

Upper 2 go back in time



Upper 2 donned their caps (both flat and mob), paid their penny and filed into their seats for a Victorian school afternoon designed to give them a taste of what life was like for their nineteenth century counterparts.

The children learned by rote, scratched on slates and quite literally blotted their copybooks in what was an unexpectedly and apocalyptically inky introduction to dip pens. They learned about how Victorian teachers kept their pupils in line and reflected on how lucky they are to live in more enlightened times. That said, the queue to wear the dunce's cap was long and enthusiastic.

Finally, the children were let loose in the schoolyard with a variety of authentic period toys. The gusto with which tops were spun, hoops were propelled and old leather footballs were hoofed shows that some things haven't changed in the intervening centuries.

A great afternoon for all involved, embraced enthusiastically by our intrepid time-travellers.

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