

Fun in Brum

May/June Half Term 2010



Email: familyinformation@birmingham.gov.uk

Please note that some activities are only available to children and young people living in specific areas. Please contact activity organisers to check availability.

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It is the responsibility of parents/carers to carry out their own checks and to feel completely satisfied with the safety of their child and the quality of the service offered.

Fun at Ward End Library

29/05/2010

10am - 4pm

Ward End Library, Washwood Heath Road, Ward End, B8 2HF

Contact: 0121 464 0366

There will be magic shows by Magicparty, balloon modelling throughout the day, face painting, and mehndi art from 11am. Dub poet Lennox Carty will be performing at 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

Family groups and children of all ages

Free

Call for further information.

T.Rex - The Killer Question

29/05/2010 - 05/09/2010

Mon - Thurs & Sat: 10am - 5pm, Fri: 10.30am - 5pm, Sun: 12.30pm - 5pm

Gas Hall, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3DH

Contact: 0121 303 1966

Blockbuster family exhibition of life-like animatronic and model Tyrannosaurus Rex and other dinosaurs. The Killer Question: What did it eat for dinner? Was it a killer or just a scavenger?

Giant moving dinosaurs, life size skeleton casts and real fossils will show the size and power of these beasts and the sharpness of the T.Rex teeth. The exhibition includes hands on family activities.

All Ages Welcome

£5 Adults, £4 Concessions, £15 Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 children)

Call for further information.

Family Storytime

29/05/2010, 01/06/2010, 02/06/2010 & 04/06/2010

2pm - 2.45pm

**Centre for the Child - Ground Floor, Central Library,
Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3HQ
Contact: 0121 303 2421**

Join us for stories and rhymes suitable for all the family.

Family Event

Free

This event is suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.

Carnival Fun at South Yardley Library

29/05/2010

11am - 3pm

**South Yardley Library, Yardley Road, B25 8LT
Contact: 0121 464 1944/0156**

11am - 12 pm: Dub poet Lennox Carty

12pm - 1pm: Juggling Jim

1pm - 1.30pm: Light lunch provided

1.30pm - 3pm: Carnival costume making, followed by a
carnival parade around the library

(Parents invited to the parade at 2.45pm)

7 - 11 years

Free

Pre-booking required.

Get Crafty at Kings Heath Library

29/05/2010

10am - 11.30am

Kings Heath Library, High Street, B14 7SW.

Contact: Sam Joyes - 0121 464 1515

Drop in craft sessions on the last Saturday of every month...come along to Kings Heath Library and get crafty!

5 - 11 years

Free

This event is suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.

Young Readers Birmingham Big Book Bash 2010

30/05/2010 - 31/05/2010

11am - 4.30pm

Aston Hall, Trinity Road, Aston, B6 6JD

Contact: 0121 303 1966

Come along to two fantastic days of events with an exciting line up of top children's authors, poets and storytellers. There's loads to see and do including fun activities, entertainment and magic. Listen to stories, make new friends, or just soak up the festival atmosphere. There are events for the whole family to enjoy, from tots to teens, so join in the fun.

Family Event

Free

Events take place in marquees and in Aston Hall. There will be books on sale courtesy of Waterstones, plus mehndi and face painting, which will carry a small charge. All events are free, just queue up outside the Young Readers Birmingham marquee in which the event is happening. For workshops please book at the Information & Activities Marquee. Parents and carers are responsible for their children at all times.

BBC Thrillseeker Activity Taster Day at The Ackers

30/05/2010

10am - 2.30pm

**The Ackers, Golden Hillock Road, Sparkbrook,
Birmingham, B11 2PY.**

Contact: 0121 772 5111

2 hours of activities including: Skiing, Climbing, Canoeing, Kayaking, Archery, Zip Wire, Fan Descender. Free tobogganing for under 7 years.

7 - 16 years

Adults £10, Juniors £5

Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Pre-booking is essential on: 0121 772 5111. Visit www.ackers-adventure.co.uk for information.

Synchronised Swimming

30/05/2010

2.30pm - 3.30pm

**University of Birmingham Sport, Munrow Sports Centre,
University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, B15 2TT.**

Tel: 0121 414 2259

For swimmers competent of swimming 100m+. It encourages team spirit and promotes a healthy lifestyle as well as developing a high level of aerobic fitness and flexibility.

£3.50

Contact: 0121 414 2259 to book and for more information.

Teddy Bears Picnic

31/05/2010

11.30am - 1pm

Kingfisher Country Park - Sports Pavilion, Kendrick Avenue, Shard End, B34 7SA
Contact: 0121 748 3798

Join the Rangers for a teddy bears picnic with a difference. Fun and games for all the family.

Family Event

Free

Booking essential - 0121 748 3798
Call for further information.

Full Steam Ahead!

31/05/2010

12pm - 4pm

Soho House Museum, 5 Soho Avenue, Handsworth, B18 5LB.
Contact: 0121 554 9122

To celebrate the Royal Society's 350th Anniversary come and meet some 'Local Heroes' including Boulton and Watt, see a traction engine in steam, and take a ride on the miniature steam railway.

Family Event

Free

www.bmag.org.uk

Garden Party at Blakesley Hall

31/05/2010

12pm - 4pm

Blakesley Hall Museum, Blakesley Road, Yardley, B25 8RN

Contact: 0121 464 2193

Help us celebrate the wonderful gardens at Blakesley Hall. Country dancing, garden games, plant sales and garden tours.

Family Event

Free

www.bmag.org.uk

Terrific Toys

31/05/2010 - 04/06/2010

Mon 2pm - 5pm, Tues - Fri 10am - 5pm

Selly Manor, Maple Road, Bournville, B30 2AR

Contact: Daniel Callicott - 0121 472 0199

Play a wide range of historic and traditional games and toys, including quoits, marbles and juggling.

3 - 11 years

£3.50 Adults, £2.50 Concessions, £1.50 Children, £9.50 Family (2 adults & 3 children) Includes entry to museum and all activities.

We have a range of activities that are suitable for children with disabilities. If your child has disabilities please call for further information.

Big Brum presents The Giant's Embrace

31/05/2010

12.30pm - 1.30pm & 2.30pm - 3.30pm

**Birmingham Library Theatre, Paradise Place, Birmingham,
B3 3HQ**

Contact: 0121 303 2868

Things are hotting up. The smoke from his oven is choking us all. Even the great rains can't put it out. The giant is always hungry, always on the look out for what he can take and put in the pot. The earth shudders beneath his feet, he's tearing up the ground, root and branch, house and home - devouring all, filling his great big belly. He'll swallow anything or anyone that gets in his way. What about the little people? What to do? We'd better teach him a lesson before he starts on us...

Join Big Brum, internationally renowned for its theatre work for young people, for an interactive storytelling experience for children aged 5 to 7 years.

5 - 7 years

Free

The entrance to Birmingham Library Theatre is situated to the left of the entrance to Birmingham Central Library next to the entrance to Birmingham Conservatoire.

Twinkle Twonkle

31/05/2010 - 03/06/2010

11am - 2.30pm

The MAC, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham, B12 9QH.

Contact: 0121 446 3232

From the company that brought you The Gruffalo and Room on the Broom. Its latest show inspired by Mother Goose and the Big Bang, presents you with stories, songs and silliness to lift you up, up and away...

Family Event

£6 - £8

Please call for tickets and further information.

Holiday Club at Stetchford Baptist Church

31/05/2010 - 04/06/2010

10am - 12pm

**Stetchford Baptist Church Hall, 74 Victoria Road,
Stetchford, B33 8AH**

Contact: Karen King - 0121 270 6853

Crafts, games, songs, stories, puppets and more.

5 - 11 years

Free

We have a range of activities that are suitable for children with disabilities.

Please call for further information.

Art in the Park

31/05/2010

1pm - 4pm

Waverhill Park, Waverhill Road, Handsworth

Contact: Sharon Morgan - 0121 678 8849

Art and craft sessions with artists from the 'Come:unity' arts network. Make something to take home.

5 - 11 years

Free

All of our activities are suitable for all/most children with disabilities.

Kids College

01/06/2010 - 04/06/2010

**Hutton Community Centre, Herrick Road, Alum Rock,
Birmingham, B8 1PW**

Contact: Zainab Mulla - 07964295468

Tuesday - Music Workshop

Wednesday - Play Day at Ladywood Arts Centre

Thursday - T-shirt Printing

Friday - Trip to Handsworth Fire Station

5 - 12 years

£1.50 per session

Mild and moderate special needs catered for (including learning and challenging behaviour).

We have a range of activities that are suitable for children with disabilities. If your child has disabilities please call for further information.

Hansel & Gretel at Northfield Library

01/06/2010

11am - 12pm (Registration 10.30am)

Northfield Library, 77 Church Road, Birmingham, B31 2LB

Contact: 0121 464 1007

Tip Top puppets perform Hansel & Gretel with Clive Chandler. Poor parenting, a wicked witch, a scary forest and two resourceful children who get the better of their betters.

5 - 10 years

Free

Tickets will be available in advance from the library.

The Animal Lady

01/06/2010

Sessions at 10am, 11a,, 12.30pm & 1.30pm

Sundridge Children's Centre, 801 Queslett Road,

Birmingham, B43 7DS

Contact: 0121 675 6706

Come and meet a variety of different animals - a real hands on experience!

Family Event

£1 per place as a contribution towards costs

Please call for further information - 0121 675 6706 or email enquiries@sundridgecc.bham.org.uk

www.sundridge.bham.sch.uk

Drop-in Family Craft Activities

01/06/2010 - 04/06/2010

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Blakesley Hall Museum, Blakesley Road, Yardley, B25 8RN

Contact: 0121 464 2193

Drop-in craft activities at Blakesley Hall everyday during the half term holiday.

Family Activities

Free

www.bmag.org.uk

Hi There 'Bee' There at Cocks Moors Woods Leisure Centre

01/06/2010 & 02/06/2010 & 04/06/2010

Sessions at 10am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm

Cocks Moors Woods Leisure Centre, Alcester Road South, Birmingham, B14 6ER.

Contact: 0121 464 1996

Two sessions each day with activities including football, trampolines, games, bouncy castle, the wii, dance mats, swimming and soft play.

All Ages Welcome

£1 per person, per session

If you are 8+ years you can come on your own, under 8's must be accompanied by an adult.

Swim ratio: 1 adult: 2 children under 8. You will need a leisure card for all children's activities. Don't forget to sign up for Kids Swim 4 Free, ask a member of staff.

Inclusion Connect - Special Needs Group

01/06/2010 - 04/06/2010

Naseby Centre, Naseby Road, Alum Rock, Birmingham, B8 3HG

Contact: Zainab Mulla - 07964295468

Tuesday - Free Play

Wednesday - Play Day at Ladywood Arts Centre

Thursday - Cinema

Friday - Army Away Day

12 - 25 years

50p per session

Mild and moderate special needs catered for (including learning and challenging behaviour).

We have a range of activities that are suitable for children with disabilities. If your child has disabilities please call for further information.

Soccer School at Fairfax School, Sutton Coldfield

01/06/2010 - 04/06/2010

10am - 12pm (4 - 6 years) & 10am - 3pm (7 - 14 years)

Fairfax School, Fairfax Road, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, B75 7JT

Contact: 0121 326 1552 or to book call 0800 612 0970

Soccer schools run by Aston Villa Football club.

4 - 6 years & 7 - 14 years

£20 (4 - 6 years), £40 (7 - 14 years)

Courses are taught by our FA Qualified CRB checked coaches. All coaches have Emergency Aid and Safeguarding Children certificates. All players must follow Aston Villa's fair play, respect, discipline, and anti-bullying ethos. To secure your place call the booking hotline on 0800 612 0970.

Hansel & Gretel at Mere Green Library

01/06/2010

2.30pm - 3.30pm

Mere Green Library, Mere Green Road, B75 5BT

Tip Top puppets perform Hansel & Gretel with Clive Chandler. Poor parenting, a wicked witch, a scary forest and two resourceful children who get the better of their betters.

4 - 8 years

Free

Free tickets will be available in advance from the library.

Aboriginal Dot Art Painting

01/06/2010

12.30pm - 3.30pm

Soho House Museum, 5 Soho Avenue, Handsworth, B18 5LB.

Contact: 0121 554 9122

Make your own aboriginal dot art painting, and fill in the dots to make your own design or decorate an Australian animal. Part of 'Around the World' themed drop-in craft activities running at Soho House during the half term holiday.

Family Activity

Free

www.bmag.org.uk

Multi-Sport Half Term Camp

01/06/2010 - 04/06/2010

9am - 3.30pm

**Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre, Wheelers Lane, Billesley,
Birmingham, B13 0ST
Contact: 0121 464 4222**

For the week you will have the opportunity to take part in many different sports including tennis, football, cricket, basketball, dodgeball, uni-hoc, rounders, table tennis, badminton and more. Each sport will be based around playing fun games to improve your skill, understanding and fitness.

8 - 16 years

£32 per week, £10 daily (Discount available with Leisure Card)

The tennis will be held at Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre and all other activities will take place at Swanhurst School (just behind the Tennis Centre).

For further information or to book your place contact 0121 464 4222. If you have a Leisure Card please have the number available when booking. Book early to save disappointment as places are limited.

Den Building at Kingsbury Water Park

01/06/2010

10.30am - 12pm

**Kingsbury Water Park, Bodymoor Heath Lane, Bodymoor
Heath, Sutton Coldfield, B76 0DY
Contact: 01827 872660**

Make a den using branches and twigs. Bring a snack to have in your den once the hard work is done.

Children aged 5+ years

£3 per child

Booking essential - 01827 872660

Multi-Watersports School Holiday Programme

01/06/2010 - 04/06/2010

10am - 4pm

**Edgbaston Watersports, Icknield Port Road, Edgbaston,
B16 0AA**

Contact: Jacqui Dutton - 0845 310 0280

Multi-Watersports course running from Tuesday to Friday for 8 - 12 year olds and 12 - 16 year olds. This is a fun and action packed course including open canoeing, kayaking, sailing, problem solving and raft building (no prior experience required). A one day course is also running on Friday for 6 - 8 year olds, plus parents/carers. This is a fun and action packed day, and could include any two of the following activities - open canoeing, kayaking and sailing (no prior experience required).

6 - 8 years, 8 -12 years & 12 - 16 years

**£125 Tuesday to Friday courses, £30 Friday 1 day course -
includes 1 free adult place per family**

For all courses pre-booking is essential.

Call 0845 310 0280 or email

info@edgbastonwatersports.co.uk to book.

Messy Outdoor Play

01/06/2010

1pm - 2.30pm

**Bordesley Green East Nursery & Children's Centre, 358
Bordesley Green East, Stechford, B33 8QB**

Contact: Mrs Dee Tuohy - 0121 783 2138

Stay and play having fun outside and getting messy.

Under 5 years

Free

This event is suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.

Soccer School at Villa Park

01/06/2010 - 04/06/2010

10am - 3pm

Academy Building, Villa Park, Birmingham, B6 6HE

Contact: 0121 326 1552 or to book call 0800 612 0970

Soccer school run by Aston Villa Football club.

7 - 12 years

£40

Courses are taught by our FA Qualified CRB checked coaches. All coaches have Emergency Aid and Safeguarding Children certificates. All players must follow Aston Villa's fair play, respect, discipline, and anti-bullying ethos. To secure your place call the booking hotline on 0800 612 0970.

May Half Term Taster Sessions

01/06/2010 - 04/06/2010

10am - 4pm

Four Dwellings High School, Dwellings Lane, Quinton, B32 1RJ

Contact: 0121 423 2467

Quinton Extended Schools Cluster is offering taster sessions for children and young people who attend Quinton Cluster Schools or who live in Quinton. Come and join us daily for great activities including football, dodge ball, arts and crafts, Wii Fit, playstation tournaments, pool tournaments, cricket, dance, cheerleading, basketball - you decide!

£3 per day or £10 per week

Register daily at The Forum (next to astro-turf/sports hall) at Four Dwellings High School. (Direct access can be gained via Highfield Lane, Quinton). Places must be booked in advance, registration day is Saturday 22nd May from 10am - 4pm at Four Dwellings High School.

Don't forget to bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink!

Build a Bug Box

01/06/2010

1pm Onwards

**Woodgate Valley Country Park - Visitor Centre, Clapgate Lane, Bartley Green, B32 3DS
Contact: 0121 421 7575**

Come and build a mini-beast shelter to help the insects, spiders, beetle and other bugs make a home in your garden.

All Ages Welcome

£3 charge for each home made

Call for further information.

Active for All at Edgbaston Reservoir (Part of National Family Week)

01/06/2010

10am - 4pm

Edgbaston Reservoir, 115 Reservoir Road, Ladywood, B16 9EE.

Contact: Joanne Kenyon - 01527 882201

Families can have a go at watersports, and on the land the climbing wall and bouncy castle. The family can enjoy a nature walk around the reservoir, or a treasure hunt, and they can picnic and appreciate the surroundings.

Canoeing, Sit-on-Tops, Kayaking or Sailing sessions: 10am - 12pm or 2pm - 4pm.

All Ages Welcome (Watersports: 7+ years)

Only a cost for Watersports - £5 Children, £10 Adults (For a 2 hour session)

Prepaid fee for watersports only.

This event is suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.

Resources for Autism Spring Half Term Event

01/06/2010 - 04/06/2010

Call for information on times

Uffculme School, Queensbridge Road, Moseley, B13 8QB

Contact: Vicki Haycock - 07791149874

Two clubs will be running over half term, specifically for children and young adults with autism. There will be a club running for 8 to 19 year olds at Uffculme School in Kings Heath. There will be cooking, swimming, sports, and rock climbing.

There will be a club for teenagers 13 to 19 years visiting the cinema, leisure centre and over locations chosen by the group.

8 - 19 years & 13 - 19 years

£11 per day (Subsidised places are available)

Our activities are specifically for children with disabilities. Please call for further information.

Soccer School at Hallfield School, Edgbaston

01/06/2010 - 04/06/2010

10am - 12pm (4 - 6 years) & 10am - 3pm (7 - 14 years)

Hallfield School, 48 Church Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 3SJ

Contact: 0121 326 1552 or to book call 0800 612 0970

Soccer schools run by Aston Villa Football club.

4 - 6 years & 7 - 14 years

£20 (4 - 6 years), £40 (7 - 14 years)

Courses are taught by our FA Qualified CRB checked coaches. All coaches have Emergency Aid and Safeguarding Children certificates. All players must follow Aston Villa's fair play, respect, discipline, and anti-bullying ethos. To secure your place call the booking hotline on 0800 612 0970.

Play Days

01/06/2010 & 02/06/2010

10.30am - 2pm

**Ladywood Arts and Leisure Centre, 316 Monument Road,
Ladywood, B16 8TR.**

Contact: 0121 675 8528/675 8566

Programme run by Birmingham Detached Play Team. Aimed at children with specific needs, newly arrived, refugee and looked after children. Enjoy a range of freely chosen play opportunities, including den building, parachute games, low ropes, kite making, dance workshop and many more.

5 - 14 years

Free

Booking essential. Please call for further information and to discuss requirements.

Call Yaminah: 0121 675 8528 or Robina: 0121 675 8566.

Bouncy Tots

01/06/2010 - 04/06/2010

Sessions at 9am - 10am & 10am - 11am

**Fox Hollies Leisure Centre, Shirley Road, Acocks Green,
B27 7NS**

Contact: Alan Donovan - 0121 464 4112

Games and fun on the trampolines for the tots!

18 months - 5 years

£16 for 4 day course

Parents are requested to stay with their child at all times. This is not a coaching session, purely a fun session. If your child has disabilities please call for further information.

Family Day at Featherstone Children's Centre

02/06/2010

10am - 2pm

**Featherstone Children's Centre, 29 Highcroft Road,
Erdington, B23 6AU
Contact: 0121 675 3408**

Family Day in support of National Family Week. Bouncy castle, circus skills, face painting, raffle, jar stall - prize everytime, and gardening activities. Refreshments available.

Everybody Welcome

Free Admission

All proceeds of this day will be donated to a family who attends our Nursery School. To read their story please go to www.iamworthit.co.uk

Children's One Day Singing Workshop

02/06/2010

10am - 3pm

St Francis Primary School, Teazel Avenue, Bournville, B30 1LZ

Contact: Laura Joy Godwin - 0781 761 7923

During the workshop the children will spend the day working towards a fun musical medley. Past workshops have included 'Mamma Mia' and 'Disney Dazzle'. This will then be presented to friends and family in a small concert at the end of the day.

6 - 14 years

£25

If you would like more information on the workshop, or to book a place for your child please contact Laura Joy Godwin on 0781 761 7923 or by email to godwin_laura@hotmail.com
If your child has disabilities please call for further information.

Family Fun at Sundridge Children's Centre

02/06/2010

9.30am - 12.30pm

**Sundridge Children's Centre, 801 Queslett Road,
Birmingham, B43 7DS
Contact: 0121 675 6706**

A wide range of activities for families with young children.

Family Event

Free to those registered with the children's centre

Please call for further information - 0121 675 6706 or email
enquiries@sundridgecc.bham.org.uk
www.sundridge.bham.sch.uk

Mapping the Quarter

02/06/2010

1.30pm - 3.30pm

**Museum of the Jewellery Quarter, 75/79 Vyse Street,
Hockley, B18 6HA
Contact: 0121 554 3598**

Create a decorative clay tile based on some of the interesting features found on some of the buildings of the Jewellery Quarter.

Family Activity

Free

Booking is essential as places are limited. www.bmag.org.uk

Messy Play

02/06/2010

Please call for information on times

**Little Sutton Nursery, Worcester Lane, Sutton Coldfield,
B75 5NL.**

Tel: 0121 464 4494

Messy Play with Ranjan Hoath at Little Sutton Nursery.

2 - 5 years

Free

Free event but booking essential.

Ring Four Oaks Children's Centre on: 0121 323 1121

Party in the Park with Bordesley Green East Children's Centre

02/06/2010

Park at Yardley Old Church, Stetchford

Contact: Mrs Dee Tuohy - 0121 783 2138

Teddy bears picnic, and fun and games.

Under 5 years

Free

All our activities are suitable for all/most children with disabilities.

Anthony Horowitz

02/06/2010

2pm - 3pm

**Birmingham Library Theatre, Paradise Place, Birmingham,
B3 3HQ**

Contact: 0121 303 2323

A fantastic opportunity to meet the best selling author of the Alex Rider series. Anthony Horowitz will be talking about the latest adventure of the young hero and reluctant spy for the British Secret Service. In Crocodile Tears, Alex finds himself kidnapped and taken to Africa where he's caught in a terrifying plot that threatens the lives of millions. Can the 14 year old put his James Bond skills into action in time to prevent the destruction of an entire nation?

7+ years

£2.50 or £10 for a family ticket (2 adults & up to 3 children)

Book tickets online at www.birminghamboxoffice.com or call 0121 303 2323.

The entrance to Birmingham Library Theatre is situated to the left of the entrance to Birmingham Central Library next to the entrance to Birmingham Conservatoire.

African Mask Making

02/06/2010

12.30pm - 3.30pm

**Soho House Museum, 5 Soho Avenue, Handsworth, B18
5LB.**

Contact: 0121 554 9122

Decorate your tribal mask and wear it home. Part of 'Around the World' themed drop-in craft activities running at Soho House during the half term holiday.

Family Activity

Free

www.bmag.org.uk

Paul Bright at the Mobile Library

02/06/2010

11am - 12pm

**Mobile Library - Outside City Road Road School,
Cavendish Road, Winson Green
Contact: 0121 464 6171**

When all the washing blows away, Charlie sets off round the world to find it. His sister's socks are on a fox, his brother's pyjamas on a pair of llama, but where are his own special Superhero Underpants? Meet the wacky author of Charlie's Superhero Underpants and Crunch Munch Dinosaur Lunch. You just might find yourself pretending to be a dinosaur or sticking underpants on a giant inflatable globe...

6+ years

Free

Free tickets available from the mobile library.

Shake, Rattle & Rhyme

02/06/2010

11am - 11.30am

**Centre for the Child - Ground Floor, Central Library,
Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3HQ
Contact: 0121 303 2421**

Songs and nursery rhymes for babies and toddlers.

Family Event

Free

This event is suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.

Family Fun at Boldmere Library - James Carter

02/06/2010

2.30pm - 3.30pm

Boldmere Library, 119 Boldmere Road, Birmingham, B73 5TU

Contact: 0121 464 1048

2.30pm - 3pm: James Carter and 'Hey Little Bug' - Poet James Carter introduces you to his collection of 'poems for little creatures'. Join in with the music and action rhymes, and explore the world of bugs, puddles, pirates and dinosaurs! (Followed by a craft activity).

3pm - 3.30pm: James Carter and his 'Time Travelling Underpants' - Poet and guitarist James Carter introduces you to his 'World of Weird'. Find out about amazing inventions and visiting outer space, and learn to chant to Time Travelling Underpants Owners' Mantra. Don't forget to bring along your own air guitar.

'Hey Little Bug': 3 - 6 years, 'Time Travelling Underpants': 6+ years

Free

Free tickets required for James Carter and his 'Time Travelling Underpants'.

Family Fun Day at Small Heath Library

02/06/2010

10am - 3pm

**Small Heath Library, Muntz Street, Small Heath, B10 9RX
Contact: 0121 464 6155**

Learn to write your name in Urdu or Bengali in our fun calligraphy session, or get your story published online at Stories from the Web. Plus face painting, mehndi, a quiz, book displays, under 5's story sessions, and refreshments throughout the day.

2.30pm - 3.30pm: Paul Bright - When all the washing blows away, Charlie sets off round the world to find it. His sister's socks are on a fox, his brother's pyjama on a pair of llamas, but where are his own special Superhero Underpants? Meet the wacky author of Charlie's Superhero Underpants and Crunch Munch Dinosaur Lunch.

**Family Event (Paul Bright - Suitable for children aged 6+)
Free**

Please call Small Heath Library for further information.

Pond Dipping at Kingsbury Water Park

02/06/2010

10.30am - 12pm

**Kingsbury Water Park, Bodymoor Heath Lane, Bodymoor Heath, Sutton Coldfield, B76 0DY
Contact: 01827 872660**

Come pond dipping to find out what's swimming around beneath the surface of the water.

3 - 12 years (accompanied by an adult)

£3 per child

To book call 01827 872660.

Dancing Dragons

03/06/2010

12.30pm - 3.30pm

Soho House Museum, 5 Soho Avenue, Handsworth, B18 5LB.

Contact: 0121 554 9122

Make a dancing dragon puppet from China. Part of 'Around the World' themed drop-in craft activities running at Soho House during the half term holiday.

Family Activity

Free

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Hi There "Baby Bee's" at Cocks Moors Woods Leisure Centre

03/06/2010

9am - 1pm

Cocks Moors Woods Leisure Centre, Alcester Road South, Birmingham, B14 6ER.

Contact: 0121 464 1996

'Stepping Stones' toddlers and baby care - inclusive 'Mini Day Care'. Lots of children's interactive play and one hour sessions inclusion facilities for mums and dads wanting to get fit and use classes.

6 months - 5 years

£2 per hour (Non pre-booking price) £3 per hour (Pre-booking price)

Ofsted Registered. Spaces are on a first come first served basis unless pre-booked.

Pre-booking minimum 7 days in advance paid at reception and registered within the creche.

Young Readers Festival at Sarehole Mill - Stories From Around the World with Rachel Murray

03/06/2010

1.30pm - 2.30pm

**Sarehole Mill, Cole Bank Road, Hall Green, B13 0BD
Contact: 0121 777 6612**

Storytelling in the courtyard. Rachel has told stories in tents, libraries, museums, and even at a Master Composters Conference. She firmly believes that no-one's too young or old for a story. Her stories transport audiences from jungles to deserts and from castles to the hearth side. Allow her engaging and energetic style to fire your imagination and paint pictures in your mind; you're in safe hands.

All Ages Welcome

Free

www.bmag.org.uk

Young Readers Festival Storytelling - Stories From Around the World with Rachel Murray

03/06/2010

2.30pm - 3.30pm

Soho House Museum, 5 Soho Avenue, Handsworth, B18 5LB.

Contact: 0121 554 9122

Storytelling at Soho House. Storytelling in the courtyard. Rachel has told stories in tents, libraries, museums, and even at a Master Composters Conference. She firmly believes that no-one's too young or old for a story. Her stories transport audiences from jungles to deserts and from castles to the hearth side. Allow her engaging and energetic style to fire your imagination and paint pictures in your mind; you're in safe hands.

Family Event

Free

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Charlie and Lola's Best Bestest Play

03/06/2010 - 05/06/2010

Please call for information on times

Birmingham Repertory Theatre, Centenary Square, B1 2EP

Contact: 0121 236 4455

Based on the characters created by Lauren Child.

Adapted by Jonathan Lloyd.

Family Show

Tickets from £7.50 - £10

Please phone 0121 236 445 to book tickets or visit

www.birmingham-rep.co.uk

Teenage Reading Group

03/06/2010

5pm - 6pm

Centre for the Child - Ground Floor, Central Library,

Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3HQ

Contact: Katie Hamnett - 0121 303 2421

Teenage reading groups meets every fortnight. Why not come along and make some new friends!

11 - 16 years

Free

This event is suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.

Family Play Day at Highters Heath Primary School

03/06/2010

10.30am - 2.30pm

Highters Heath Primary School, Highters Heath Lane,

Kings Heath, B14 4RB

Contact: Caroline Moylan - 0121 464 4189

Sports, dance and craft - organised by Maypole Children's Centre.

Under 5s & their older siblings

£1

This event is suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.

Family Craft at Sundridge Children's Centre

03/06/2010

9.30am - 12.30pm

Sundridge Children's Centre, 801 Queslett Road,

Birmingham, B43 7DS

Contact: 0121 675 6706

Art and craft for the whole family.

Family Event

Free to those registered with the children's centre

Please call for further information - 0121 675 6706 or email enquiries@sundridgecc.bham.org.uk

www.sundridge.bham.sch.uk

Family Fun Day at Shard End Library

03/06/2010

10am - 5pm

Shard End Library, Shustoke Road, B34 7BA

Contact: 0121 464 6779

11am - 12pm: Visit from the Animal Man.

3.30pm - 5pm: Martial arts session (School age children).

All Day: Mad Dominic - Local childrens entertainer.

2.30pm - 3.30pm: Jan Fearnley - Author and illustrator Jan Fearnley is the creator of the engaging and charming Mr Wolf books. In Mr Wolf's Pancakes our hero has to work out how to cook his dessert all by himself when his mean and nasty neighbours refuse to help. So what should he do when they want to help him eat them? Jan's books use gentle humour to explore how people (and animals!) should treat each other.

Family Event (Jan Fearnley - Children aged 4+ years)

Free

Please call Shard End Library for further information.

Go Create Pay & Paint Class

03/06/2010

4pm - 5.30pm

Cocks Moors Woods Leisure Centre, Alcester Road South, Birmingham, B14 6ER.

Contact: 0121 464 1996

Class for children wishing to explore their artistic talents.

Call for age information

£2.50

Please call for further information.

Young Readers Birmingham 2010 presents Jan Fearnley

03/06/2010

11am - 12pm

**Centre for the Child - Ground Floor, Central Library,
Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3HQ
Contact: 0121 303 2421**

Author and illustrator Jan Fearnley is the creator of the engaging and charming Mr Wolf books. Jan's books use gentle humour to explore how people (and animals) should treat each other.

4+ years

Free

This event is suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.

Family Week visit to Twin Lakes, Leicestershire with Bordesley Green Children's Centre

04/06/2010

**Leicestershire (Visit organised by Bordesley Green East Nursery & Children's Centre - 358 Bordesley Green East, Stechford, B33 8QB)
Contact: Mrs Dee Tuohy - 0121 783 2138**

Family day out at a super theme park.

Family Event

£3 per seat (non refundable)

Trip aimed at families within the Bordesley Green East Children's Centre reach area. Families must have a register under 5 year old with the centre.

All our activities are suitable for all/most children with disabilities.

Wildlife Detective

04/06/2010

11am - 1pm

Boathouse Café, Handsworth Park, Birmingham (Entrance via Hampstead Road)

Contact: 0121 523 7514

Everyone is welcome to join the Rangers to find out what wildlife lives in this park, we will be looking for everything from tiny ants to big birds.

All Ages Welcome

Free

Meet outside the Boathouse by the Hampstead road entrance. Call for further information.

Sea Legs Puppet Theatre presents The Ugly Duckling

04/06/2010

2.30pm - 3.30pm

Birmingham Library Theatre, Paradise Place, Birmingham, B3 3HQ

Contact: 0121 303 2323

Sea Leg's beautiful duck and swan puppets bring this poignant story to life as the poor picked-upon duckling is driven out of his farmyard home on the banks of the river. A magical setting, fantastic puppetry, enchanting music and a very happy ending make this a wonderful show for all the family.

4+ years

£1

Book tickets online at www.birminghamboxoffice.com or call 0121 303 2323.

The entrance to Birmingham Library Theatre is situated to the left of the entrance to Birmingham Central Library next to the entrance to Birmingham Conservatoire.

Young Readers Birmingham at The Drum with Jeanette Barratt

04/06/2010

2.30pm - 3.30pm

The Drum, Potters Lane, Birmingham, B6 4UU

Contact: 0121 333 2444

Join writer and storyteller Jeanette Barratt for a fantastic journey into the world of the imagination. Drawing on the rich oral and musical tradition of her African and Caribbean heritage Jeanette brings language alive for children of all ages through poetry, stories and song. An experienced performer and dramatist, and co-founder of a Performing Arts School in Grenada, she also has an infectious sense of fun that invites children into the tales she tells.

All Ages Welcome

Free

Booking via The Drum Box Office on 0121 333 2444.

www.the-drum.org.uk

BBC Thrillseeker Activity Day @ Edgbaston Watersports

04/06/2010

Sessions at 10am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm

Edgbaston Watersports, Icknield Port Road, Edgbaston, B16 0AA

Contact: Joanne Kenyon - 01527 882201

Fancy having a go at watersports? Well, come and join us at Edgbaston Reservoir and have a go a canoeing, sit-on-tops, kayaking, sailing or windsurfing. We're offering adults and children (over 7 years) a 2 hour taster session under the guidance of our team of experienced and qualified instructors.

7 years +

£10 Adults, £5 Juniors - per 2 hour session

Booking is essential for this popular event. When you have booked your session time, please arrive 20 minutes before the session starts to ensure you have time to check in at reception. Activities will run on a first come, first served basis.

Please call 0845 310 0280 for more information or to make a booking.

For more information on Thrillseeker visit www.bbc.co.uk/thrillseeker

Family Fun Day at Weoley Castle Library

04/06/2010

10am - 4pm

Weoley Castle Library, 76 Beckbury Road, Birmingham, B29 5HR.

Tel: 0121 464 1664

Lots of fun with a quiz, scavenger hunt and prizes. Plus a lucky dip for any child that borrows a book.

11am - 12pm: Join writer and storyteller Jeanette Barratt for a fantastic journey into the world of the imagination.

Family Event

Free

Please contact Weoley Castle Library for further information.

Mad Hatters Tea Party

04/06/2010

12pm - 4pm

The Holte Suite, Aston Villa Football Club, Villa Park, Birmingham, B6 6HE

Contact: 0800 612 0950

Meet Alice and friends for an afternoon of topsy turvy activities, exciting games, competitions, music, dancing and things to make and create. There is also a scrumptious lunch including sandwiches, jelly and icecream and pretty cakes, plus much more for you to enjoy! Don't forget to dress up as your favourite Alice in Wonderland character, and you could win an MP3 Player Juke Box! So don't be late for this very important date.....

Family Event

£12.50 Adults, £9.50 Under 16s, £4.50 Under 5s, Free for Under 2s

Book online at www.avfc.co.uk or call the booking hotline on 0800 612 0950.

Make a Native American Totem Pole

04/06/2010

12.30pm - 3.30pm

Soho House Museum, 5 Soho Avenue, Handsworth, B18 5LB.

Contact: 0121 554 9122

Make a totem pole and decorate with animal shapes. Part of 'Around the World' themed drop-in craft activities running at Soho House during the half term holiday.

Family Activity

Free

www.bmag.org.uk

Craft at the Mill

04/06/2010

1pm - 3pm

Sarehole Mill, Cole Bank Road, Hall Green, B13 0BD

Contact: 0121 777 6612

A drop-in family activity with an animal theme.

Family Activity

Free

www.bmag.org.uk

Storytime at Northfield Library

04/06/2010

2pm - 2.45pm

Northfield Library, 77 Church Road, Birmingham, B31 2LB

Contact: 0121 464 1007

Families are welcome to come along to our Pre-School Storytime for age 2 to 5 years, older brothers and sisters welcome on the day. There will be lots of stories, rhymes, and an activity to make to take home.

Family Event

Free

Messy Play

04/06/2010

Call for information on times

De Bermingham Room, St Martin in the Bullring Church, B5 5BB

Contact: Colin Wallace - 0121 600 6532/600 6020

Messy Play Club is an opportunity for you and your child/ren to experience the fun of art without worrying about the mess! Just wear old clothes and bring some spares! Club runs on a termly basis. You don't have to sign up for a whole term, but please call us to check details.

Family Activity

£2.50 first child, £2 for subsequent children

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The De Bermingham Room has 5 steps access. If your child has disabilities please call for further information.

Email: arts@bullring.org

Free Coach to Twycross Zoo with Featherstone Children's Centre

04/06/2010

9.15am

**Featherstone Children's Centre, 29 Highcroft Road,
Erdington, B23 6AU
Contact: 0121 675 3408**

Please be at Featherstone Children's Centre at 9.15am. The coach will leave at 9.30am for Twycross Zoo.

Admission to Zoo - £13 Adults, £9 Children 3 - 16 years & Free for Under 3s

A returnable deposit of £5 per family is required at the time of booking. This will be returned to you on the day of the trip. Book your place at Reception! Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Purring Prints & Barking Brooches

04/06/2010

10.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm

**Museum of the Jewellery Quarter, 75/79 Vyse Street,
Hockley, B18 6HA
Contact: 0121 554 3598**

Work alongside printmaker Adrienne Craddock to create a print based on your favourite animal or pet that can be transformed into a piece of unusual jewellery.

Family Activity

Free

Booking is essential as places are limited.
[Www.bmag.org.uk](http://www.bmag.org.uk)

Family Fun Day at Kents Moat Library

05/06/2010

12pm - 4pm

Kents Moat Library, 55-57 Pool Way, B33 8NF

Contact: 0121 464 5755

Goalden Events Table Football Tournament - Play your own World Cup team - prizes and surprises. Bouncy castles for under 5s. See 'Spuzz Light Year' our summer mascot, and sign up to one or more of our library groups!

2pm - 3pm: Creaky Knee - Venture into a world of giants, genies, unicorns and talking raindrops. Storyteller Andy Hawkins draws on traditional folk tales to capture the imagination of children and adults alike in his spellbinding story sessions. Through comedy, mystery and adventure his characters encounter bravery, friendship, cowardice, greed and love in situations that all ages will identify with.

Family Event

Free

Please contact Kents Moat Library on 0121 464 5755.

Starting Out: Mini-Beast Safari

05/06/2010

1pm - 2.30pm

Lickey Hills Country Park - Visitor Centre, Warren Lane, Rednal, Birmingham, B45 8ER

Contact: 0121 447 7106

Come and discover some of the smaller residents of the Lickey Hills.

All Ages Welcome

Free

Booking essential - 0121 447 7106

Call for further information.

Fun for all the Family at Kings Heath Library

05/06/2010

10am - 3pm

Kings Heath Library, High Street, B14 7SW.

Contact: Sam Joyes - 0121 464 1515

You and your under 5 year old can drop in and listen to some stories, get creative with crafts, and have your face painted.

We are also running special sessions with storyteller Rachel Murray (10am - 10.30am & 11am - 11.30am), and music and rhymes with Rhythm Time (1.30pm - 2pm & 2.30pm - 3pm).

Family Event

Free

Please contact Kings Heath Library to book a place for Rachel Murray and Rhythm Time.

This event is suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.

Aspire for Dads

05/06/2010

Call for information on times

Arthur Terry School, Kittoe Road, Sutton Coldfield, B74 4RZ

Contact: 0121 323 1121

Have a go at football with Aspire for Dads and Kids.

Dads & Children aged 4 - 8 years

Book with Four Oaks Children's Centre on 0121 323 1121.

'Drop in for a Story' at Northfield Library

05/06/2010

11am - 11.30am

Northfield Library, 77 Church Road, Birmingham, B31 2LB

Contact: 0121 464 1007

Storytime at the library.

4 - 9 years and their families

Free

Children's Activity Morning - Fishy Saturday Special

05/06/2010

10.30am - 12.30pm

Jubilatte Coffee Shop, New Life Baptist Church, 80 High Street, Kings Heath (Opposite the new ASDA)

Contact: 07779 311863

Story of Jonah - games, music, singing, craft, food and story.

All Ages Welcome

£1 per family

Registration from 10.15am on the day.

Call 07779 311863 to book your place.

Roald Dahl's 'Matilda' - Storytelling from the Royal Shakespeare Company

05/06/2010

2pm - 3pm

**Birmingham Library Theatre, Paradise Place, Birmingham,
B3 3HQ**

Contact: 0121 303 2323

To celebrate the RSC's forthcoming production of Roald Dahl's 'Matilda, A Musical', come along and join in with this interactive storytelling session from a Royal Shakespeare Company storyteller. Sit back and listen to the wonderful story of Roald Dahl's special little girl with magic powers...or join in the fun and become one of the characters. Maybe you could even play the role of Matilda yourself!

Family Groups & Children 6+ years

£1

Book tickets online at www.birminghamboxoffice.com or call 0121 303 2323.

The entrance to Birmingham Library Theatre is situated to the left of the entrance to Birmingham Central Library next to the entrance to Birmingham Conservatoire.

Young Readers Birmingham 2010 Family Fun Day at Centre for the Child

05/06/2010

10am - 4pm

**Centre for the Child - Ground Floor, Central Library,
Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3HQ
Contact: Katie Hamnett - 0121 303 2421**

Join in the fun and entertainment as we say 'farewell' to Young Readers for another year. Stories, activities, face painting and all round fun are on offer.

Family Storytime: 11am - 11.45am

Stories from around the world with Bharti Patel: 3pm - 4pm

Family Event

Free

This event is suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.

Family Fun Day at Selly Oak Library

05/06/2010

10am - 4pm

**Selly Oak Library, 669 Bristol Road, B29 6AE
Contact: 0121 464 0403**

Join us for a fun day of games, puzzles, wordsearches and colouring.

11am - 12pm: Creaky Knee - Venture into a world of giants, genies, unicorns and talking raindrops. Storyteller Andy Hawkins draws on traditional folk tales to capture the imagination of children and adults alike in his spellbinding story sessions. Through comedy, mystery and adventure his characters encounter bravery, friendship, cowardice, greed and love in situations that all ages will identify with.

1pm - 2pm: Stories from around the world with Bharti Patel.

Family Event

Free

Contact Selly Oak Library for further information.

History Bus

06/06/2010

11.30am - 3.30pm

**Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square,
Birmingham, B3 3DH
Contact: 0121 675 4722**

Travel through time on our free History Bus around some of Birmingham's finest heritage sites.

It will call at Aston Hall, Aston Manor Transport Museum, Soho House, the Pen Room, Sarehole Mill and Blakesley Hall. There is a small charge for admission to the Aston Manor Transport Museum, all other museums do not have entrance fees. Hop on and off to visit the museums you want to see without having to worry about taking the car or paying for the bus!

The History Bus will start from Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery at 11.30am and then at every hour until 3.30pm.

All Ages Welcome

Free

For further details and a bus timetable call 0121 675 4722.
www.bmag.org.uk

Environment Day

06/06/2010

1pm - 4pm

Edgbaston Reservoir, 115 Reservoir Road, Ladywood, B16 9EE.

Contact: 0121 454 1908

Come and enjoy some activities with us, and we'll play some eco games, create some artwork with recyclable materials, and find some solutions for tackling waste and keeping our water clean.

All Ages Welcome

Free

Call for further information.

Meet the Barber Surgeon

06/06/2010

12pm - 4pm

Blakesley Hall Museum, Blakesley Road, Yardley, B25 8RN

Contact: 0121 464 2193

The Barber Surgeon visits Blakesley Hall with his gruesome cures and unusual potions! Leeches anyone?

Family Event

Free

www.bmag.org.uk

Meet Mick the Miller

06/06/2010

12pm - 4pm

Sarehole Mill, Cole Bank Road, Hall Green, B13 0BD

Contact: 0121 777 6612

See mill stones grind wheat and talk to the miller.

All Ages Welcome

Free

www.bmag.org.uk

Don't forget :



All Birmingham children can swim for free at the council's swimming pools - www.birmingham.gov.uk/sport. Also adults can swim free, join in group exercises and gym sessions. For further details call your local leisure centre

For more ideas of things to do and places to go visit www.ineed2know.org.uk



Stories from the Web is a FREE website used by young people from around the world where you can find out about books, authors, illustrators and publishers. You can read extracts of books online and then get involved with the activities on the site.

Stuck for places to go? Why not visit Birmingham Museums:
Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery 0121 303 2834
Aston Hall 0121 375 4722
Blakesley Hall and Weoley Castle 0121 464 2193
Museum of the Jewellery Quarter 0121 554 3598
Sarehole Mill 0121 777 6612
Soho House 0121 554 9122

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