

Children get creative using molten metal

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KIDS can explore art through molten metal, red-hot glass and sizzling ceramics at a unique event set to take place in Basingstoke.

Fired Up will be held at Milestones museum on Wednesday, and will give children and parents the chance to watch and learn how to make art with materials transformed by fire.

Organised by The Making, the craft and design education charity for the South East, the event will include demonstrations of crafts including glass-blowing and jewellery-making by a series of professional artists.

The museum, at Basingstoke Leisure Park, will also host workshops.

These will include efforts to glaze a bowl, create a glass paperweight and make wire creatures.



● **ABOVE and LEFT: "Fired Up" will give children and parents the chance to create art using materials transformed by fire at Milestones museum on Wednesday**

The activities take place from 11am to 4.30pm, and will culminate with a procession of willow lanterns outside where a flaming phoenix, created by Winklebury Junior School with artist Celia Smith, will be unveiled.

Entry to the event is free to those who purchase a ticket for Milestones, and places on the workshops will need to be reserved on the day.

Mark Helyar, the event organiser, said: "This offers a fantastic opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to become involved. "Not only can they watch the artists at work, they can have a go themselves."

"Fired Up is the only event of its kind in the country and we are fortunate to have such artists coming to Basingstoke for the day." For more information, visit www.themaking.org.uk or www.milestonesmuseum.com

