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Isabella Simeone and Evelyn Benfield joined a zoom meeting for the Foundation Stones project for Holocaust Memorial Day on the 27th January 2022, with Year 5 & 6 teacher Maxine Simeone helping to coordinate their contribution. Pupils at St Anne's school have been painting stones to tell the island's connection with the story of the Holocaust. The pupils each spoke about what they have painted on their stone and how this reflects their island's connection with the history of the Holocaust. Other pupils at St Anne's then joined their counterparts across the UK in a live stone painting event.

Who took part?

This year the Foundation Stones activity for Holocaust Memorial Day was taken to over 100 Primary and Secondary schools around the UK via the Zoom webinar format. The young people had the opportunity to hear from contributors, such as Natasha Kaplinsky who hosted the event, as well as Ed Balls and Lord Pickles, who are co-chairs of the UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation. Three schools in different parts of the country, including St. Anne's, also took part to talk about what the project means to them.

Context

This project allows people across the UK to connect to the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre in London by painting a stone that will become part of it. Foundation Stones is an invitation to paint a stone to remember the six million Jewish men, women and children murdered in the Holocaust and other victims of Nazi persecution. People can also choose to dedicate their stone to those murdered in subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. Inspired by the Jewish custom of placing a pebble on headstones when visiting a grave, every stone is a commitment to remember the past and build a future free from hate.





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