Welcome to

Wrexham Museum and Archives

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Learning for Primary Schools 2020 - 2021

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We're pleased to announce our learning programme now offers museum based school workshops, outreach visits, and facilitated online learning sessions.

All of our learning sessions have been designed to encourage natural curiosity and develop enquiry skills with the opportunity to view and/or handle real objects and original sources. Learning is given a local relevance offering a unique learning experience which will enhance your topic or theme.

Museum Workshops

Available from December 2020, our hands-on and interactive workshops offer pupils the opportunity to learn about the past through our collections.

Foundation Stage

Foundation Stage museum workshops are available from January 2021. Especially designed for younger pupils with an emphasis on playbased learning, pupils will be able to explore our galleries, investigate objects and try on costumes to really bring history to life.

Each workshop lasts for one hour and can be mixed and matched for a longer visit.

My First Museum Visit

We believe museums are magical places, so let us lead you pupils on an adventure of discovery with a little help from our resident, Brymbo Man. Pupils will participate in an interactive guided tour of our main gallery, handling real objects and trying on costumes, as well as free time to explore as they wish.

Toys

Pupils will identify the similarities and differences between children's lives now and in the past through toys. The session begins by

considering our favourite toys with pupils then taking part in a variety of hands-on activities including a toy timeline, finishing with the opportunity for free play.

People Who Help Us: Heroes of our Community

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Our beautiful building was once a police station and Magistrates court. At one time it even housed an infirmary, and the fire and ambulance services. By exploring photographs, trying on costumes and other activities such as 'Who Am I?', pupils will be introduced to a variety of roles undertaken for well over a century.

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KS2

Learn outside of the classroom with our fun, exciting, and high-quality workshops. Founded on our collections we aim to enable pupils to engage with their heritage, explore, and investigate.

WWII Christmas

Mr. French (local ARP Warden) and Mrs. Cross (Chairperson of Wrexham WVS), will help your pupils learn about different war time experiences from POW to evacuees, how to manage their rations and what to eat for Christmas dinner, (including trying a piece of WWII Christmas cake made to an authentic recipe) what presents to give, and what to do in an air raid. Finally they'll be put through the paces with a wartime song and dance to keep up morale!

Available 07.12.20 - 11.12.20

WWII in Wrexham

Evacuees from Liverpool (your pupils) will be met by Mrs. Cross, Chairperson of Wrexham WVS, and taken to Wrexham Museum to be billeted. Pupils will explore the war time experiences of the people of Wrexham, learn to 'Make Do and Mend', and take part in an air raid drill, finding shelter in our replica Anderson shelter.

Available 11.01.21 - 22.01.21

Victorian Wrexham

Pupils will discover Victorian Wrexham through a variety of hands-on activities including washing grannie's bloomers, costumes, and mystery objects. Pupils will also be tasked with writing their name using pen and ink, and finally make a small craft to take home.



Available 08.02.21-12.02.21

Archaeology



What does an archaeologist actually do? How can they find out about the past if there's no written record? What can skeletons tell us about how people lived in the past? These questions and more will be answered in this immersive workshop. Pupils will take part in an indoor mock excavation learning the skills of a professional archaeologist, examine organic remains, and handle real objects.

Available 08.03.21-12.03.21

The History of Wrexham County Borough

New for 2021, can your pupils learn about the history of Wrexham in two hours? Yes! We think it can be done in this fast paced workshop which starts around 6,000 years ago



during the Neolithic right up to modern day. Pupils will discover some of the colourful characters from Wrexham's past, and become a giant living timeline.

Available 22.03.21-26.03.21

Lego

To tie in with our Lego exhibition coming March 2021, we'll be offering a small number of workshops. Full details to be confirmed.

Available 17.05.21 – 21.05.21

We can also offer 'The Romans' and 'The Tudors' as well as expanding our FS workshops to suit older pupils. Please contact us for further details.

Virtual Sessions

Our online facilitated virtual sessions bring our collections straight into your classroom. Pupils will have the opportunity to view objects, ask questions direct to our Learning Officer, and explore different topics with both pre and post activities provided. Other themes may be available. Please contact us to discuss your requirements.



Themes are:

Mystery Objects The Victorians in 5 Objects Every Photo Tells a Story Free per one hour session Maximum of 35 pupils per session

Outreach

Bring us directly into your classroom for a unique handling experience! Suitable for both FS and KS2, pupils will have a real experience with real things which may normally be kept behind glass or in storage.

Themes:

Animals

How We Used to Live Mystery Objects £75 per two hour session

To book or for further information please contact us.



After School History Club

Let us run your after school history club! Over a six week duration we'll explore different themes utilising objects, costumes, and fun activities.



- Archaeology
 - Brymbo Man Life in the Bronze Age
- Everyday life in the past
 - Ancient Egyptians death and burial
- Victorian wash day
 - WWII

Each session to last one hour: 3.20pm – 4.20pm. Open to all ages from Reception to Year 6. Available either on a Wednesday or a Thursday over six weeks

21.04.21 - 26.05.21 22.04.21 - 27.05.21



Minimum of 10 children to attend each session, maximum 25. Not to replace usual after school child care. Museum workshops available to start at either 9.30am or 10am per morning session, and 12.30pm or 1pm per afternoon session.

Workshop duration 2 hours

FS cost £3 per pupil. Book two workshops on the same day for £3.50 per pupil

KS2 cost £3.50 per pupil apart from WWII Christmas which costs £5 per pupil. Maximum number of pupils per session is 40.

Outreach and Virtual sessions available from October 19th 2020.

Available Monday - Wednesday between 10am and 2pm.



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