



# Norfolk Children's University, Newsletter -September 2014

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## Summer at Norfolk Children's University

Norfolk Children's University hopes that everyone had a great summer exploring different activities and events at our many Learning Destinations. We had an extremely successful summer with members of our *Norfolk Children's University Virtual School* alone accumulating an amazing 518 hours! We want to congratulate everyone who used their passport this summer and we hope you all keep up the good.

Over the past year NCU has grown in strength and we now offer a huge range of opportunities to try different experiences and learn new skills. Suggestions for new Learning Destinations are coming in on an almost daily rate!

### Other News



#### Norwich Puppet Theatre

Feeling creative? Then visit our newest Learning Destination, The Norwich Puppet Theatre. It offers a chance for children to explore their artistic side and create their own characters by attending puppet making workshops. The workshops are a lot of fun: students can learn new arts and crafts skills and most importantly, earn a stamp in their Passports. You can also claim 1 hour in your Passport for attending a live puppet-show performance. If you are interested in booking a workshop or attending a live show, then please [click here](#).

We strive to offer our members the best learning experiences that Norfolk has to offer. Thank you to everyone who has contacted us with recommendations for Learning Destinations and please keep the suggestions coming.

*The Norfolk Children's University Team*

## September's Star Student



Elizabeth has become an NCU star student by earning an amazing 245 hours in her passport. During the summer holidays she participated in many different activities across the county including learning about animal care at the [Sea Life Centre](#), attending [Halford's Bike Club](#) and reading an incredible 20 books with the [Summer Reading Challenge](#).

Since becoming a NCU student, Elizabeth has been motivated to try lots of new activities she wouldn't normally do, such as the Premier Sports Multi sport day, which she



### Oxburgh Hall

We are excited to announce Oxburgh Hall as a new Learning Destination. The romantic, moated manor is a great way to spend a day. NCU members can earn up to 3 hours in their passport by completing one of three educational activity sheets which help you to fully explore the beautiful grounds and mansion, and encourage you to delve into the hall's amazing past. Children can have fun while learning about the hall's history and objects. For more information [click here](#).



### Karate Taster Sessions

This autumn if you are looking to learn some martial arts skills then the Traditional Shotokan Karate Ryu club is offering [free taster sessions](#). TSKR studio provides a wide range of choices from Kickboxing, Judo, Karate, Muay Thai, Aikido, Grappling and Taekwondo. If you are interested then please call 01362 652855 or [click here](#).



really enjoyed. Her mother, Amanda, is very proud of her and has seen how NCU has given her confidence to try new things.

Elizabeth hopes that by our next graduation event, she will have accumulated enough stamps to be a post-graduate student. Well done Elizabeth!

*Do you know someone who could be our Star Student for October? If so please send a description of what they have been doing along with a photo to*

[cs.norfolkchildrensuniversity@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:cs.norfolkchildrensuniversity@norfolk.gov.uk)

## Summer Challenge Success at Redgate



Over the Summer NCU students at Redgate Junior School in Hunstanton were kept busy completing lots of different activities from our Summer Challenge Activity Sheet. This was a menu of activities sent round to all our member schools just before the end of term. Challenges ranged from designing and making a three course meal, to den-building. You could claim 1 hour in your Passport for each activity completed, and you had to keep evidence to prove you had done it!

Some pupils at Redgate really got stuck in and not only completed loads of challenges [a special well done to Sascha who managed to complete all 24!], but also produced some amazing evidence as well. Miss Harvey was very proud of their achievements and has showcased the work with a special display in the school. A huge

## Graduation December 2014

We're delighted to announce that a date for an Autumn Term Graduation Day has been finalised.

Pupils who have achieved National Certificates since our last event, will be invited to the University of East Anglia on Wednesday 17th December.

As always, our latest bunch of graduates will be treated to an 'access all areas' tour of the Campus before attending a Ceremony in Congregation Hall. Keep filling in your passport and we'll be providing more details in our October newsletter.



### Calling all Soccer Stars

Do you want to have fun, meet new friends, learn more about football and improve on your soccer skills?

We have just approved the Victory Soccer Camp in North Walsham as a Learning Destination. This fantastic opportunity will be taking place over 2 days during the October half-term. Sign up and you can earn 10 hours for your Passport, but hurry places are limited.

For more information and how to book [click here](#)

### Join our CU Dragon's Den!

Children's University is launching its own brand of merchandise- and we need your help! We are looking for 10 children to attend a pre-launch testing session and tell us what is hot...and what is not. We want to hear your ideas and opinions on our new products- which range from wrist bands to water bottles [and you'll get to take some items home as a thank you]

The session will take place on 23rd October at 9.30am for about 1 hour. If you are interested in attending then please email us and the first 10 responses will be invited to the session:

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### Special Graduation for Alysham students

Fifteen pupils who

well done to all.

To see a selection of photos of Redgate's amazing work, please visit our [Flickr page](#).

# Another Summer Success

Sreelakshmi had an exciting and busy summer thanks to our Summer Activity Sheet. She completed many different activities including; designing an entertainment evening for her family with a magic show, setting up a treasure hunt for her friends and interviewing her grandmother about her childhood, which she found fascinating. By completing the special CU activities, Sreelakshmi was encouraged to be creative and explore new activities.

Her mother, Sreeja, stated "it was great for CU to provide lots of fun ideas that were possible to do at home and in the local area".

Sreelakshmi also completed an amazing scrapbook which she kindly shared with us. A selection of her photos are below:



... were lucky enough to be on a Year 6 residential trip in the Isle of Wight during Norfolk Children's University's Graduation week in June had their own mini Graduation Assembly on 18th July. Between them, these children had notched up an incredible 2880 extra-curricular learning hours. Alexander Skinner, who in addition to achieving his Padi Scuba Diving qualification, is well on the way to finishing his own Children's Guide to Norwich which he hopes to get published. Alex has completed an impressive total of 600 learning hours, gaining him his Gold Postgraduate Certificate. Well done!

## Contact Us

If you have any queries or can recommend a new Learning Destination, then please contact us at [cs.norfolkchildrensuniversity@nofolk.gov.uk](mailto:cs.norfolkchildrensuniversity@nofolk.gov.uk)

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**Correction: In our July newsletter we included a clip of Xanthe demonstrating her martial arts skills as part of one of our June Graduation ceremonies. We incorrectly stated that Xanthe is a pupil at Little Plumstead. She is in fact from Stoke Holy Cross.**



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