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A school was turned into a carefully-curated museum, complete with café and gift shop, for a day.

Abbey Hill Primary and Nursery School in Kirkby welcomed parents, family, and other invited guests to view six classroom galleries, covering themes with historical significance such as ancient Egypt and the second world war.

Pupils took on roles within the museum, including tour guides, shop workers, designers, and authors.

They had worked with teachers, using their imaginations and own experiences, to create a genuine attraction, even researching which brand of tea they should serve and what to sell in the gift shop to make a profit.

Youngsters also discussed their project with Mansfield Museum curator Jodie Henshaw to get some tips.

Headteacher Adam Jevons-Newman, said: "Our pop-up museum is at the heart of what we want learning to be about here — equipping pupils with the knowledge of the curriculum in an engaging, meaningful way, and (showing) how it can bring families and the wider community into school."

Adam added: "This is an example of our commitment to the inclusion of parents and carers in school life, by opening our doors and involving them in their children's learning and school experience.

"It's important that the pupils have an audience they want to impress too — it's a great motivator for them."