HEADINGTON SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP : extended learning for all ages

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LATE NIGHT - WATER WORLD *Oxford University Museum of Natural History and Pitt Rivers Museum*

Friday 17 May 7.00-10.00 ***Parks Road, OX1 3PW***

Twice a year, the Museum of Natural History and Pitt Rivers open after dark, hosting stalls and evening activities. Come face-to-face with specimens and enjoy activities hosted by researchers and collections specialists

Discover the wonders of fresh water and the communities of organisms that rely on it. Enjoy flash talks, adult crafts, story-telling, soundscapes, and stalls all inspired by **Fair Water?,** OUMNH's latest exhibition.

You'll also have the chance to browse the museum galleries at night and visit the pop-up bar.

FREE but booking essential – it will not be possible to 'walk-up' so make sure to bring proof of booking

https://www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/event/late-night-water-world

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HEADINGTON SUNFLOWER TRAIL 2024

https://www.headingtonaction.org/connected-communities.html

Sunflowers are easy to grow, feed the insects, bees and birds and brighten up the neighbourhood!

Connected Communities invites you to accept free sunflower seeds to grow and be part of the **2024 Headington sunflower trail on Sunday 1 September.** The schools have received their packs with some to grow in school and more to give to families but you can also request them direct from :

Gerti, Connecting Communities ***haconcommunities@gmail.com***

or message through facebook ***https://www.facebook.com/ConnectedCommunitiesHeadington***

OXFORDSHIRE ARTWEEKS ***https://www.artweeks.org/***

From 4 - 27 May, over a thousand artists, makers and designers are exhibiting and demonstrating in studios, pop-up galleries, glorious gardens, ancient churches, Oxford Colleges and hundreds of other interesting venues. Just drop-in and explore for free. Chat about painting, photography, textiles, sculpture and ceramics; discover woodworking, glass art, mosaics and jewellery, and be intrigued by contemporary installations and multidisciplinary practice.

Be inspired, entertained and surprised, and choose a treasure to take home with you!

Oxford City: 11 - 19 May **South Oxfordshire: 18 - 27 May**

The website allows you explore by artist, media, location and more. Alternatively you can browse the **on-line Spring Show, themed art trails**, or hundreds of artist portfolios in the **Art Showcase** to help you choose where to visit

There are plenty to visit **around Headington**, including at Bury Knowle Library and Ruskin College

If you'd prefer 'magazine format', flick through the e-guide (with a list of maps of local art trails) ***or*** download the festival guide as a pdf ***or*** pick one up in the library ***or*** leaflet holders around Oxford.

Opening hours are generally **11.00 – 6.00** but please confirm times for individual venues before travelling, as there may be slight amendments to those advertised in the festival guide.

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HILL END OUTDOOR CENTRE *Hill End Outdoor Centre, Eynsham Road, OX2 9NJ*

FAMILY BUSHCRAFT SATURDAYS

monthly 18 May, 15 June 10.00-12.00 £12 adult, £8 child booking essential

different activities each time ***https://hill-end.org/news/bushcraft-saturday/***

GO WILD IN THE WOODS! **half term Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29 May 10.00-2.00**

Explore ancient woodlands, trek the woodland paths, build a den, hunt for minibeasts, create natural art

Two options : park in Wytham Woods car park and walk through the woodland to Hill End (and back at the end of the day) or go straight to Hill End for the activities there – **booking essential** ***https://hill-end.org/news/wild_woods/***

£6.50 adult, £3.50 children - free parking - bring your own picnic – drinks and cakes at the pop up Hill End café

FFENNELL FESTIVAL **Saturday 8 June 11.00-4.00** ***https://hill-end.org/news/ffennell-festival-2024/***

Named for the ffennell family who founded Hill End as an outdoor school in 1920, a family outdoor activity day including downhill racers – circus skills – Real Kingdoms Adventures – Oxford Sailing – pond dipping – bushcraft with Ultimate Survival – natural arts – bee keeping & bugs – WW1 history tours – whittling skills – story telling – barbecue

£7 adult, £3.50 children - booking essential – free parking ***https://hill-end.org/activities/upcoming-events/***

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SCIENCE OXFORD *The Science Oxford Centre, Stansfeld Park, Quarry Road, OX3 8SB*

check out the website for details of all events – book early – often fully booked – join the mailing list

FAMILY DAYS **every Saturday - two hours in the Exploration Zone and all day access to the woodlands**

10.00-12.00, 12.30-2.30, 3.00-5.00 ***suitable for ages 3+ but all are welcome***

£7.50 per person which includes the Eventbrite fee - free for Under 3s

You are advised to book in advance ***https://scienceoxford.com/events/family-days-every-saturday/***

Emira's Café is open 10.00-4.00 but families are also welcome to bring their own food and drink

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STEM THEMED SATURDAY CLUBS **most Saturdays 10.00-11.30, 12.30-2.00, 3.30-5.00**
£10 per child – accompanying adult(s) free https://scienceoxford.com/centre/science-oxford-centre-events/

For all STEM Club sessions, children must be accompanied by an adult. These family workshops are designed for you and your child to learn from each other and work together while trying out new things.

NATURE CLUB – BEE DAY **Saturday 18 May** ***for ages 5-9***

Nature Club is buzzing about World Bee Day this May! Bees are good for the garden and the planet – join **Oxfordshire Beekeepers Association** for a 'hive' of activities and meet their bees in the Forest School area. Get creative in the workshop space, and roll your own Bee-autiful beeswax candle to take home. Play fun bee games to learn about nature's ecosystem, and investigate plants and pollinators out in the meadow. Spot honey, solitary, bumble or carpenter bee with an ID guide, and build your own bee-hotel at home with our Bee-rilliant take-away activity sheets!

https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/bee-day/

SCIENCE CLUB - LEGO MOVIE **Saturday 1 June** ***for ages 5-9***

Film a summer block-buster starring LEGO at June's Science Club. Emerging Gerwigs and Nolan's create a story board and build LEGO film sets; film your stop-motion scenes frame by frame using our digital tablets to create your own award-winning LEGO Barbenheimer. Whose performance was plastic or fantastic? Download your moving picture to enjoy at home with popcorn!

morning session sold out – just a few left in the afternoon https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/lego-movie/

CREATIVE COMPUTING CLUB – CYBER TREASURE HUNT **Saturday 8 June** ***for ages 9-12***

☹ ***ALL SOLD OUT ALREADY!*** ***https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/cyber-treasure-hunt/***

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

If you are attending any of the Science Oxford clubs and require a carer ticket, please get in touch to discuss how best Science Oxford can support you or your child to access the activities - contact them for more information

events@scienceoxford.com.

Science Oxford is committed to inclusion, and recognises that cost is sometimes a barrier so they are also working with schools and community groups to provide funded places to individuals to remove the barriers where they can

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HALF TERM FORWARD PLANNING

MARVELLOUS MEADOWS FAMILY DAY ***Harcourt Arboretum, Nuneham Courtenay, OX44 3PX***

Wednesday 29 May 11:00–3:00

As part of UK Meadows Day and Fascination of Plants Day 2024, the site meadows will be open to the public, offering bug hunting and meadow plants guided tours, educational activities, and a chance to explore these vital habitats. This event will celebrate the beauty and importance of wildflower meadows.

£3 per child up to 16 (under-2s free) adults pay the normal entrance fee £7.20 concessions £5.90

no need to book, pay on arrival – card payment only

https://www.obga.ox.ac.uk/event/marvellous-meadows-family-day

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MOX MUSEUM OF OXFORD ***Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, OX1 1BX***

the family offer : activity backpacks – capes counter – trails – drop in handling sessions – museum themed led tours – guided walks in Oxford ***https://museumofoxford.org/events***

MAY HALF TERM FAMILY CRAFTS **Thursday 30 May 11.00-1.00**

celebrating the month of May by learning about special Oxford traditions of May Day and beyond - make your own leafy garland headband to take home, inspired by the mythical folk-figure of the Green Man.

most suitable for aged 5-12, but all ages are welcome - children must be supervised by an adult during the event.

Drop in but booking advised to ensure a place £2

https://museumofoxford.org/event/may-half-term-family-crafts

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DANCER IN COMMUNITY RESIDENCE PROJECT - Barton **taster sessions for adults**

DANCE FOR HEALTH ***Barton Neighbourhood Centre, Underhill Circus, OX3 9LS***

Wednesdays 1.00-3.00 from 15 May designed for people living with any long term health conditions.

MOVEMENT AND RELAXATION ***The Centre for Music, Bayswater Road, OX3 9FF***

Mondays 1.00-3.00 from 13 May particularly for people dealing with anxiety and/or stress but open to all

Dancin' Oxford is very happy to be partnering with The Centre for Music and the Barton Neighbourhood Centre for these sessions and deeply appreciates their support. Led by **Jane Castree, Dancer in Community Residence**, they are based on inclusive dance practices, which means that they are suitable for **all abilities, levels of experience and physicalities** and as such are appropriate for people who use mobility aids or are wheelchair users.

These are **community based sessions** so also include time after the activity for people to socialise over a cup of tea to get to know each other! All the sessions are **drop in so there is no need to book**. They are just **£3 per session** but if money is a barrier for you, please come anyway as there can be a lower or waived fee

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