

Keeping the flame of remembrance burning



Emmanuel CE Middle School pupils took part in a series of workshops studying the holocaust and experiences of Jewish people during that time. Pupils construct candles for display with messages on butterflies.

A memorial flame created by Dorset children as a lasting memorial for the millions of Holocaust victims was one of just 75 pieces of art selected to feature in a national exhibition.

The moving piece of artwork created by pupils at Emmanuel CE Middle School in Verwood was unveiled in front of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at a special launch in London.

Their artwork was chosen from across the country to represent each year since the liberation of Auschwitz.

And this was not the only way the school, which is part of Wimborne Academy Trust, marked the anniversary.

Its Year 6 pupils took part in special English, Art, History and Food workshops to produce work that related to the Holocaust.

Headteacher, Rob Christopher, said: "We were incredibly honoured to have our children's work of art featured in this very poignant exhibition.

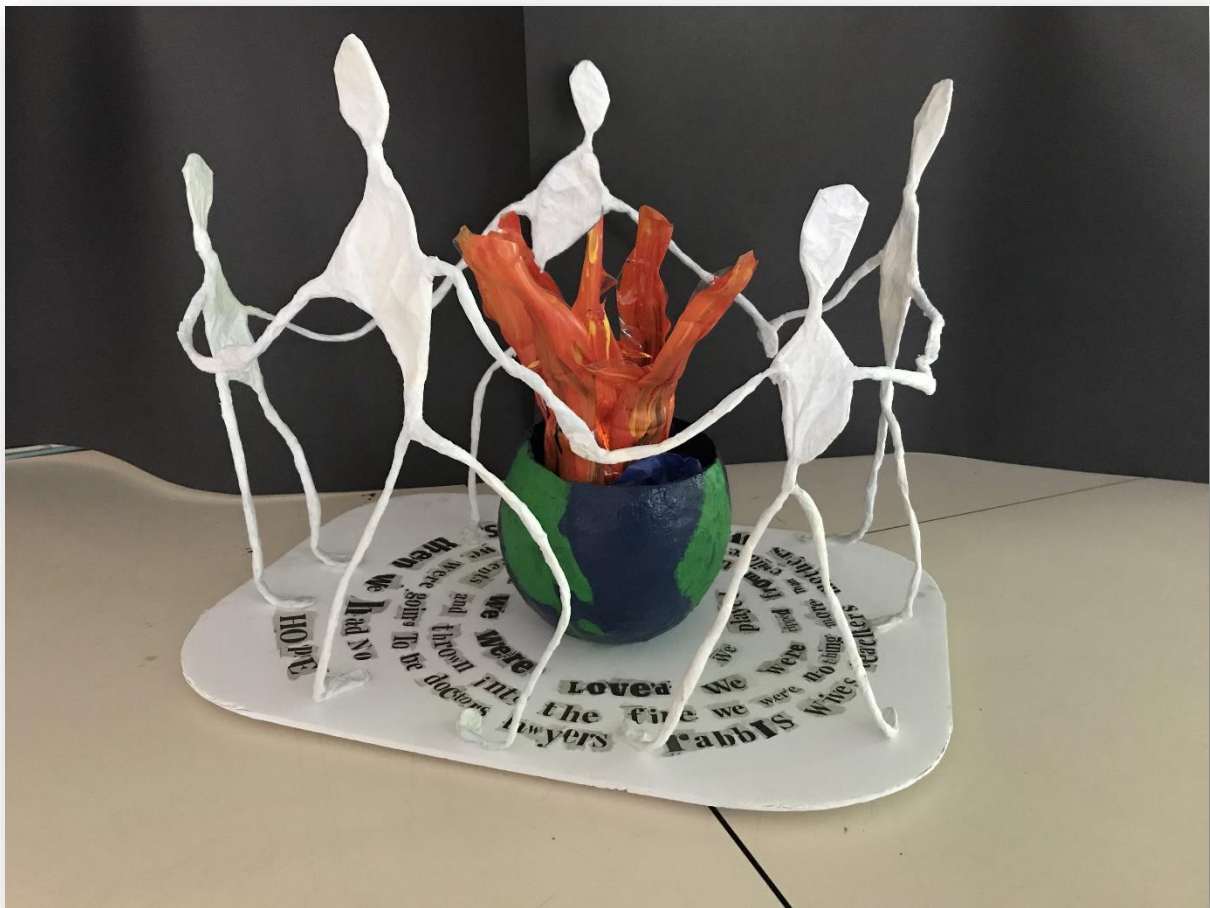
“It’s so important that young people today learn about the horrors of the Holocaust so such genocide is hopefully never repeated again.

“Our pupils have been incredibly touched by the stories they have heard and this has been perfectly portrayed in all of the moving work they have produced.”

Emmanuel was one of 300 groups from across the country registered to take part in the nationwide competition launched by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT).

The competition was held to encourage more people to remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust.

Emmanuel’s winning piece of work came about after students discussed how the Nazis tried to take Jewish people’s identities away from them, yet through all the horrors they stood together.



Emmanuel’s winning piece of artwork that was chosen to feature in a national exhibition to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.

The children’s Memorial Flame emerges from the world, like a phoenix from the ashes, and is surrounded by figures standing together.

Head of Art, Kerry Thomson, who travelled to London for the Holocaust Memorial Day service and exhibition launch, said: "The service, which was televised on BBC2, was incredibly moving and the exhibition pieces were powerfully curated."

CEO of Wimborne Academy Trust, Liz West, added: "Everyone at the Trust is incredibly proud of Emmanuel for being chosen to be part of these national commemorations for the Holocaust."

"All of our 12 schools stopped to remember and mark this important anniversary, including a Holocaust survivor speaking to Queen Elizabeth's School students."

"We will always remember and educate our young people about the Holocaust."