

School Newsletter from Brent Libraries

Date 5 February 2021

Hello Parents and Carers

Here is your School Newsletter from Brent Libraries for March 2021

We have lots of exciting FREE events coming up for your children. If you want to book for any of these please go to this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/brent-culture-service-9230553723>

Brent Library staff would like to thank those parents and carers who helped their children to join us in our class visit programme. It was wonderful to be able to see the children. Thank you all for allowing us into your homes at a very difficult time.

The Brent Library Newsletter can be found here:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKBRENT/bulletins/2c6197d> If you would like to sign up for a regular copy of this newsletter then email libraries@brent.gov.uk

Regular Events

Term-time only - Booksart Under 5s Story and Rhyme Session.

Join us for 30 minutes of story and rhyme times for under 5s featuring all your favourite stories and nursery rhymes! Lots of fun, laughs and learning for you and your little one, all from the comfort of home.

Maths on Toast (Monthly) Saturday 24 April 12.30 – 1.30pm

Join us and become a Maths on Toast spy! When you think of secret agents, you might think of disguises, magnifying glasses, foreign travel... but would you think of maths? Help us on our secret mission to crack codes and unravel secret messages using your logical and mathematical thinking.

Write a secret message after the session, then why not see if anyone can crack it? Suitable for children aged 4 - 12 and their families.

Easter Holiday Events for all the Family

Boom! Tuesday 30 Mar 6.30 – 7.30pm

Join illustrator Diana Ford and writer Jennifer Lunn as they read and discuss their book Boom!

This is an adult event.

Created in collaboration with Drs Laura Haywood, Hayden Wilson and Katy Johnson, Boom! was designed to help families explore the emotional tangles and troubles that came with all being stuck at home. Boom! was self-published digitally and free printed copies were circulated through grass roots community groups to families experiencing digital poverty across the UK.

Tuesday 6 Apr 2.00- 3.00pm and Thursday 15 Apr 2.00- 3.00pm

Join Total Insight Theatre for a story about the most beautiful bird in the world who lived with a kind farmer who lived all alone. One day the Queen in a distant land asked for the bird, a peacock, to come to her castle and join her collection of the most beautiful things in the world. On the way the peacock meets lots of people in some very difficult situations and helps them out by giving them his feathers - leading to a tricky situation when he reaches the castle! Total Insight Theatre say: Our online workshops are designed to invite children to go on a virtual adventure

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with our theatremakers and popular puppets, building confidence and teamwork through interactive games and storytelling.

Wednesday 7 April 2.00 – 3.00pm and Wednesday 14 April 2:00 – 3.00pm

Join bestselling cartoonist James from Comic Club for an eye-popping cartoon workshop! Learn secret skills used by the professionals, and create your own awesome Japanese manga style chibi supercharacters in an epic action-packed showdown! Design heroes, Villains, secret powers, cool costumes, cute sidekicks... the only limits are the limits of the imagination! Perfect for 7 - 11 years - all you need is a pencil, rubber, paper, and optional black outliner and colours!

Thursday 8 April 11.30am – 12.30pm and Thursday 8 April 2.00-3.00pm

Join children's author/performer Gareth P Jones for a collection of interactive songs, raps, stories and storytelling, all about his books, including his latest picture book, Rabunzel, his popular series, Ninja Meerkats and his recently published books, Dragon Detective.

Tuesday 13 April 11:00am – 12noon

As the seasons change, join storyteller John Kirk as he brings the best of the outdoors indoors, for a very special story hunt! This interactive scavenger hunt storytelling session is guaranteed to be 30 minutes of fun and will get you in the mood to reconnect with nature; whether it's a walk in the woods, exploring the park or just sitting in the garden, the sun's out and it's time to play!

Joining Brent Libraries

To join Brent Libraries and borrow our e-books you can do this at card at <https://www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/libraries/joining-a-library/>

To borrow books with your card download the Libby App and you will find a great selection to choose from.

If you have a library card and can't remember the number or PIN code please email libraries@brent.gov.uk with the name of the card holder, the postcode of the card holder and the date of birth of the card holder.

If you haven't used your library card for 2 years it will no longer be valid and you will need to join again. Joining a library is free and there is no charge to use the e-library.

For the latest information about our libraries go to <https://www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/libraries/>

Brent Library Staff would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Easter Holiday.