

## Top designs will be turned into large-scale structures



**CREATIVE:** Sparkenhoe Primary pupils and judges with the winning designs

# Pupils winners with war memorial plans

CHILDREN have been working with architects to come up with designs for a modern war memorial.

The project was organised by the East Midlands branch of Royal Institute of British Architects (Riba) and the city council's Story of Parks team.

About 60 pupils from Sparkenhoe Primary School, in Highfields, took part in workshops with architects to design a contemporary public memorial they would like to see built in Victoria Park.

The project was based on classwork on architecture and memorials, focussing on the story of Victoria Park, the Arch of Remembrance and the park's memorial gates,

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designed by renowned architect Sir Edwin Lutyens.

The pupils' models have been on show in the Guildhall, Leicester.

The best will be turned into a large-scale, temporary structure in Victoria Park this summer.

The winning designers are Umaima Badruddin, Abdur-Rahman Malida, Zainab Adnan, Khadija Khalifa and Sara Shareef.

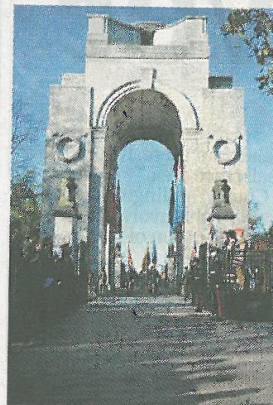
Class teacher David Marsh said: "Our pupils had been studying architecture and this was an invaluable opportunity to meet with and talk to professional architects.

"We were also enthusiastic to take part in an exciting design challenge linked to Lutyens and memorials as we had recently studied the First and Second World Wars.

"The architects were incredibly helpful and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed being creative with the design brief."

Mike Baulcombe, Riba East Midlands regional director, said: "We believe projects such as this help young people to achieve an understanding of architecture and the built environment around them – something from which they will benefit throughout their lives.

"The pupils produced an amazingly varied range of



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**IN TRIBUTE:** Lutyens's creation in Victoria Park

models in response to the brief they were given and I would encourage people to go along and see them at the Guildhall."

Assistant mayor for culture and leisure Councillor Piara Singh Clair said: "This project was an excellent way of getting children involved in the wider Story of Parks project.

"It gave them a chance to learn about the history of Victoria Park and the significance of its magnificent Lutyens' memorial.

"The children really rose to the challenge of designing a modern memorial and I am very grateful to Riba and the architects for their contribution to this fantastic project."