

29 January 2016

It's plane fun for youngsters at half term

Date: 15-19 February 2016

Time: 11.00am to 3.30pm

Cost: £3.00 per person. Admission to Museum FREE

February half term is just around the corner, so if you're starting to plan how you are going to entertain the children, look no further than the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford who are inviting families to participate in a fun model making activity. Taking place from Monday 15 to Friday 19 February, little aviators will have the opportunity to build a 1:72 de Havilland Mosquito Airfix kit.

During 'Airfix Make and Take' week, children will build their models alongside the museums aircraft in Hangar 1 next to the famous 1:1 scale Airfix model Spitfire built by TV Presenter James May. Suitable for children aged 8+, you don't have to be a skilled modeller to take part as staff will be there to lend a hand and to ensure visitors get the most from their modelling. Plus, if you need a little inspiration as to how to paint your Airfix model, take a look at the real de Havilland Mosquito on display in the museums 'War in the Air' hangar.

If building an Airfix kit is too fiddly for your little ones, families with younger children can opt to assemble and decorate a wooden biplane. Each kit contains pre-cut wooden pieces, plastic screw and easy to follow instructions. To give your wooden kit the wow factor, the museum will provide all the colours and accessories needed to help personalise your model.

Not only do participants get to take their models home, organisers are also giving modellers the chance to **WIN an Airfix prize bundle worth over £75**. Packed with everything any young modeller could wish for including three Airfix sets with accessories and two Airfix quick build kits. To enter the competition, hit 'Like' on the museums Facebook page @rafmuseumcosford and tag us in a photo of your completed model kit before 22nd February 2016. A winner and two runners up will be selected and the prize will be posted out so you can continue the model making fun at home. So if you think you can build the perfect Airfix kit or give your model the most creative makeover, why not give it a go!

Plus, on Wednesday 17 February there will be a FREE Airfix Talk that model makers of all ages will enjoy, entitled '**Airfix Scaling Down Reality**', hosted by Simon Owen, Lead Researcher at Hornby Hobbies Ltd. Simon will give an insight into the fascinating world of Airfix and explain how they take an iconic aircraft and scale it down to produce perfect replicas for today's modellers. This new talk is the perfect opportunity to see what goes on behind the scenes at Airfix HQ. The talk will commence at 1.30pm and last approximately one hour. As spaces are limited, please visit the museum website to book your FREE place: www.rafmuseum.org/cosford



RAF Museum Cosford Public Events Manager, Abi Betteridge said:

"Model making is one of our most popular activities and one that even adults love getting involved with. By offering both Airfix kits and wooden kits, the half term activity is suitable for families with children of all ages, plus we have a fantastic prize full of model making goodies up for grabs! We are delighted to have Simon Owen from Airfix on board again this year, he proved to be very popular with visitors last summer and we are sure he will have plenty more Airfix 'inside info' to share with us next month."

Tickets for the model making activity are available from the Visitor Centre on arrival. The activity will run from 11.00am to 3.30pm each day and participation is just £3.00 per person. All materials including glue, paints and brushes will be provided by the museum. (Children will need to be supervised by an adult and may require assistance with the model making.) All participants will receive a 10% discount voucher to use on plastic model kits for sale in the museum shop.

For further information about the museum, please visit the museum website www.rafmuseum.org/cosford or call 01902 376200. The museum is open daily from 10am and entry to the museum is FREE of charge.

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