

Treehouse Theatre

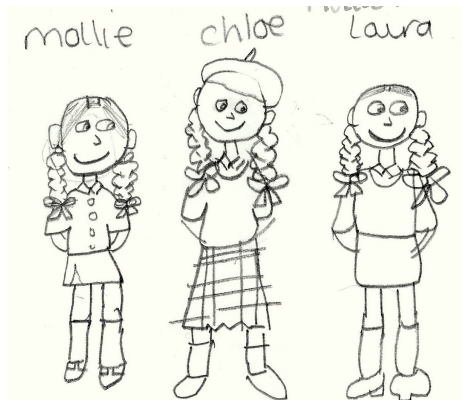
A Play-in-a-Day Children on the Home Front

"A thoroughly enjoyable day with lots of educational content. Inclusive and engaging"
Christchurch Junior School

The aim of 'Children on the Home Front' is to help children today understand what life was like for children their age during World War 2.

Through the eyes of Stan Perkins the ARP warden, and billeting officer Frank Marshall, the play illustrates the practicalities of living through the Blitz, and how children coped with evacuation. Comic moments and wartime songs offer a light-hearted balance to the realities of children's lives.

"This is the first time that we've done something like this, and it was a fantastic day. Acting it out really enhanced the learning experience"
Gurnard Primary School



***"Awesome....
We couldn't
believe how
realistic Ben
made it feel.
It really was like
we were
on a train
into the
unknown"***
y4 pupil



Main topics covered in the Play

- What an air raid was like, and its consequences
- The Home Guard
- Life on the home front – an evening with an air raid precaution warden (black outs, etc)
- Consequences of the war for family life – evacuation & conscription
- Gas mask demonstration
- Evacuation
- Billeting
- Life experienced by evacuees
- The Land Army
- Rationing and the black market
- Victory celebrations
- Wireless broadcasts by Chamberlain and Churchill during the war
- Wartime songs



***Ben always provides a fantastic
day for all.
We feel very lucky that our
children have this opportunity"***
Great Binfields Primary School

