

School Newsletter from Brent Libraries

Date 25 May 2021

Hello Parents and Carers

Here is your Newsletter from Brent Libraries for May 2021

We have many exciting FREE events for your children on Zoom. If you want to book for any of these please go to this link: <https://bit.ly/2SWW607>

The latest Brent Library Newsletter is here: <https://bit.ly/3yitiik>

If you would like to sign up for a regular copy of this newsletter then click here to register: <https://bit.ly/2SVMJ0d>

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 22 May 12.30 – 1.30pm

For children aged 4 - 12 and their families

Inspired by [Walk to School Week 2021](#) - discover maths everywhere you go - on your walk to school, to the shops, to the park!

Join this session to make a board game, set challenges for your next walk and push yourself creatively and mathematically with the rules!

What you'll need for this session:

- Some paper (plain or coloured, at least 2 sheets)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Colouring pens / pencils
- Dice or [our dice net template](#)

Half Term Events for all the Family

Summer Story Hunt with John Kirk Tuesday 1 June 11 – 11.30am

This summer join storyteller John Kirk for a series of Story Hunts exploring the natural world. Let your imagination run wild as you join a virtual storytelling experience like no other. Jammed packed with interactive scavenger hunting fun these sessions are suitable for families with story hunters age 3+

Zoolab Naturetown: Tuesday 1 June 2.00 – 3.00pm

As always, ZooLab has a tale in store to inspire the next generation of readers, storytellers and environmentalists. 'Naturetown' is not just a story but a rhyming adventure, following eco-warriors in a crusade to help their local wildlife. This tale investigates issues of plastic pollution, deforestation and litter; teaching us about alternatives such as recycling, composting and habitat creations, to reinforce what we can do to protect and care for our animal neighbours.

This virtual event will include live animals such as: stick insects, tarantula, scorpion, corn snake, giant millipedes, cockroaches, giant African land snail, tree frog, rat. The animals used on the day may vary slightly. For ages 5 - 11.

Baby Goz with Steve Weatherill Wednesday 2 June 11.00am - 12.30pm

Author and illustrator Steve Weatherill introduces Baby Goz and the Bitey Book adventure. Plus he will share how to draw Goz and other animals from his stories including dinosaurs! For ages 5 – 7+.

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Zoolab Rainforest: Thursday 3 June 11.30am – 12.30pm

Children get to go on a journey through the rainforest - with real rainforest animals and a ranger who really knows the rainforest inside out. It's all about experiencing the drama of the rainforest - from the dark forest floor to the dizzy heights of the emergent layer!

Children will learn about plants and get to meet a range of animals from ground-dwelling snails, 'travelling' snakes and canopy-dwelling tree frogs! They'll get to learn all about the layer(s) in which they live, who and what they eat, how they operate in different light levels, and all about life in the steamy tropics. And they'll learn about rainforest location, rainfall and weather and rainforest destruction. This virtual event will include live animals such as: stick insects, tarantula, scorpion, corn snake, giant millipedes, cockroaches, giant African land snail, tree frog, rat. The animals used on the day may vary slightly. For ages 5 - 11.

The Puzzle of the Three Little Pigs with Steve Wetherill Thursday 3 June 2 – 3pm

Author and illustrator Steve Weatherill shares puzzle tales and the story of the three little pigs. Plus learn how to draw a scary wolf, a friendly little pig and a unicorn! For ages 5 – 7

Storytelling , drama and creative writing workshop for children aged 7-11. Friday 4 June 11.30am – 12.30pm

Join this exciting storytelling, drama and creative writing workshop focusing on the theme of empathy. In support of Empathy Day 10 June. For ages 7- 11.

Story theatre performance for children aged 7-11. Saturday 5 June 2.00 – 3.00pm

Join us for this exciting story theatre performance focusing on the theme of empathy. In support of Empathy Day 10 June. For ages 7- 11.

Empathy Day is 10th June

The pandemic and Black Lives Matter movement have shown how important it is that we understand what other people are going through, and how powerful it is when we look out for each other. For more information and activities for families go to <https://www.empathylab.uk/empathyday-2021>

Joining Brent Libraries

To join Brent Libraries and borrow our e-books you can do this 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 opening hours and anything else, go to:

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/libraries/>