



# 'On the Case'

## Extended Schools Pilot Project with Edward Peake Middle School







# Aims

- School - to challenge and inspire under-achieving pupils by giving them the opportunity to learn 'outside the classroom'.
- Museum - to provide evidence, using GLOs and GSOs, of the valuable role museums can play within Extended Services.  
- to focus on pupils' attitudes and interests as part of the museum's audience development.
- Extended Services Team  
- to encourage schools to use services already available.
- Pupils - to escape from school and have fun!

# Project timetable

- Nov/ Dec 07 Education staff meet with school staff and Extended Services Co-ordinator to agree objectives, timetable and action plan.
- 8 Jan 08 Education staff visit school to introduce themselves & the project to 13 Year 8 pupils.
- 15 Jan 08 Pupils on site ½ day – setting the scene
- 21 Jan 08 Pupils on site 1 day – planning their display
- 28 Jan 08 Pupils on site 1 day – mounting their display
- 7 Feb 08 Pupils on site 1 day and evening
  - finalising displays
  - creating guided tour of museum in small groups
  - organising evening celebration
  - presenting their displays and conducting guided tours.
- 4 March 08 Education staff revisit school to:
  - observe pupils deliver an assembly to KS2 about the project
  - obtain final feedback from pupils.



# What they thought.....

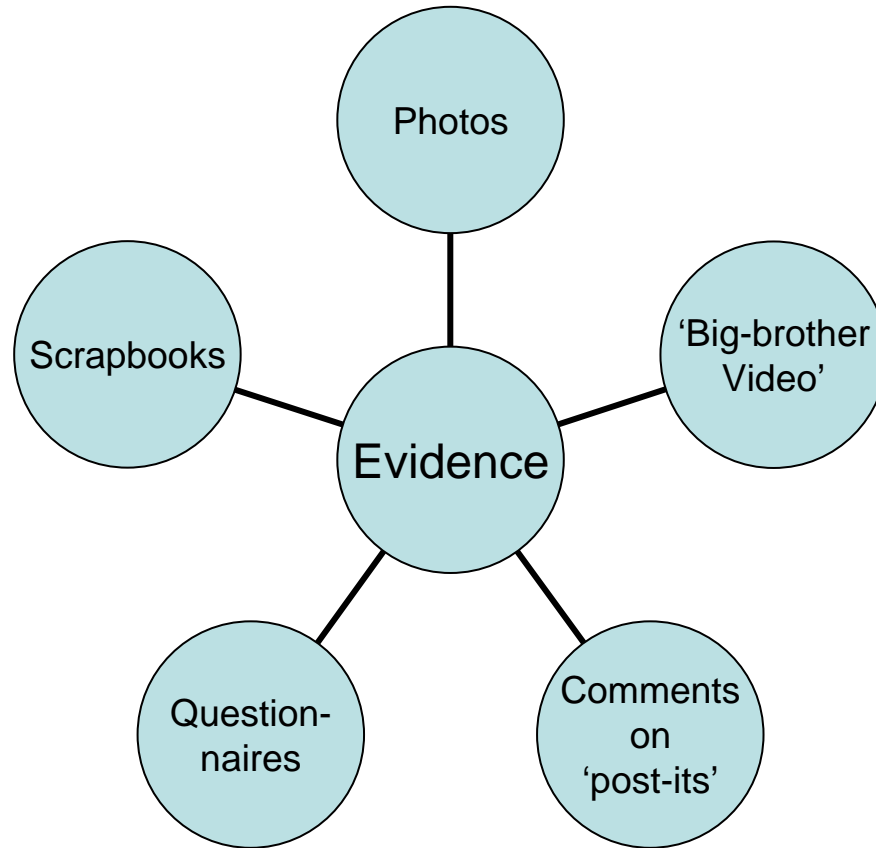
## **Pupils**

- Best bits : Going in the stores, choosing the objects to go in the cases, sense of achievement & making it as a group, presentation to parents.
- Worst bits : too much time planning, disagreements in the group, time spent in Education Room.
- We could choose what we did
- Very hands-on
- Still learning but more fun

## **Teachers & LSA**

- Became more aware of different learning styles
- A 'revelation' seeing one particular pupil speak publicly.
- 'Refreshing'
- Learned more about pupils and raised expectations of what they could achieve
- Enjoyed concentrating on one thing for a lengthy period of time.

# How do we know?



# What we thought.....

- Very enjoyable project which we would like to repeat
  - New way of working with pupils with time to form a relationship
  - Valuable insight into what appeals to pupils this age in terms of museums and activities
  - Great way to attract new families
  - Social outcomes were significant – teamwork, boys v girls, competition between groups, confidence
- “ We argued a lot but it paid off in the end”*
- Labour intensive
  - Project too long





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