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## School Pupils Taken Back To Basics

28th September - 2nd October

The Access and Learning Department at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford are taking school pupils back to basics with their popular 'Carrots to Cookies' workshop running from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009.

Their 'Highly Commended' hands on event works with local school children, introducing them to the history of rationing and allowing them to handle replica food items in the actual rationed portions. Children participate in gardening activities in the Museum's wartime garden with 'Adam the Gardener', a well known character from the Sunday Express.

With the support of Aramark Catering pupils then go on to cook, surprisingly tasty, carrot cookies following an authentic wartime recipe. Pupils also dress in authentic costumes and use props from the Museum's handling collection to create and become a WWII poster which will be filmed and then viewed by fellow classmates.

Dawn Burrows, Education Assistant and organiser of the event says: "This is a wonderful way of bringing a topical subject to life by allowing children to have an insight into the Second World War when food was scarce and learning exactly what rationing meant on a daily basis".

The sessions are fully booked this time, but any schools interested in participating in future events should contact the Museum's Access and Learning Department on 01902 376242.

The Museum is open daily from 10am to 6pm (last admission 5pm). Entry to the Museum is free of charge. For more information, please visit the Museum website www.rafmuseum.org or call 01902 376200.

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## **Notes To Editors:**

- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Open daily between 10am 6pm (Last admission 5.00pm)
- FREE admission
- For further information and all media enquiries please contact Karen Crick on 01902 376 200 or email karen.crick@rafmuseum.org