

RUMBLE MUSEUM

Newsletter
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ABOUT US

The Rumble Museum at Cheney is run by educational charity The Iris Project and spread throughout corridors and rooms. We run regular projects, talks and events, and have two active student Museum Councils.

We have been awarded full Museum Accreditation by the Arts Council. Find out more at www.rumblemuseum.org.uk

NEW FRONT CABINET DISPLAY

We were enormously lucky and grateful to have been donated a large and elegant display cabinet by the Ashmolean Museum.

We have placed the cabinet in the front reception so all visitors who come to the school can enjoy seeing some of our exhibits. The plan is to change over the items on display every month so the items are always fresh, and people can get a good sense of the amazing breadth of our collections. It will also enable us to draw out themes which connect to events in the wider school, community and world.

The September display features four objects. You can see a bust of Athena, which is a replica based on a bronze statue found near Athens.

There is an original tetradrachm coin featuring an owl on one side and Athena on the other. It would have been worth perhaps £150 in its day (it dates to fifth century BC).

There is a replica kylix (wine cup) featuring the story of Odysseus and the Sirens. A kylix was a common cup used as part of a Greek drinking party.

Finally, we are very excited to have been loaned an original lekythos (Greek jar) dating to the fifth century BC by Dr Diana Rodriguez Perez. A lekythos was used in funerary rites. It contained oil and was buried with the person who was being mourned.



MOSAIC BUTTERFLIES AT CHENEY

Year Seven and Eight Museum Council students devoted a day of their summer holidays to installing mosaic butterflies onto the walls at Cheney, which they spent weeks creating. It is the last part of a Rumble Museum project exploring butterflies and moths through our collection of beautiful British butterflies on display at the school.

The students took part in a mosaics project to display on the outside walls of the school and to show off some of the amazing native butterflies through eye-catching mosaics. Each student picked a favourite butterfly from the collection, and they worked every Monday afternoon with local mosaicist Clare Goodall to create mosaics of their chosen butterflies.

On Saturday 14th August, the students cemented their finished butterflies to the walls outside the school. They have chosen well-known butterflies such as the peacock, red admiral and brimstone, as well as some other stunning butterflies such as the comma, common blue, small copper, chalkhill blue, clouded yellow and orange tip. One butterfly chosen from our collection, the black-veined white, has sadly now become extinct in Britain.

As well as the mosaics project, the students all took part in the first ever Moth Night at Cheney on 10th July.

