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Let's Get Out & About Holiday Newsletter February 2018

SPOTLIGHT ON

SOUTHBANK CENTRE

Imagine Children's Festival

7th February 2018 – 18th February 2018



Including the best children's theatre, activities to get stuck into and events by inspirational authors, there's loads to do for ages **0 – 12**. Be tickled by Roald Dahl's *Revolting Rhymes*, wriggle along to dance-theatre *Tidy Up* and join radio personalities and debut authors, Greg James and Chris Smith, for an action-packed *Kid Normal* event. Firm favourites such as *Bedtime Stories* and *Fun DMC* also return, along with plenty of new free activities. With so much to entertain and delight your little ones, it has your half-term sorted.

The festival runs a mix of paid for and FREE events, although some of the free events require advance booking. This is the link to the full list of events <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/festivals-series/imagine-childrens-festival#events> but below are some highlights:

Family Beatbox Workshop 13th February @ 11:15am Approximate run time: 60 mins. FREE

Get to grips with the basics of beatboxing in this fun-filled workshop. Presented by Battersea Arts Centre, their homegrown BAC Beatbox Academy features the UK's most exciting group of beatboxers, singers and rappers. Learn how to create original music with your mouth and have fun with a circle jam at the end of the session with your family and friends.



Windibops Thursday 15 February @ 2pm £12 per adult and £6 per child [Click here](#) to book.

Join Volta Flatulence, Caroline Trumpface, Sally Silent But Deadly and Daisy Parphead as they invite audiences to their laboratory to investigate the link between flatulence (yes, we mean farts) and global warming. The four dancing scientists manoeuvre through a comical world which combines high-quality choreography with humour, strange sounds (and smells), and a host of amusing characters.



Mischief and Mystery in Moomin Valley 10th Feb 2018 – 18th Feb 2018 Performances at 10:30am, 12:30pm & 2pm Approximate run time: 50 mins £9 for 1 child and 1 adult. [Click here](#) to book

Come on an unforgettable journey to Moomin Valley where everyone is welcome, nature thrives and adventures are plentiful. Be sure to pack your imagination to discover this world where anything is possible. This show encompasses magical puppetry, original music and interactive play to delight younger audiences and encourage them to be part of the storytelling experience. Expect snow, surprises and plenty of Moomin mischief.



Rainbow World. Various times throughout the day 10th – 18th February 2018

Create a piece of rainbow art in these colourful workshops and watch as the rainbow takes shape. Choose a colour of the rainbow as inspiration and create art to add to our growing installation. This is a free but ticketed event. Tickets can only be booked on the day, in person.



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.

Across the borough and beyond

FREE Family Cycle Sessions



Learn to ride together during the February half term holidays in Ealing. There are free family cycle training sessions for adults and children run by CTUK. These will be fun group lessons and games in local parks and on-road riding. Keep fit, have fun and learn to fix your bike.

Children between six and eight years old must be accompanied by an adult. Child consent form must be signed by an adult. No need to book. Just turn up.

Two sessions each day; Morning session: 10am to 12noon for families or children (six+) OR Afternoon session: 1 to 3.30pm for families or older children (11+) @ two venues across the borough.

Gunnersbury Park W3 8LQ (by the café) Date: Wednesday, 14 February

Southall Park UB1 3BT (by the container Boyd Ave) Date: Thursday, 15 February

Website: www.cycletraining.co.uk for more information.



Ealing Library Service offer a range of FREE activities for families at many libraries across borough.

Visit the website https://www.ealing.gov.uk/downloads/download/4650/what_s_on_ealing_libraries for details of all events taking place at libraries throughout February & March. Below are some highlights:



Chinese New Year Celebrations

Year of the Dog - Join us for this exciting celebration of the Chinese New Year. With storytelling, performances, food and talks. The event is run in partnership with Ealing Chinese School.



Central Library Saturday 24 February 2.30 – 4.00pm

Chinese New Year

The Chinese Year of the Dog has just begun. Design a Chinese New Year Crafts card to celebrate the qualities of this loyal and faithful animal.

Library	Date	Time	Age/Booking
Acton Town Hall	Saturday 17 February	11:00am-12noon	4-11/No
Hanwell	Thursday 15 February	11:00-11:30am	4-11/No
Jubilee Gardens	Saturday 17 February	2.30-3.30 pm	4-11/No
Northfields	Saturday 10 February	2.00-3.00pm	4-11/No
Northolt	Saturday 17 February	11.00am-12noon	4-11/No
Southall library	Saturday 10 February	2.00-3.00pm	4-11/No
West Ealing	Friday 16 February	2.00-3.00pm	4-11/No
Northolt Leisure	Friday 16 February	3.30-4.30pm	4-11/No
Greenford	Saturday 10 February	2.00-3.00pm	4-11/No

Valentine's Day Crafts FREE at your local libraries. No booking required ages 4-11 years.

Hanwell Library	Thurs 8 th Feb	11 – 11:30am
Jubilee Gardens Library	Sat 10 th Feb	2:30 – 3:30pm
Wood End Library	Weds 14 th Feb	2-3pm
Northolt Leisure Library	Weds 14 th Feb	4:30 – 5:30pm
Greenford Library	Sat 10 th Feb	2-3pm

Explore Learning @ West Ealing Library

A day at the zoo

Come with us to an exciting visit to the zoo! Learn all about descriptive words, rhyme and number facts from animals like the hysterical hyena and the humungous hippo!

Tuesday 13th Feb 11:30am – 12:30pm

Number Bonds

Do you want to be super-speedy with your number bonds to 10-20? Come along to our workshop and amaze your teacher with your skills!

Tuesday 13th Feb 2 – 3pm

Both sessions are FREE to attend however advanced booking is required. 5-7 years.

Tel 0203 700 1065 to book.

Pancake Day Celebrations – Tuesday 13th February.

What is Pancake Day?

Shrove Tuesday marks the last day before Lent, traditionally a period of abstinence, associated with clearing your cupboards of things like sugar, fat and eggs. It's known as Pancake Day because it represents a good opportunity to use up such ingredients. Easy peasy lemon squeezy. Click link below to find out how to make your own pancakes and maybe try an event involving pancake races! <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/pancake-recipes-kids>

Parliamentary Pancake Race @ Victoria Tower Gardens, Westminster. FREE to watch

Starting at 10am, the race is organised by the charity Rehab, which helps people with mental and physical disabilities and the vulnerable to rebuild independent lives. Watch MPs, Lords and members of the press flipping pancakes for charity. Visit this website for more pancake events <https://www.timeout.com/london/pancake-day-in-london>

