

Let's Get Out & About

February Half Term Holiday Monday 13th - Friday 17th February 2017



Welcome to our latest edition of Let's Get Out & About. **Take the stress out of school holidays with this quick and handy guide to what's on in Ealing and the surrounding areas.** This action packed newsletter contains useful ideas, suggestions and activities for the whole family to enjoy during the school holidays (and after). Enjoyed something or want to share an idea? Email us at sthompson@ealing.gov.uk

SPOTLIGHT ON...Imagine Children's Festival

The Southbank Centre is a world-famous arts centre on the South Bank of the River Thames. Thousands of musicians, dancers and artists perform at Southbank Centre every year to millions of visitors. This February 2017 from **Thursday 9th - Sunday 19th February 2017**, The Southbank centre hosts the **Imagine Children's Festival**. Children up to 12 years old have the chance to hear some of their favourite authors, join in at free family-friendly performances and get creative in fun workshops at Imagine.



Immerse yourself in your favourite children's classics, whether uncovering the magic of storytelling through pictures with Chris Riddell and Friends or listening to the popular rhyming stories of Julia Donaldson with a double-bill of **The Gruffalo & Room on the Broom accompanied by orchestral music**. Discover the brand **new tour Adventures of Moominland** and go on a journey in search of Moomins with author and illustrator Tove Jansson. **Lots of the events are free, including a special screening of The Little Mermaid** where the film is powered entirely by bicycles, interactive storytelling with Nimble Tots, the ultimate party for the whole family, Rave-A-Roo, and much more.



FREE highlights include:

Dr Seuss: The Cat in the Hat - 12th February, 12.30pm & 2.30pm

Listen and join in the fun at this storytelling show of classic children's story Dr Seuss' The Cat in the Hat.

Rug Rhymes: 13th February, 10.30am

Come along for a short session of nursery rhymes, poems and rhyming stories and join the poetry library puppets Federico and Firebird. Ages 0-5 years.

Treehugger: 9th - 19th February, 12 noon

Reconnect with nature in this tree-hugging virtual reality experience. Ages 6 years+

ABBA Jukebox: 14th February, 1.45pm

Sing along and get moving to classics from ABBA jukebox in a workshop led by experienced singing and dancing leaders. Ages 7 years+

LEGO Build the Change: 12th - 19th February, 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm

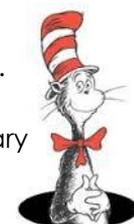
Join the LEGO team to build the city of the future. Please note: children require a ticket for this free event which can only be booked on day of the event at Royal Festival Hall Ticket Office. Ages 5 years+

Beat Goes On Body Percussion workshop: 15th February, 1.15pm, 2.30pm

Stamp, clap and everything in between - this dynamic, high energy session turns participants into a massive body percussion orchestra. Ages 8 years+

Odd Job - 17th February, 1.00pm

Go on a journey into a jazzy animal world with this interactive music performance from one of Sweden's highest ranked jazz groups. All ages.



There are restaurants and cafes on site or nearby that are child-friendly. There are toilets and baby changing facilities across the site. For the complete timetable, information and how to book tickets click the link below <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/festivals-series/imagine-childrens-festival#overview>



Where is it and how do you get there? Nearest train station is London Waterloo. Nearest underground stations: **Waterloo** (**Bakerloo**, **Northern**, **Jubilee** and **Waterloo and City** lines) step-free access. **Waterloo East** - step-free access, **Embankment** (**Circle** and **District** lines - take the **Central** line to Notting Hill Gate and change or Overground from Southall, Hanwell or Ealing to Paddington and change). Remember, [children travel free](#) on London Underground after 9.30am.



Bear-Tastic Activities @ Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford TW8 ODS. Tues 14th – Fri 17th February 2017

A funny and stunning adaptation of Raymond Briggs' The Bear tops the bill this half term and there's much more including fun, creative workshops and free activities to choose from for children aged 3-8 years and their families.

For more information and booking go to <https://www.watermans.org.uk/whats-on/>



Getting there: Bus: 65, 267, 237 all stop right outside. Train: Short walk from either Brentford or Kew Bridge stations. Tube: Gunnersbury and South Ealing are the nearest tube stations. From Gunnersbury it's a short bus ride on the 237 or 267. From South Ealing, take the 65. Car: There is a covered on-site car park. Parking is free for the first hour then charged at £1 per hour.

Brent Lodge Park animal centre, Brent Lodge Park, Church Road, Hanwell, W7 3BP



What's on offer? The centre houses a wide variety of animals including: exotic birds, mammals including meerkats, porcupine, prairie dogs and mara, domestic species including rabbits, chickens and kune kune pigs. **Opening hours** 29 September - 29 March 10am-4pm.

Getting there Train: Hanwell Bus: E1, E3, 207, 83 **Tel: 07940 021183.** Free entry but some attractions carry a small fee.



Monsters - National Libraries Day

If you like monsters and you like books, then this is the session for you! Make your own Book Monster to celebrate National storytelling Week.

Wood End Library Saturday 18 February 2.00 - 3.00pm

<http://www.ccslibraries.com/libraries/ealing-libraries/news-events/news/national-storytelling-week>



Earthworm Watch is a national citizen science project that enables you and your family to find out more about the hidden creatures in your garden or park whilst contributing to a real life science project. The activity is perfect for children of 7 years+ with adult support.



How to get involved? Once you register, you can either download the pack and source your own mustard and vinegar or order the pack. **How long does it take?** It only takes 1 hour to conduct the survey and upload the results. To register and receive your pack go to <http://earthwormwatch.org/family-fun-science>



Ethnic Arts Workshops - 8-14 y olds

Monday 13 to Friday 17 February (no workshop on Thursday 16!)

10am-3.30pm (bring your own packed lunch break- 12-1.30pm)
2hr morning workshop - 2hr afternoon workshop with lovely tutors and friendly volunteers.

Ethnic Arts from Fimo jewellery, to clay tiles, from African masks to Pacific Northwest scratch foam designs. Make friends, learn things, enjoy yourselves and go home with beautiful objects & works of art.

Half day £12 / Full Day £20 / 4 Days £68

For more information and to book please go to

https://www.openealing.com/?post_type=event&p=2960&preview=true

