

Poole Museum Learning Service

Autumn Newsletter 14



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Welcome to the autumn newsletter. In this edition

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My name is Abby and I've been working for the Learning Team since March. My main role has been delivering mini-beast workshops. I enjoy working outside with the pupils, especially when they get excited by interacting with nature.



We have found many mini-beasts on our travels including millipedes, beetles, wood lice, water boat men, pond skaters frogs and even wood mice.

New Curriculum, New Workshops

The Museum Learning Team has been very busy developing a programme of workshops to tie in with the launch of the new National Curriculum in September 2014. There will continue to be a strong focus on local history, coverage of new areas such as prehistory, as well as adapted old favourites that focus on the Victorians, World War 2 and the Romans. We are also launching an exciting range of outdoor workshops at Upton Country Park. For more information call the learning team.

Free Insets

Considering how to deliver primary history in an exciting way? We are here to help. If you would like to come to Poole Museum for inspiration and ideas to take back to the classroom or advice on a special project, you can book a free inset with us. These sessions can last up to two hours and include a tour of the museum and Scaplen's Court, advice on how we can help with the new National Curriculum and a look at our workshop offer. If you are interested please call our Learning Assistant, Louise Diffey, on 01202 262628.

The D-Day Project

In June Talbot Primary School took part in an art workshop with artist Jacky Oliver. The pupils learnt about the importance of our local area in D-Day, met a WW2 veteran and took part in some WW2 inspired craft activities. The class teacher stated:



"The children were engaged throughout, they were given information appropriate for them and it also helped that they were able to answer questions well"

Trial workshop success at Upton Country Park

We have been busy trailing our new outdoor workshops at Upton Country Park. Local schools have tested out Mapping Skills, Looking at Plants and Trees and Who Eats What. Here is the feedback that we've received so far:

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Class Teacher, Baden Powell and St Peter's Junior School – commenting on Mapping Skills workshop

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Class Teacher, St Mary's Catholic Primary School commenting on Looking at Plants and Trees workshop.

If you would like to book one of our Outdoor workshops please get in touch.

Scaplen's Court School open days

We are opening up Scaplen's Court for schools to come and have a look around. This will be every second Tuesday of the month. Please see enclosed flyer for more details.

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Make your own Iron Age coil pot

Here is a fun activity that you can try with your pupil if you are studying prehistory. We use air drying clay and feathers and other natural objects to decorate the pots.

The Celts would have decorated their pots with simple swirls. The pots would have been used for storing food or grain.

1. Take a piece of clay about the same size as a tennis ball
2. Roll it around the palm of your hand until you have a ball shape
3. Flatten the ball shape so you have a nice round base for your pot
4. Make some coils for your pot by rolling some clay into small, thin sausage shapes
5. Gently attach them around the outside of the base
6. When your pot is big enough gently smooth down the outside and inside of the pot to make the sides even
7. Decorate the outside of your pot with tools such as shells or combs
8. When you have finished your pot put your initials on the bottom and wait for it to dry.



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