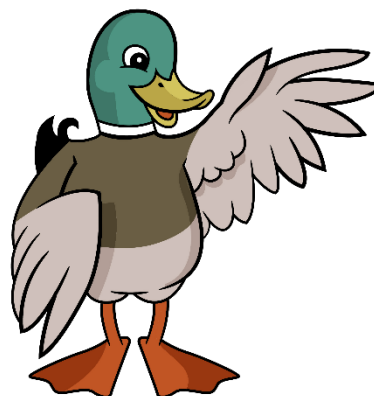


WW2 Challenge 5



On 8th May 1945, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that the war was over, a date that was known as VE Day (Victory in Europe Day). It was an emotional day that millions of people had been waiting six years for.

Even though VE Day marked victory for Europe over Germany, it did not mark the end of World War Two.

In his VE Day announcement, Winston Churchill said: "We may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing but let us not forget for a moment the toil and efforts that lie ahead."

Follow this link to listen to the radio announcement that war and ended and hear some reactions of how different people felt when they heard the news.

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/voices-of-war/ve-day>

Treasure Hunt

Can you find these items in your home?

A radio

A Union Jack flag



These are memories of people who lived in Harrow during WW2. Here they are remembering how they felt when they found out that the war was over.

How do you think you would have felt?

"I remember my father, who was in the Fire Service, was at home when the news came through that hostilities would cease at one-minute past midnight. He came excitedly and woke my six year old sister and me, telling us the war was over."

MRS NAN SHAW-DAVIES

"I was at school and at lunch when the headmaster stood up in the dining hall and said the war in Europe was over and we could leave school after lunch, but be back tomorrow at 9 o'clock..."

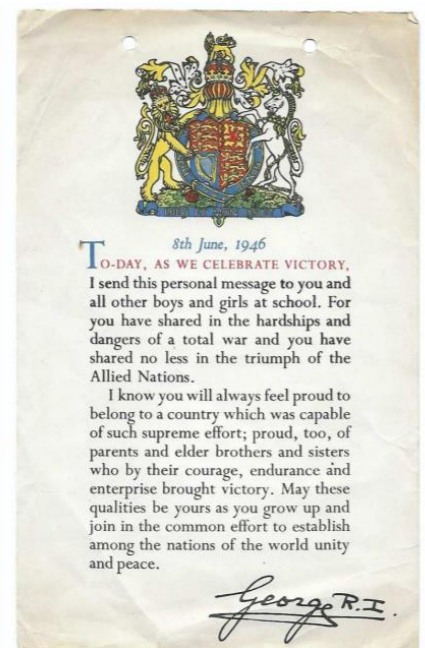
JIM WHITFIELD

"I was elated. I was sorry. I was sorry for both sides. Human beings killing each other for what?"

FRANCIS JOWERS

"VE day made us all feel full of joy. The knowledge that the war was over and there would be no more bombing or threat of being conquered by the Nazis was paramount. At school we were all presented with a certificate containing a personal message to boys and girls from King George VI Life was suddenly full of light and happiness."

MICHAEL PEARCE



KING GEORGE VI'S LETTER TO THE CHILDREN

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You can read more memories in the book 'Peace at Last' by Headstone Manor & Museum