

Norfolk Children's University - April Newsletter

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Easter Ed!

We hope everyone had a great Easter and earned lots of hours in their Passport to Learning.

The Easter Activity Challenges was a big hit with children (and parents) and we have enjoyed seeing all the pictures of everyone's hard work, so thank you to everyone who shared them with us either on our Facebook page, or via e-mail.

Learning Destinations updates

We are please to welcome 4 new Learning Destinations this month.

Thank you to everyone who has sent us recommendations. Please keep them coming.



Join Riverside Leisure Centre and learn all the different swimming strokes and lifesaving skills within a fun environment. This is a great chance for children to learn water safety and stay fit. Classes are available from 4 months year old and all abilities.

For more information please [click here](#)

Michala Jane School of Dance

Discover dancing with Michala Jane School of Dance. Learn how to express yourself

By far the most popular and yummy challenge was learning to bake Easter Nests. We have seen lots of pictures of children measuring ingredients and melting chocolate! It was also great to see children getting creative and decorating eggs, writing spring poems and planting flowers.

If you have any pictures to share with us of your Easter learning, please send them to the e-mail address below, and we'll feature them in next month's newsletter.

the Forum Learner of the Month

We are pleased to announce that the [Forum Trust](#) is now sponsoring our Learner of the Month. This is an exciting opportunity for a school or Learning Destination to nominate a child who has produced some outstanding work to gain extra credit and receive a gift. We would like to thank Peter Marron for making this fantastic opportunity happen and we hope this inspires children to try new activities.

The first Forum Trust – Learner of the Month is rewarded to Stevie Ashby from Bure Valley Junior School. Stevie participates in a wide range of CU activities including dance, swimming, tennis and Brownies. She enjoys writing and was inspired to enter the 'Wicked Young Writers' competition. Her teachers, Mrs Cogley and Mrs Abramson let us know that Stevie has become an incredibly proactive role-model for other children.

Fantastic work Stevie. We hope you enjoy the GoGo dragons board game.

If you are a school or Learning Destination and would like to nominate a child to become May's Learner of the Month, please [click here](#)



with dance and learn theatre skills within a safe and happy environment. Students are supported to become confident

performers and apply their skills and knowledge to progress through exams and show work. For more details, please [click here](#)



North Walsham Sports Centre

Earn lots of stamps during the school holidays with North Walsham Sports Centre. There are a variety of fun and sporting activities to choose to develop new skills and make friends. From American football to basketball and dodge ball there will be something for everyone. The next activities will take place during the May half-term. To find a list of all the activities please [click here](#).

North Norfolk Junior Badminton Assn

Learn how to play Badminton with North Norfolk Junior Badminton Association. Open to all abilities this a great chance to develop badminton skills and progress onto coaching levels. For further information and to find your nearest venue, please [click here](#).

The Little Story Telling Company

Listen and learn about science through multi-sensory story telling. This is a fantastic opportunity to discover science in alternative and fun environment.

This was a great success with the DNA Detectives workshop and we hope to run more during the school holidays.

For more information, [click here](#)



Kiddy Cook - Easter Eggstravaganza

The most delicious way to earn a stamp this Easter was with Kiddy Cook at Colman Junior School. The 14 young chefs rolled up their sleeves and learned how to cook lots of delicious treats including Creme Egg cheesecakes and chocolate chicks.

Martina and Carla parents' told how they "had a lot of fun cooking and came back with many delicious treats. We all loved the



Mini Detectives and Mad Scientists

This Easter our members become scientists and detectives for the day to discover the wonders of science. With the help of Mad Science and DNA Detectives the children explored the fantastic world of science, and the world of crime scene investigation.

Mad Science provided 2 day long events for CU members, one in Downham Market and one in Norwich. The DNA Detectives team provided a special 2 hour event for a group of Norwich members.

The DNA detectives started the day by dissecting kiwis and adding chemicals to extract real life DNA. Next, with their lab coats and masks on, they solved the mystery of the stolen sweets by searching for lolly pops, jewellery and hair to find DNA.

The mini Mad Scientist also had a great time exploring the universe and trying lots of hands on experiments, including reacting chemicals together to create bouncy balls.

We would like to thank all the children who participated and Mad Science and DNA Detectives for delivering two engaging and fun workshops.

Graduation Update



The countdown to the summer graduation has now begun. All schools and E-Passport learners have now been sent details about the event and how to book a place. All passports details need to be returned to us by 1st May.

This year we are also hosting a special evening ceremony for children who have earned over 165 hours on 16th June. During the ceremony children will get the chance to take part in a Q&A session with current students and explore university accommodation. If your child is eligible

frittata and the cheese cake. The cheeky chicks are waiting to be sampled... won't be a long wait!!!!"

Young Norfolk Arts Festival 2015



We are delighted to announce that Norfolk Children's University will be supporting YNAF for the 2nd year running.

This wonderful event, which provides unique and exciting arts events aimed specifically at children and young people, will take place during June and July.

This year's event promises to be better than ever with over 40 events and activities already planned. And CU will be approving 10 of the events as Learning Destinations, so that members can claim hours for taking part. We'll provide more detail in our next newsletter and on our Facebook page.

We are also looking for volunteers to attend the events, stamp Passports and chat to people about the benefits of joining CU. If you are interested in helping out, please e-mail us

Contact us:

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

www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/maps

If you would like to recommend a Learning Destination to Norfolk CU, then please contact us and we can send them joining information.

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to attend this special event then please book a place by [clicking here](#). More details will follow shortly.



If you have any questions about either ceremony then please [get in touch](#).

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