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Halloween fun for all

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There are many options for painting pottery as Halloween fun. Alongside our usual extensive range of blank pottery or bisque we now have Halloween items that are available until, the end of October. These include pumpkins that can hold a tealight, wizard hats as trinket boxes or ornamental wizards. Standard pottery also lends itself to being painted with a Halloween theme. Paint a mug or plate as a pumpkin or create your own Halloween-themed design.



Special events for Halloween include the Kidz Halloween Party. This will be a lot of fun for children of all ages and also their parents. Furthermore, it is far better for them go trick and treating. Admission to the party is by advance ticket only. More details are available on page 2.



Pumpkin mug

The week before Halloween is half term and we will be running our usual Kidz Painting Academy workshops. The 1.5 hour sessions aim to entertain children but also teach them some simple pottery painting skills. Each set of courses teaches different skills so that when they choose to paint in the future they will have knowledge of different techniques that they can apply. Naturally, these workshops will have a Halloween theme and we will help our young painters create a mug or bowl designed like a pumpkin. The mug will be ideal for their hot soup on Halloween or Fireworks evening, indeed throughout the rest of the year.

Calendar Bears

Even our monthly bears get into the Halloween spirit.



Wizard hat box



Pumpkin tealight holder

Kidz Halloween Party

Wednesday 31 October 2007 is a date for your diary. The witches will be out on their broomsticks and concoctions will be brewing.

Younger witches and wizards are invited to The Clay Studio's first Kidz Halloween Party. Starting at 6pm and running until around 9pm there will be a prize for the best fancy dress and a special Halloween buffet.

Paint one of our special Halloween pottery pieces such as a pumpkin or wizard hat or choose something like a plate or mug to create your own theme.

The price of just £5 includes the Studio Fee and Halloween buffet as well as games and much more. Advance booking is necessary for the party with pottery pieces paid for on the evening. Parents are welcome to stay with the children and paint or enjoy something from our quality food and drink menu. Parent tickets are £2 including a tea or coffee.



Corporate training

The Clay Studio is now offering corporate training. Pottery painting is an ideal way to help in various aspects of training such as team-building, development of creativity and even helping to envision the future.

Training is available at The Clay Studio where we can also provide our own high-quality catering. We can also come to your workplace if you prefer.

It's all about improving your teamwork "without getting wet". What's more, you have something to always remind you of the lessons learned.



Masterclass: Crystal glaze

If you have painted at The Clay Studio your item will have been glazed and fired prior to its collection. Most of the time we use a dipping glaze that produces the shiny effect and brings out the vivid paint colours. However, there are also special glazes that are painted on to produce wonderful effects. Some of these have been used on Painting Academy courses. The oil burner picture shows the effect of using a crystal glaze.



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Some recent masterpieces



Win a free Studio Fee

Every month there are ten free Clay Studio passes for Clay Times readers to win. At the end of October, ten readers will receive a free pass for a full fee Studio Fee at The Clay Studio.

Either leave with us in The Clay Studio or send the entry form by post.

Note that entries are limited to one per household.

Please enter me in the monthly draw for one of ten free studio passes

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Please send me Clay Times every month:

Note that your details will be held by the Clay Studio and not passed on to any other organisation.

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