleeved jumper.
 Ankle socks, grey or white
 Plimsolls, leather lace up shoes or sandals



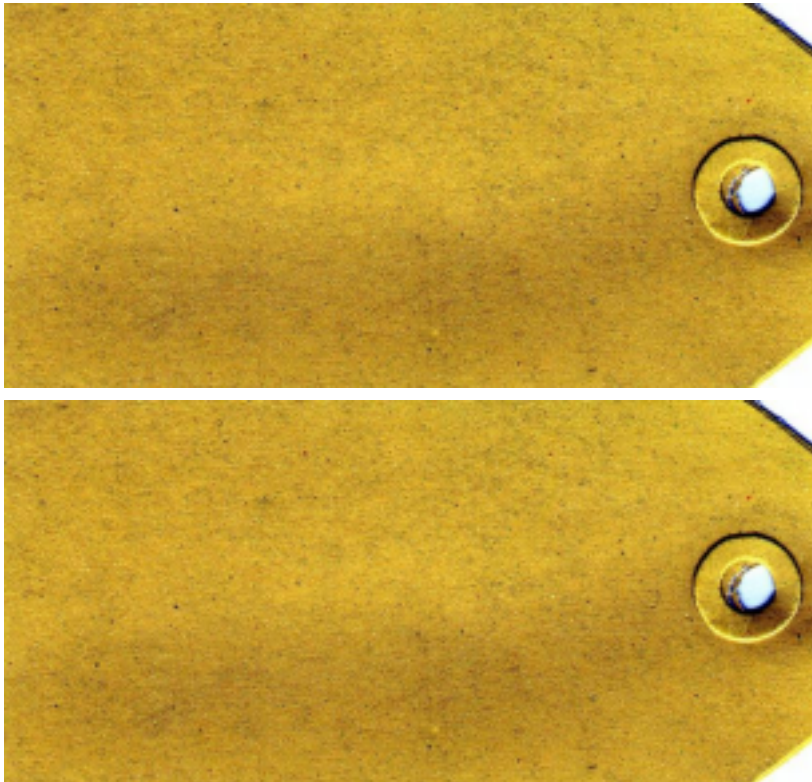
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EVACUEE LABELS.

You can photocopy these and stick them on card. Write your name and school on the label. Make a hole in the middle of the circle and loop a piece of string through it. Attach to clothes with a safety pin.

OR an easier option.

You can buy packets of these labels from your local Post office with string already in place. A pack of ten costs pennies!



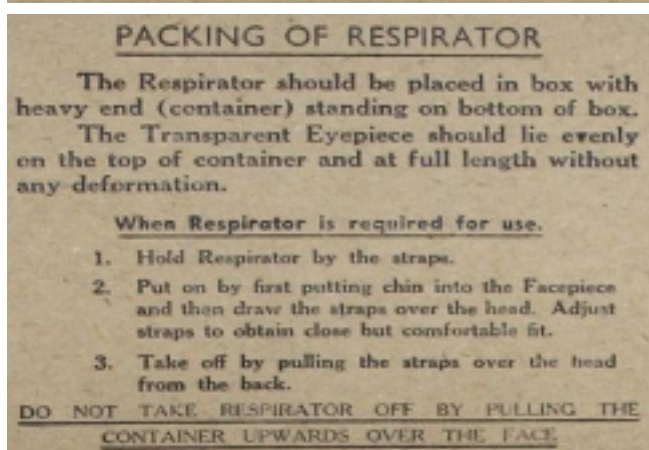
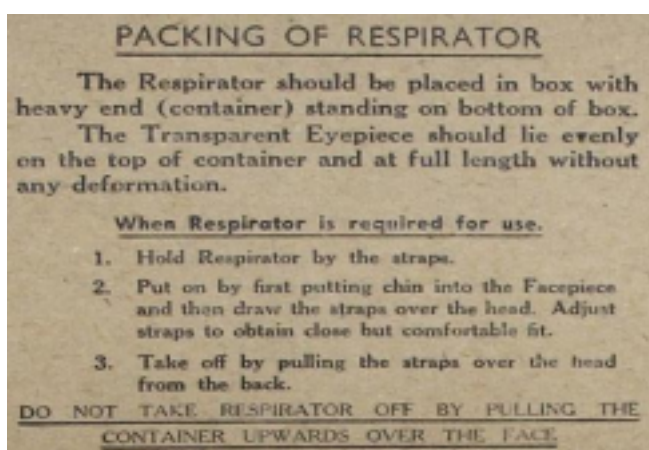
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MAKE A GAS MASK BOX

The children will need a small square/oblong cardboard box. Shoe shops are normally quite happy to let people have old shoe boxes. Small children's shoe boxes are ideal. Make a hole either end of the short sides of the box. Cut a length of good quality string, long enough for your gas mask box to go over your shoulders, so the box can hang at your side. Thread the string through the holes in either end of your box and secure with good knots and sticky tape. Stick your respirator instructions inside the lid. Put the lid on the box and put it over your shoulders. The children may bring one favourite "old fashioned" toy each.... A teddy, dolly or small toy car.

This label would be stuck on top of your gas mask box.

Photocopy one label per child. Stick on their gas mask box. Gas mask boxes can be made from shoe boxes, painted brown. String will be required to thread through the box to make a strap for wearing the box.



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