

We hope you all enjoyed discovering new learning destinations and tried out new skills over the Summer. Our Summer Challenge proved very popular.

A big thank you to all of you who contacted us, sent photos and recommendations for new Learning Destinations. We have written to them all and hopefully they will be joining us very soon.

This Summer for the first time we ran activities at The New Forest and Hampshire County Show in The Discovery Zone. We had over 600 families come and visit us. We were so grateful for the help and support of our volunteers and a special thank you goes to Emma Saunders and her lovely daughters who volunteered for a whole day inside the marquee in boiling temperatures. We have presented the girls with CU Ambassador Badges for outstanding commitment. We will be doing it all again next Summer so if you would like to be an Ambassador family watch this space!

Activities for October Half term

We have listed some activities that are fun for half term, there are so many we can't list them all but do visit our Face Book Page for regular updates throughout the week!

October Half Term Mini Challenge

Our new challenge is now waiting for you on our website for you to download today.

Lepe Beach and Country Park

Lepe: Half Term Trail: Saturday 20th to Sunday 28th

Pick up a trail card from park reception anytime between 10am - 3pm and return with the correct answers to claim your prize.

10am-3pm every day

Car parking charges apply

Cost £2 per child, no need to book

Contact - Lepe Country Park

2 Credits. Take your passport into the Rangers desk inside the café

Monday 22nd: Lepe in the Dark – 6pm-8pm . A family orientated walk in the park talking about and searching for the creatures that come out at night! We will use bat detectors and look for moths. Finishing with a fire and marshmallows. £5 per person

Tuesday 23rd: Bushcraft – 10am – 12pm (2hrs). Walking around the park looking for tracks and signs of animals, making our own trails to follow, looking for wild food and having a fire. £5.50 per person

Wednesday 24th: Lepe in the Dark (as above)

Thursday 24th: Love your Coast day. Run by Birdaware. **FREE Event**

Friday 25th: Bat Box Making - 2 sessions: morning (10-11.30 and afternoon 12.30 – 2) £10 a box

Tour of the newly refurbished Mayflower Theatre

22-26 Commercial Rd, Southampton SO15 1GE

Take a tour of the newly refurbished theatre and learn about its interesting and varied history. Hear stories from the past, what there're up to now and our developing plans for the future

Tours will be given by one of their experienced and informative tour guides and will finish in the Footlights bar where a complimentary tea or coffee will be available.

10 – 11.30am **Saturday 20th October**

Adults £12 and under 16s £9 (concessions available)

Local Libraries

Bones, Bugs & Body Bits at Totton Library

A spooky themed workshop for children during October half-term

A insects spooky themed workshop with loads of hands-on activities exploring bones, skulls, fossil folklore and with spooky names.

Handle real animal skulls, put together a life-sized replica human skeleton and use a microscope to look at creepy crawlies close up.

Not suitable for under 3 due to small parts.

Workshop lasts 1 hour. 1 credit

Places are limited so advance booking is essential.

Cost£4

Contact Totton Library

Phone 02380 864458

BOO! Cat craft at Lyndhurst Library

Children's craft drop-in

Come and make a cool cat to take home at our free fun craft session.

Suitable for children aged 4+

Parent/carers to remain with their child.

Wednesday 24 October, Friday 26 October & Saturday 27 October

Drop in during opening hours

Cost FREE

Contact Lyndhurst Library

Construction Club at Lymington Library

Children's brick building session

Do you love making things with building bricks? Come along to our Construction Club.

Drop in between 2.30pm and 4pm.

Parent/Carers to supervise their children.

Every Saturday

2.30pm-4pm

Contact Lymington Library

Phone 0300 555 1387

Hurst Castle

Monday 23rd & Thursday 26th October only, Hurst Castle will be hosting 'Creepy Castle Ghost Stories' with the Treehouse Theatre Productions.

Additional £1.50 per child. Adults go free to the show. Normal castle admission prices apply.

Only 30 child tickets available per show. Pre-booking essential.

New Forest Centre and Museum Lyndhurst

Museums at Night - After Dark!

Children's Activity Event

26 Oct 2018 18:00 - 19:30

Dress up in your spookiest outfit, bring a torch and visit our museum after dark.

Learn about the forest's nocturnal animals with crafts, trails and other drop-in activities. Activities by donation, booking not required.

Guide Prices

Free entry, craft activities by donation

St Barbe Museum and Art Gallery, Lymington

MY Museum Children's Club (MC2)

MY Museum Children's Club (MC2) is a project designed by St Barbe Museum specifically to inspire children to be involved in the cultural shaping of our community. Using the museum as a platform, child-friendly - suitable for 6-11 years old - talks are hosted in the museum on the third Sunday of every month from 11.00am-12.00pm.

The topic of the talks and speakers are chosen for the variety of different themes they cover, for their charisma, and for the passion that distinguishes the presenters in their area of expertise. In combining all these elements, we hope to present new and inspiring role models, outside the family environment.

2018 TALKS

21st October - Julian Sheppard, Wildlife Ranger - Hampshire Countryside Services

18th November - The Ocean Brothers, Jude Massey & Greg Bailey - Guinness World Record Breakers

16th December - Greg Young - Southampton Beekeeper Association

Testwood Lakes

All About Bones. Let's find out all about bones and skeletons. Not for the bone idle!

Wildlife Watch is for 5-15 year olds.

The emphasis is on family learning and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday 27 October 2018

Time 2-4 pm 2 credits

RSPB Wild Challenge

Wild Challenge is free and fun! Get up close and personal with nature with our enjoyable activities
Read more at

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-families/family-wild-challenge/what-is-wild-challenge/#k9Rwk4WkFzsCoH5p.99>

The Wild Challenge is a Children's University™ Learning Activity and earns you passport stamps. For every award level of the Wild Challenge you complete, you'll receive a sticker worth 6 hours to add to your passport. To find out more about the Children's University™ and how children can take part and get their Passport to Learning, visit the Children's University™ website

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Blue Peter Badges

How would your children like to earn a Blue Peter badge?

Many CU children have received at least one Blue Peter badge for writing about their experience with Children's University!

A Blue Peter badge is a special award given to Blue Peter viewers and fans. Badge owners can gain free entry into over 200 Blue Peter Badge Attractions around the country, like theme parks, zoos and castles. Some of these will be national Learning Destinations and some could be in the future.

Children aged 6 to 15 can tell Blue Peter about something they've created, such as a model or a cake, including a web link or photos of it with their application. They should also include their full name and address, date of birth, and which badge they're applying for (and why they deserve it).

Your child's Children's University achievements could be listed as part of this application!

For example:

- Have they been awarded certificates at a Graduation ceremony and had their achievements celebrated at a University?
- Have they acquired a new skill through CU?
- Did the Summer Challenge 'be a community ambassador' see your child do something special for others?

Alternatively, they can write an interesting letter to Blue Peter (at least 50 words) and earn a badge that way instead. It's a great way of teaching your children how their hard work can pay off. Blue Peter says most children who write in will get a badge, but the process can take up to eight weeks.

Do let us know if your child receives a badge! There are so many Blue Peter badges now, which will your child choose to apply for and why?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

Treasure Trails:

<https://www.treasuretrails.co.uk/>

To ensure you get the all important sticker for your passport just follow these instructions:

1. Choose, and purchase, the Trail you wish to complete.
 2. Complete the Trail in your own time and at your own pace.
 3. Submit your answer online. Make sure you write "Children's University" in the comments box.
- Shortly afterwards you will receive an e-mail containing your virtual sticker. To formally record your achievement you must print off the e-mail, cut the 'sticker' out and stick it into your passport.

Look how many there are to choose from:

Beaulieu Station to Beaulieu Village, Beaulieu to Buckler's Hard, Brockenhurst, Burley Village forest & footpaths, Burley Village of Witches, Eastleigh, Fordingbridge, Historic Southampton, Hythe - Marina Village, Lyndhurst, Lyndhurst Forest & Footpaths, Minstead and Sherlock Holmes Portsmouth - Spice Island Press Gangs, Ringwood, Romsey, Southampton Gardens, Sway Village, Forest & Footpaths, Winchester City North Ghost Trail, Winchester City South Ghost Trail, Winchester City and Castle, Winchester City and Cathedral, Winchester City to St Catherine's Hill

SeaCity Museum

Rampaging Romans (5yrs+)

From: 24 Oct '18 10:30am 12:30pm

Journey back in time and make your own helmet, create a mosaic, explore how the Romans heated their homes and discover a pirate who became an emperor!

Tickets: £6.50 Pre-book on 023 8083 4536

Southampton City Art Gallery

24th October 2018

Gormley Zombies (7yrs+)

24 Oct '18 10:00am 3:00pm

To celebrate Gormley's sculpture returning to the gallery, we will be making suitably scary zombies inspired by this.

Tickets: £20.00 Pre-book on 023 8083 4536

25th October 2018

Pigments and Potions (5yrs+)

25 Oct '18 10:30am 12:30pm

What did artists use to paint with centuries ago? How did they make their colours? Find out and have a go at mixing your own colourful potions.

Ticket: £6.50 Pre-book on 023 8083 4536

Do visit www.childrensuniversity.co.uk to find the full list of all CU Learning Destinations nationally.

Remember to take your passport with you and keep evidence of the trails and activities you have completed.

We will as usual post ideas on our Facebook page during the half term break and would love to hear about what you have been doing too!

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Have a great week!

