

December 2016 newsletter

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We have lots of things for you to do over the Christmas and New Year break. Why not start the holidays and get creative by downloading the Christmas challenge from our new website <http://www.childrensuniversitywest.co.uk/downloads>



The Children's University Office will be closed from 23rd December—4th January 2017

Di Stone & Angela England - Children's University Team

Christmas & New Year Events and Activities

The Climbing Academy & Undercover Rock - FREE TASTER SESSIONS!

Join us for FREE taster sessions Thursday 22 December - All sessions are Christmas themed with mince pies and apple juice AND a present for the most innovative kids Christmas outfit. Children can attend both centres! **Places are strictly limited and allocated on a first come first served basis. Book early to avoid disappointment**

The Climbing Academy - two free sessions at 10-11 am and 11-12, 10 people per group. Book online <https://www.theclimbingacademy.com/kids/childrens-university/>

Undercover Rock - two free sessions at 12.30-1.30 and 1.30—2.30, 9 people per group. Book online <https://www.undercover-rock.com/kids/childrens-university/>

Children wishing to book onto a wide range of kids courses after the taster sessions qualify for special CU discount.

Curzon Community Cinema—Clevedon

Monday 19 December, 10.30am-12.30pm / £10 per place

Curzon Kids: Let's Animate Christmas - join them for two hours of festive animation fun!

Bristol Art for All, a creative partnership of Rosa Hewitt and Amy Powell, two mixed media artists brings an exciting new workshop to the Curzon combining collage and animation with a Christmas theme. Children aged 7-11 will work together in small groups under the guidance of the facilitators to create festive sequences using iPads and collage materials. At the end of the workshop, participants will be able to plan and film a 2D stop motion animation using a basic and accessible process. Animations will be emailed to participants after the workshop. To find out more and book your places visit: <http://www.curzon.org.uk/film/28623>

Future Stars Coaching— Christmas Fun Day Events

Welcome all primary school children to our famous boys and girls sporting Christmas Fun Days this December in venues across North Somerset, Bristol & South Gloucestershire - allowing all abilities to take part in their favourite sports, Christmas games & activities with our team of professional coaches. Please follow the link for more information, reservations & online bookings: <http://www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk/holidays>. Limited spaces available, so don't miss out!"



South Gloucestershire Libraries

There is a ho-ho-host of festive fun happening in libraries this December. All activities are free of charge, best suited to ages 4-11 and no booking is required. Visit www.southglos.gov.uk/childrenslibrary for all the essential info & please spread the word - the more, the merrier!

City of Bristol Gymnastics Centre—Newly Validated Learning Destination

We are delighted to welcome the City of Bristol Gymnastics Centre in Hartcliffe, Bristol as a approved Learning Destination. Offering a fully equipped Gymnastics Hall and Dance Studio offering many difference styles and types of dance. Visit www.bristolgymnastics.co.uk for details , telephone 0117 3773420 or email gymnastics@almsport.co.uk

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Bristol Museums and Art Gallery

Warrior Activity Day - 30 December - Drop-in 11.30am—3pm—Discover more about the Anglo Saxons with themed family activities, replica artefacts and thrilling tales of warrior battles around the campfire. Visit <https://www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/bristol-museum-and-art-gallery/whats-on/> for full details of all events.



Chinese New Year - 4-5 February—Celebrate Chinese New Year at Bristol Museum & Art Gallery with spectacular traditional and contemporary performances, stalls, workshops and activities for all the family.

The museum is also bringing Chinese New Year into local schools, so if you'd like your school to have a Chinese New Year school assembly between 2 January – 24 February, you can forward these details to your head teacher: <https://www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/bristol-museum-and-art-gallery/learning/chinese-new-year-in-your-school/>

Thornbury Area Youth Music - FREE sessions!

Have two open mornings at Thornbury Area Youth Music, 7th and 14th January at Marlwood School. If you are 18 or under and play an instrument at any level, bring it along at 9:30am and join in for the morning, until 12 noon. For ages 8 and under who don't play an instrument they have music groups 9:15am to 10am (ages 4-5) and 10:15am to 11am (ages 6-8). Email info@thornbury-music.org or visit www.thornbury-music.org for more information about TAYM.

St George's Hall—Bristol

Children's Christmas Carnival Sunday 18 December 2pm & 4.30pm – Suitable for ALL ages!

Get Christmas off to a brilliant start with music from The Snowman, an enchanting musical tale that captures the hearts of children and adults alike.

Bristol Ensemble 'Christmas Spectacular' 20 December 7.30pm – Suitable for ages 8+

Performed by professional orchestra, the Bristol Ensemble and 100 voices of City of Bristol Choir.

Bristol Ensemble 'Christmas Spectacular' Wednesday 21 December 7.30pm – Suitable for ages 8+. Performed by professional orchestra, the Bristol Ensemble, chamber choir Exultate Singers.

Bristol Ensemble 'Festive Fiesta' Thursday 22 December 7.30pm – Suitable for ages 8+. Sing along to a family feel-good festive evening of carols and Christmas songs.

Tom Eveson Gala Concert Sunday 29 January 4pm – Suitable for ages 8+. Featuring young musicians from 'Panache' (The Steel Band of The Castle School, Thornbury), directed by 2016 St George's Prize for Music winner Gillian Holmes.

Young Artists Showcase Tuesday 31 January 7pm – Suitable for ages 8+. Welcoming top young performers from two outstandingly musical schools Bristol Cathedral Choir School and Churchill Academy & Sixth Form take to the stage. For full details and booking information visit: - <http://www.stgeorgesbristol.co.uk/event/>



SS Great Britain—Three Day Victorian Christmas Fayre

SS Great Britain will be transformed into a Dickensian, winter scene as visitors are invited to step back in time to meet the ghosts of Christmas past on Saturday 17 to Monday 19 December.

Bump into Victorian Characters, listen to carol singing, be enthralled at Dickensian storytelling, meet Mr. Brunel, tuck into festive food and drink, get crafty at Family Workshops, shop for seasonal gifts.

All the Christmas festivities are included in the admission price to Brunel's ss Great Britain, with family tickets offering added savings. Tickets cost £14 per adult, £8 per child (5-17 year olds) and under 4's go free and are valid for unlimited return visits for 12 months. In addition to enjoying the Christmas events, admission includes exploring the ship, Dry Dock and Dockyard museum. Visit <http://www.ssgreatbritain.org/> for full details.

Shine holiday clubs



Shine will be running holiday clubs for the whole week before Christmas. As well as Football Academy, Street Dance and Creative clubs throughout the week. On Friday 23 December see their Festive Fun Day which includes a grotto (and a special VIP) and a roller disco. All primary school-aged children are welcome. Go to www.shinesportscoaching.com to book now!



Visit local libraries, city farms and museums for FREE fun activities. Plus

Don't forget to take your passports to collect your stamps.