

ASHTON KEYNES REMEMBERS

"A Moment in Time"

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VE Day in AK Our garden 'Ashton Keynes Remembers' was initially inspired by a book of wartime letters which a pupil brought in from his Great Great Uncle Hal. We also have many pupils whose families currently serve in the armed forces. Our design aims to recreate a typical village garden in Ashton Keynes to capture the moment in time of VE Day 1945 and we have grown the plants and created the sculptures within this. It has been a garden and local history project for both school and the local community.

Look through the different viewpoints of our garden to capture your own moment in time.



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Some of the plants in our garden

Pansies, fox gloves, tulips, gypsophila, viola

Herbs: chamomile, thyme, rosemary, mint, chives,

Vegetables: cabbages, potatoes, leeks, carrots, runner beans

Through weekly forest school and lunchtime gardening clubs, we have created our garden. The whole school have been involved:

YR: Clay food & gardening

Y1&2: Flags & gardening making bio-degradable seed pots

Y3: Bunting & gardening

Y4: Recycled poppy sculptures to symbolise WW1 and WW2 made with a local artist, vintage seed packets and wartime posters

Y5&6: Potting and planting, willow weaving for chicken fences as no wire/metal

Quotes from children:

"It was a my Great Uncle Hal's wartime letters to his Mum that inspired this project" Freddie

"We made our own newspaper seed pots which were biodegradable" Olivia

"It was so fun making recycled poppy sculptures, especially as a local artist helped us" Isobel

"I Likes designing the garden, it gave me a chance to show my art skills" Harriet

"Every child has taken part in creating our garden and really got stuck in" Evangeline

"I love dedicating my lunchtimes to gardening" Sid

"I've enjoyed dead-heading and potting on" Ben W

"I really enjoyed planting the vegetables , especially carrots as they are my favourite" Harry D

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