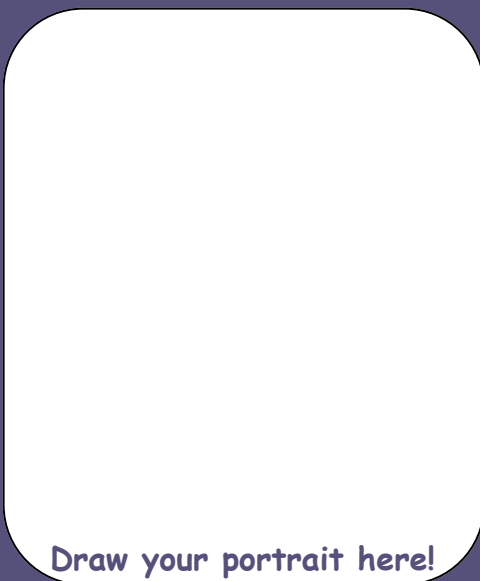




Prescot Museum Explorers Self-led Learning Pack



Draw your portrait here!

Hello, my name is Cog.
I live here in the Museum
with my family. Follow me
and I will help you to find
out more about your local
history and lots of other
interesting things too!



Name

School

Some brilliant advantages of completing this Education Pack are...



Want to explore your creativity and get a nationally recognised qualification? Whatever art form you're interested in, whatever your ability, Arts Award fits you!

You can work towards your Arts Award scheme by visiting Kirkby Gallery or Prescott Museum and having a go at any of the activities and also by using this pack to explore the exhibition.

Through Arts Award's 5 levels, children and young people aged up to 25 can explore any art form including performing arts, visual arts, literature, media, multimedia and much more! The award builds confidence, helps young people to enjoy cultural activities, and prepares them for further education or employment.

You can start off with the **Discover Award** - on this level children and young people discover the arts around them, find out about artists and their work and share their experiences with others, gaining a certificate at the end. Arts Award Discover will usually take about 20 hours to complete.

Check the website for more details: www.artsawards.org.uk



If you are aged between 7 and 14 years you can take part in exciting learning opportunities with the Children's University.

Children's University is an organisation which signposts you to exciting learning activities which take place outside the normal school day - it could be before school, during lunchtime, after school, during weekends or holidays etc. The activities are all voluntary, it is up to you to choose what you do and when, and the learning always has a link to something you could go on to do at a 'grown up' university.

You can be a member if your school is taking part - ask at school about it. Make sure you have your Children's University *Passport To Learning* with you and we will give you a stamp for the number of hours the activity counts for in your passport. Using this pack and exploring the exhibition counts and can be part of your Passport To Learning.



Wherever you see this symbol, it means you can finish off this activity at home or there is further learning to be done.

Now turn the page to start your learning journey!

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There are pencils, clipboards and other equipment that you might like to use while you explore the Museum.

Please return things when you have finished so other groups can use them too.

Prescot beginnings

Did you know Prescot is a very old town?

It is thought that there were people living here as far back as the Anglo Saxon times. The Anglo Saxons came to Britain from North West Europe over 1500 years ago!

The name **Prescot** actually comes from the Anglo Saxon word '*Priesta cote*' which means Priest's Cottage.

Have a look at this early map - it shows a circular shaped area around the church, this is another clue to Prescot being an Anglo Saxon settlement.



What do you think the buildings on the map were used for?



You can find out more about the Anglo Saxons and other invaders to our island from lots of different websites. This link is a good place to start finding out more: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/forkids/>

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Have a look at the mosaic floor near the main door. It was saved from a building that was demolished so it had to be put back together again like a giant jigsaw!

Working in small groups - and being careful not to get in the way of the door, answer these questions:

When was it made?

How long ago was that?

Who was it made for?

You can find out more about this important Prescot company in the displays and photographs around the Museum.

Using a square view finder (ask your teacher for one from the box), put it on an area of the mosaic and count the tiles inside this area. How many are there?

Can you work out approximately what fraction or percentage are:

Green

Blue

Yellow

Orange

You can draw some of the details and patterns here....



You can create your own mosaic when you get back to school or at home, using small squares of coloured paper - arrange them into patterns or pictures.

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These apothecary drawers came from a chemist shop in Huyton and were used to store medicines and the ingredients to make up pills and remedies.

Now there are lots of different things inside. Some items are fixed inside glazed drawers to protect them, but most can be taken out and held. With your group, choose some of the objects and discuss them. You could talk about what the object was used for, how old it is, what it is made from and so on.

You could also make a **Timeline** with the objects by placing them in **chronological** order - with the oldest at one end and the newest at the other end.

Objects from the past

Which do you think is the oldest object in the drawers?

Draw it here and write a description of what you think it is and how it would have been used.



Have you got any old objects or photographs? You could try to find out more by asking members of your family.



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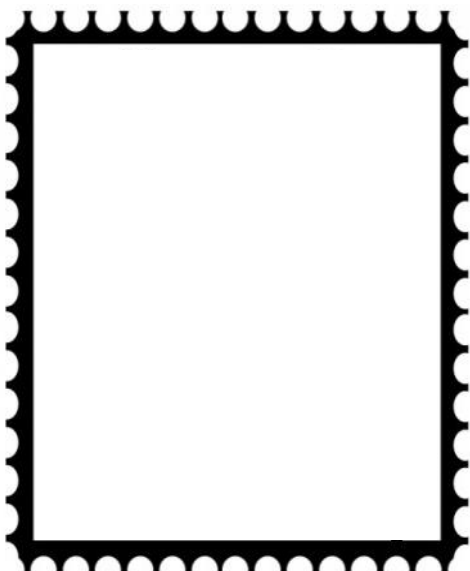
Prescot Museum's collection includes lots of letters and postcards, sent from people all over the world for all sorts of different reasons to their loved ones at home.

Imagine you are away travelling - write a postcard home.

Who would you write to and what would you write about? Where in the world are you?

Post Card

Place
Stamp
Here



If you were posting your postcard, you would need a stamp. Have a go at designing a postage stamp for the country you are visiting!

Don't forget to put a price in the corner. Do you know what type of money (currency) is used in that country? Our stamps always have the Queen's head on, does your chosen country have a King or Queen? You can find out more at school, home or in the library.



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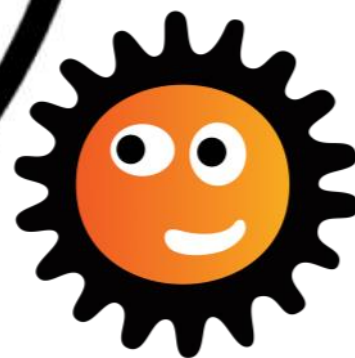
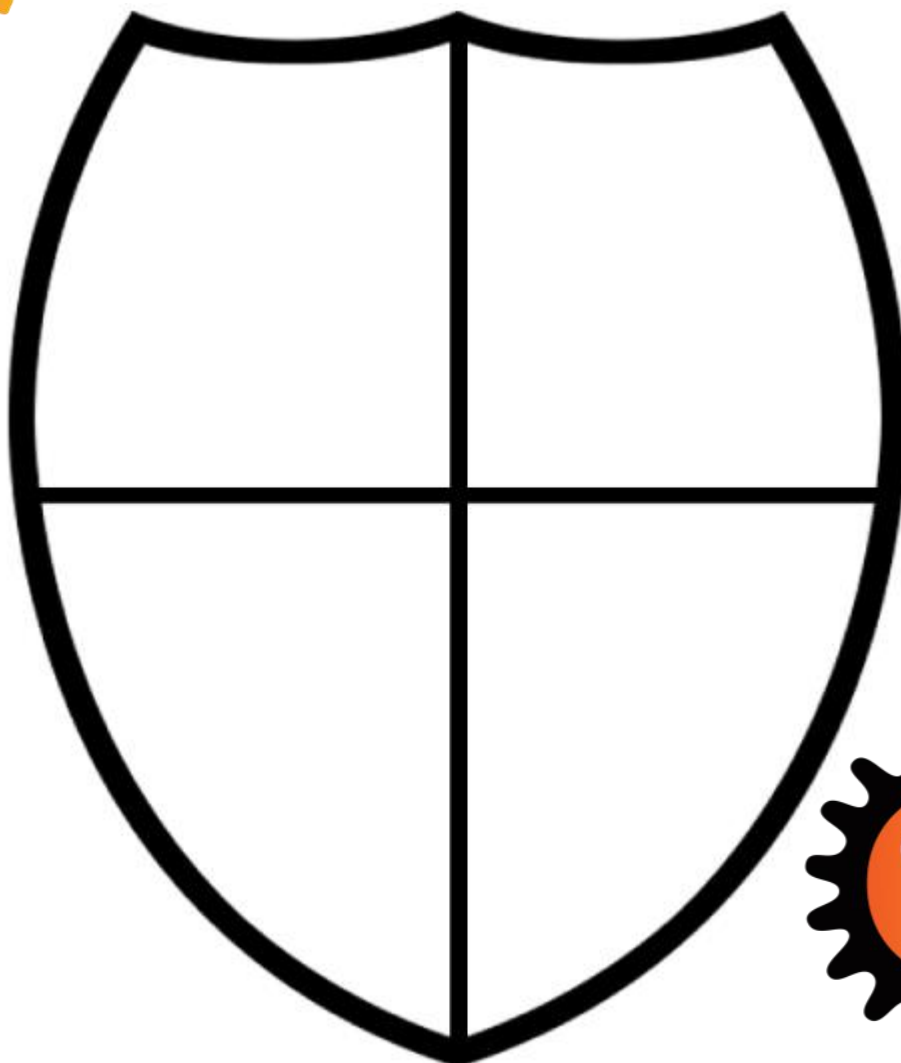
This is Prescot's coat of arms - it's a very special one as it's also shared with King's College in Cambridge.

In 1445 King Henry VI gave Prescot as a gift to his new University College, which is why Prescot town has the same coat of arms!

The 'fleur-de-lis' and lion at the top show the link to the King and royalty. The flowers mean growth of knowledge and learning.



Design your own coat of arms - think about what colours, symbols and pictures to use. They should have a special meaning to you or your family.



While you are exploring the Museum, see if you can find Prescot's coat of arms on any of the objects. If you look carefully you may find more than one! You can also see the Prescot coat of arms at Vicarage Place near St Mary's Church.

Find out more on coats of arms when you go back to school or in the library.

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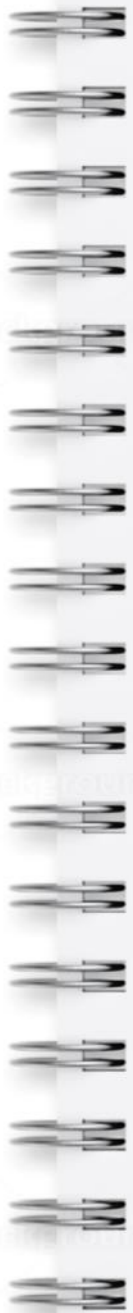


There are lots of photographs in Prescot Museum's collection and many are on display around the Museum.

Have a closer look at the photographs and choose one to write about.

Imagine you are inside the picture and write a story or poem about it. You could write about where it might be, who are the people and why they are there, what might happen next, what are the smells and sounds, how does it make you feel and what are you doing there?

What's in the picture?



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During World War II, children from busy cities were evacuated - moved from their homes to safer, quieter parts of Britain in the countryside to avoid bombings. Parts of Knowsley were bombed in the Blitz because it was close to Liverpool, which was a major target for the enemy.

If you had to leave your family and be evacuated, what would you pack to take with you? A favourite book or game, a special photograph? Evacuees couldn't take much with them.

Write a list of things you would pack and draw them in this suitcase.



You can find out lots more about how World War II affected local people. Use the library books or look on the internet.

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In the museum there are many interesting facts about Prescot's history.

After you have had a good look around see if you can answer these questions.

Find 3 objects that may have travelled to or from another part of the world.

What did the BICC make?

How many keys did it take to open the Town Chest and what was kept in it?

What building did Lady Bountiful stand on and what was the building used for?

What were the miners looking for when they were mining?

Which place in Knowsley was one of the first to have electric lighting?

What makes a clock tick?

What was Shakespeare famous for?

What types of shop were in Prescot?

Think of a new question about the museum and see if your friend can find the answer.



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As you can see from exploring the Museum there are lots of objects, photographs and documents that help tell the important stories from our past.

Choose something from the one of the museum displays that you found interesting and draw it here, then write about why you chose it.



Telling stories

The most interesting thing in Prescot Museum is....



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If you have enjoyed exploring this exhibition in Prescot Museum then you may be interested in the exhibitions at Kirkby Gallery.



Open Art Exhibition

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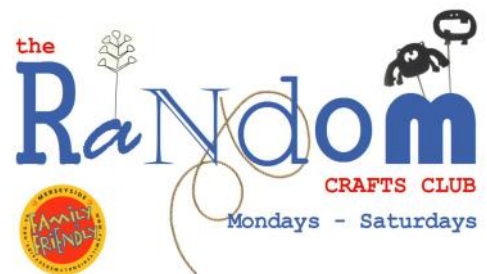
The Knowsley Open Art Exhibition takes place every year in Winter at Kirkby Gallery.

The annual exhibition also includes the Knowsley Young Artist Exhibition, which celebrates the artistic talent of younger artists aged up to 18 within the borough - take a look and maybe you could think about entering your own artwork in the exhibition!

Random Crafts Club

Family friendly fun in Kirkby Gallery throughout the school holidays.

There will be different craft activities with lots of materials to use. Our friendly staff and volunteers will be there to help you create something amazing to take home with you. Get in touch to find out more.



Children's Drawing Classes (8-13 years).



Our drawing course provides a fun and structured introduction to drawing using a wide range of media and methods. It will encourage children to look at things in a selective way and improve the skills to record their observations. Our friendly tutor will demonstrate a new task each week and be on hand to answer questions and provide support and guidance.

To find out more or to book a place please contact Tina Ball 0151 443 5617

