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# Norfolk Children's University - October Newsletter

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## Activities for your Passport..



### Cooking up half term fun

This Halloween [Kiddy Cook](#) is inviting NCU students to take part in their Monster Mash workshop. This is a fun way to spend a morning baking creepy creations and learn new cooking skills. The session takes place on Thursday 30th October, 10-12pm at Robert Kett Junior School. For more information or to book a place then please contact Fran Webster [norwich@kiddycook.co.uk](mailto:norwich@kiddycook.co.uk)

# Welcome to Autumn

As the autumn term rapidly approaches the half way point, Norfolk Children's University wants to welcome all of our new school members and students. Across the county there are now 70 schools involved and over the past month we have delivered hundreds of Passport to Learning for students to start earning stamps; ready for the next graduation ceremony.

We hope you have fun exploring learning beyond the normal school day, and look forward to seeing you at a Graduation Day soon.

## Awards for Museum Stars



CU members who completed 5 different learning trails at Lynn Museum during the summer holidays, were rewarded with a special prize giving afternoon.

On Saturday 26th September, the children and their families attended a tea-party at the museum which included a chance to handle some amazing objects from the Museum's collection. Paul from Norfolk CU was lucky enough to be invited to meet the star students and award them their certificates.

Emily curatorial trainee of Lynn Museum who organised the tea party said: "The Trails are a great opportunity for visitors to explore the museum in a fun and active way. We have really enjoyed welcoming visitors back week after week and are looking forward to our October and Christmas holiday trails"

To find out about the trails available at half term

visit: [http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/Visit\\_Us/Lynn\\_Museum/index.htm](http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/Visit_Us/Lynn_Museum/index.htm)

## It's Graduation time again!

Our next Graduation day is set for Wednesday 17th December at the University of East Anglia. Although it will be in the middle of a busy time for schools, we are anticipating another fabulous event and look forward to welcoming around 300 children.



The next few weeks is the last push for students to earn stamps and reach the set targets for graduation. **The last date, for claiming hours for this graduation is Friday October 24th.** Any stamps collected after this date, will count towards the next ceremony at Easter.

You will need to take your Passport into school straight after half-term to get your hours checked by your teacher. Any members who bought their membership through their local library (and who are enrolled in our online Virtual School) will be contacted directly by us with an invite to the event. We hope to give out lots certificate at our first winter graduation day. See you there!



## NCU Star Student

Our star student this month is Holly who completed all 20 of our CU Summer Challenges. Her favourite activity was researching and creating a collage about France. She also documented all the activities in a project notebook, which her mother, Samantha, believes will be nice for her to look back upon when she is older. Well done Holly!  
Carol



## Norwich Castle Museum Club

Norwich Castle Museum & Art Gallery are offering CU Members aged 7 - 14 year olds the chance to join its Museum Club. It explores the museum's collections and exhibitions in fun and creative ways. Previous sessions have included Roman cookery, Tudor music and crime and punishment in the past. Museum Club meets 3 times per term from 10.30 – 12.30 on a Saturday and costs £12 per term. To book a place e-mail: [ruth.faman@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.faman@norfolk.gov.uk) or ring 07881924374



## FREE Norfolk Record Office Hallowe'en Events

On 30th Oct Visit the D'Archive (if you dare!) for Half-Term fun. Listen to spooky stories from the Norfolk Record Office vaults and delve into a diabolical display of Norfolk material. For those of a strong disposition!

Other half-term activities include being inspired to design your own First World War poster and Horrible Hallowe'en Makes. For more information or to book a place on one of the activities visit the Norfolk Record Office website - [www.archives.norfolk.gov.uk/events](http://www.archives.norfolk.gov.uk/events) or contact 01603 222599

## Thorpe Dolphins



NCU is excited to announce [Thorpe Dolphins](#) as a Learning Destination. At the Swim School children can learn to swim, water safety and survival skills to earn a stamp. For more information than please contact Kim Burrows, [kim.burrows18@yahoo.com](mailto:kim.burrows18@yahoo.com)

## Fun half-term Learning Challenges for all

## New Learning Destinations North Norfolk Taekwondo Academy

Following on from the success of our Summer Challenge sheet, we have developed a new one called '20 fun learning activities to do at half-term'. It contains lots of ideas for things to do at home to keep you learning during the half-term holidays, such as make a leaf crown, carve a pumpkin or create a leaflet about hibernation.



You can claim a 1 hour stamp in your Passport for each challenge you complete, but you need to keep evidence and take it back to your school!

Schools will be receiving copies of the challenge sheet on Tuesday October 21st, so speak to your teacher if you want to get your hands on a copy. Members of our CU Virtual School will be able to get a copy via the e-passport system, so make sure you log on on Tuesday!

Huge thanks to Ms Bradley of Hillside Avenue Primary School for creating it.

offer learning in Korean martial arts, specialising in kicking, sparring and self-defence, at venues in Cromer, Holt and Trunch

**French to Suit You** (based in Hingham) offer fun, friendly French lessons to children aged 7-11, that are designed to stimulate enjoyment in speaking a foreign language and developing an interest in France.

To view details of these new destinations, and all of the approved activities in Norfolk, please visit:

[www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/maps](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/maps)

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