

# Schools Newsletter

## Autumn 2022

Welcome to Hertford Museum's September newsletter. We are already taking bookings up to Summer '23 so now is a great time to plan ahead and get one of our fabulous history workshops booked in for your class. We can deliver a wide range of learning experiences to support your curriculum, both at the museum or in school, from as little as £60 per session; or around £2 per pupil! Find out more at <https://www.hertfordmuseum.org/schools> or email [learning@hertfordmuseum.org.uk](mailto:learning@hertfordmuseum.org.uk)

Over 1500 local children attended one of our workshops last year!

Just some of what's on offer...



### Stone Age to Iron Age

In this workshop children look at 3 distinct time periods; prehistory and the Bronze and Iron ages. We explore the development of tools and see how they grow in sophistication over time. Children are able to handle a range of replica artefacts which aids discussion of the similarities and differences between these historical periods. We even have a genuine woolly mammoth tooth and woolly rhino leg bone to explore!

### Evolution and Adaptation – Who Was Wallace?

This session gives children the chance to handle a wide range of taxidermy animals in order to explore how they adapt to their environments. From hedgehog spines to the chameleons' tails, we look at some of the interesting features that animals have developed through time. We begin with a look at local scientist Alfred Russel Wallace and find out how he developed his own theory of evolution at around the same time as his friend Charles Darwin. We hear stories from his life and voyages, including several close brushes with death! Then children practise being museum curators by putting their cotton gloves on and getting a really close look at the animals!



### Ancient Egyptians – Journey to the Afterlife

After dressing up in a shabti or schenti, this workshop gives children the opportunity to explore the beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians in a truly immersive way. Using our life-sized mummy doll, children take turns to participate in the mummification process by pulling the 'brains' (wool) out through the nose, removing the internal organs and wrapping the body in bandages.

### What teachers are saying about our workshops:

*"It was really informative and interactive for the children..."*

*"The content was well delivered and the children were engaged throughout..."*

*"It was great how the history was related to the local area..."*

*"We thought the workshop was fantastic..."*



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