

22nd January 2009

Take Off For Learning!

Friday 30th January 2009
10.30am

A major refurbishment of the Royal Air Force Museum's 'flying experience' for schools "Let's Fly" has been successfully completed.

Due for take off on 30th January 2009, the "Let's Fly" classroom has been transformed into a mini airport, with conveyor belt and security gate, enabling children to participate in the entire holiday flight experience from Check In through to Passport Control before actually boarding onto an aeroplane, thanks to the innovative use of genuine aircraft seating and fuselage to mimic a jumbo jet.

Children from St Johns Primary School from Essington, Wolverhampton will be attending the launch which will be opened by Group Captain James, Director of Training at DCAE Cosford.

Philip Clayton, Education Officer says:

"The Team at the Museum have created a wonderful innovative session that goes beyond just a 'flying experience' in that it helps children make sense of the world, generates curiosity and moreover inspires self confidence".

Claire Eccleston, the Education Assistant responsible for the development of this project adds:

"One of the highlights of this refurbishment has been working in partnership with other internal and external groups. The results are staggering and provide schools with a wonderful learning opportunity about the experience and fun aspects of flight".

This exciting project was funded by the Aerospace Museum Society, volunteers at the Museum, who donated over £1,500 towards the project. During the academic year 2007/2008 over 1,200 pupils aged 3-7 visited the 'Let's Fly' classroom for workshops aimed at foundation stage and key stage 1.

For further information on workshops, please contact the Access and Learning Department on 01902 376241 or visit www.rafmuseum.org. The Museum is open daily from 10am – 6pm.

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- **Notes to Editors**
- The media are invited to attend the launch at 10.30am on Friday 30th January 2009. RSVP Karen Crick for further information and all media enquiries on 01902 376208 or karen.crick@rafmuseum.org

- Teachers interested in the demonstration should contact the Access and Learning Department for more detailed information on the sessions.
- Royal Air Force Museum, Cosford, Shifnal Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Open daily between 1000 – 1800 (Last admission 1700)
- Free admission and parking