



UNITED HERZLIA SCHOOLS

בתי"ס המאוחדים הרצליה

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Dear Parents

This week the Grade 5s were involved in the "WE ARE HERE! Foundation's In My Pocket Project. The Foundation was started and is run by former Capetonians, Eli and Jill Rabinowitz, who are currently promoting the story of a young child who was forced to flee from the dangers of 1930s Germany.

The child was Dorrieth M Sim, and she has written a book suitable for young children about her experiences as a Kindertransport child. She explains: "I was 7 ½ when my visa was stamped on 26 July 1939. There were almost 10,000 children like me, who came to the United Kingdom before World War II began. Some of us were babies; most of us were Jewish. We were each given a place on a Kindertransport out of Nazi Europe. After the War, some of us were reunited with our families. Sadly, many of us were not, and we either stayed in our new countries, where we grew up, or went to live in different countries, all over the world."

The project provides children with an understanding of the story of the Kindertransport, diversity and of the plight of refugees and displaced children today. Each Grade 5 pupil received a copy of the mini-book and are busy designing their own "pockets" in Art.

Here are some comments from the Grade 5s:

The book was quick but holds a lot of emotion. It was interesting to see what children our age were dealing with pre-holocaust.

The book was meaningful but also sad. I enjoyed listening to my teacher read the book.

I found it really nice and heart-warming. It made me realise how grateful I am for everything I have.

I enjoyed the part where we could ask questions. The pictures in the book were beautiful.

We had some good conversations about the history behind the book.

I loved making the pocket in Art and trying to think of what I would need in my pocket.

I got to understand more about my Jewish Heritage.

I learnt interesting facts about the war and how hundreds of children were saved by one amazing man.

I'm so happy I got to get my own copy of the In My Pocket book

Kind regards

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