

8 October 2015

# Every drawing tells a story...

**Date:** 26-30 October 2015

**Time:** 11.30am to 3.30pm

**Cost:** £2.00 per person

**During this October half term break, the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford will be taking part in the annual worldwide event 'The Big Draw'. This year's Big Draw theme is 'Every Drawing Tells a Story' and from Monday 26 to Friday 30 October families who love to read will receive their very own copy of a specially commissioned short story, which they can illustrate themselves to bring it to life.**

Taking place throughout October, The Big Draw is the world's biggest drawing festival with thousands of drawing activities connecting people of all ages with museums, outdoor spaces, artists, designers and illustrators. The Big Draw is for anyone who loves to draw, as well as those who think they can't and last year's event saw 414,000 people attending over 1,800 events, across twenty-six countries.

To encompass this year's theme 'Every Drawing Tells a Story', the Museum has partnered with children's author and Writer in Residence, Tom Palmer to create a unique story for Museum visitors. Tom, author of the Rugby Academy Series has written a short story entitled '**The Flying Prince**' especially for this event and all children taking part in the Museums Big Draw October half term week will each receive a personal copy. As well as being a great story, children are encouraged to use their imaginations and get creative by bringing the story to life with illustrations. But don't panic if you're struggling with ideas, we have included a few sketches to help get you started!

'The Flying Prince' is based upon the true story of Prince Alexander Obolensky of Russia. At the age of one, his parents fled Russia to escape the 1917 Russian Revolution and moved to England. At school in England he became a speedy winger on the rugby field and at the age of 19 he made his debut for his new country, scoring the two tries that meant England defeated New Zealand for the first time. Months later he joined the RAF, volunteering to fight the Germans even before the war had begun. In the air and on the wing, the story of the Flying Prince is sure to capture the imaginations of children and allow them to learn more about the Rugby and RAF star.

**RAF Museum Cosford Public Events Manager Abi Betteridge said:**

*"It's been fantastic working with our Writer in Residence to produce the short story book for our October half term visitors. We're delighted that the RAF Museum Cosford is taking part in The Big Draw, the world's biggest drawing festival. The Flying Prince not only allows children to get creative by completing the illustrations, but it also tells the fascinating story of a real Russian Prince who went on to become a famous England Rugby star and RAF Pilot."*

Children of all ages can participate in the half term activity (some younger children will require assistance reading the book). All the necessary drawing and colouring in pens and pencils will be provided by the Museum and not only do participants get to have fun during their visit, they will get to take their copy of 'The Flying Prince' home as a memento of the day. The event will take place in the Museum's Hangar 1 and will run from 11.30am to 3.30pm each day and participation is just £2.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased from Admissions on arrival at the Museum.

For further information, please visit the Museum website [www.rafmuseum.org/cosford](http://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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