

Case Study 2:

Kids in Museums Takeover day with Meadows School

"Thank you so much giving our students such a wonderful opportunity. They really enjoyed it and were so proud of their curated cabinet. We will return to admire it!"

KS2 teacher - Meadows School (SEND)

On 18th November 2022 we celebrated Kids in Museums Takeover Day...

Kids in Museums work with museums, heritage sites and cultural organisations nationwide to make them more welcoming for children, young people and families. **Takeover Day** is a national event in which museums, galleries and other historic sites invite young people in to take over jobs normally done by adults. Since Takeover began in 2010, over 40,000 children and young people have taken part!

For Takeover Day at the Amelia, we invited the children from Meadows School to join us as artists and curators for the morning. The children explored a range of museum objects, some manmade and some from the natural world.

They handled the objects and explored the shapes, textures and colours before choosing one object they were particularly drawn to. We then gave the children pebbles to paint and they created beautiful works of art inspired by their museum object.

The next step was for the children to curate their creations. They wrote labels for their artworks and then took ownership of a museum cabinet, making decisions as a group about where their objects should be positioned and how their labels should be displayed.

The Meadows School display was in the front entrance of The Amelia Scott for three months and our own curators passed on their compliments to the children for a beautifully curated cabinet!

"It was fun!" Cillian

"I felt proud of my work going on display." Isaac

"I didn't know what a curator did before but I do now." Archie-Lee

"I would like to do another display!" Jack