

WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM

Schools Newsletter | May-June 2023

I hope the term is going well. I wanted to let you know in this newsletter that I am taking *three weeks annual leave from 6th May to 28th May*.

This means it will not be possible to book a visit, session or artefact loan box during this period.

There will also be no one at the Museum to process a booking enquiry or answer any learning and participation questions you may have. Please email me during this period:

clare.bromley@westberks.gov.uk

I'll answer your email as soon as I am able to on my return from annual leave.

Best wishes, *Clare*.

May half term family activity days

We have a family craft day at both Shaw House and the Museum in the May half term holiday, Wednesday and Friday respectively. We are making wooden butterfly magnets (Shaw House) and decorating a ceramic item of your choice (Museum). For more information, please go to:

www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

Arts Award Explore

Once again this summer, at the Museum, we are running an Arts Award Explore. This is part of a national programme. You can find out more about the Arts Award here: www.artsaward.org

The programme at the Museum is aimed at 7-12 years and is a combination of led art and craft workshops (27th July and 31st August) and a self-led project finishing with a pop-up exhibition. It costs £30 (per child) and this includes the log book, craft materials, a Messy Museum session, external moderation by Trinity College, London, and a *certificate (*subject to successful completion).

If you think your pupils would be interested in finding out more, Clare is able to visit your school to do a short PowerPoint presentation at an assembly or to a class from mid-June onwards. Please contact Clare for more information.

Current exhibitions

Special exhibition: House of Toomer. An exploration of the family associated with this store.

Special exhibition: Focus on Thatcham. An exploration of the history of this parish.

Special exhibition: Hope and Pride.

Exploring how UK Pride started & the events that have led to social and political change.

Permanent exhibition (downstairs galleries): Lives and Landscapes. The story of West Berkshire told chronologically.



Image: Pages from an Arts Award Explore log book.

WBM Learning Advisory Panel

Due to the teachers' strike March's panel meeting is rescheduled to **Wednesday 3rd May at 4.20pm** at the Museum.

For more information or to confirm attendance, please contact Clare.

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