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Christmas Gifts

Gadget Shop, Genius Twist 'n' Turn
A super smart 21st Century of the Rubik Cube. Use the coloured handles to unravel the matching cords. A real brain tease! This kept up entertained for hours. *WHSmith £14.99*



Gadget Shop Science, Ten-Pin Strike

Link your Motosaurus to a whole host of clever battery powered toys through the same electric circuit, including your own mini ten pin bowling game! Fun and a great stress release.
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Gadget Shop, Genius Puzzleman

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Fun and friendly experience allows kids to safely search for popular, age appropriate series and beloved characters.

Kobo, a global leader in eReading, now has Kids' Store, available to readers in the UK. With nearly 100,000 titles including popular books such as *Gangster Grammy* by **David Walliams** and *City of Heavenly Fire* by **Cassandra Clare**, the Kids' Store is equipped with safe-search features designed to allow kids to easily browse and find age appropriate books. With dedicated kids' accounts, parents can set spending allowances – giving children the freedom to make their own choices of what to read next. *The Kobo Kids'* catalogue can be enjoyed on award winning devices such as the *Kobo Aura* Ink eReader or *Kobo Arc 7HD Tablet*, or with *Kobo's* FREE top ranked reading apps built for the most popular tablets and smartphones.

"As a parent and booklover, I am constantly looking for ways to keep my kids reading within a fun, safe environment as I do my part to try to grow the next generation of readers," said **Michael**

Kobo Kids' Store

Tamblyn, President and Chief Content Officer, *Kobo*.

Kids Love Reading for Fun Per Scholastic research published in a *Kobo* whitepaper titled *The Children's Digital Book Market: The Future Looks Bright*, one in five children who have read an eBook said that they tend to read more books for fun. In addition, almost half of all children age 6-17 said they would read more books for fun if they had greater access to eBooks.

For more information www.kobo.com.



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Christmas gift ideas from Jumbo Games



Peppa Pig Hide & Seek Game
RRP: £14.99
Stockists: Argos, Toys R Us and Amazon



Gift Box with 2 puzzles included (Peppa Pig, Fireman Sam, Disney Princess and Planes boxes available)
RRP: £9.99
Stockists: Argos and Amazon



Playlab Christmas Trio Puzzle Collection
RRP: £7.99
Stockists: Amazon



Strange Hill High Double-Sided Shaped Puzzle gift tin
RRP: £9.99
Stockists: The Entertainer and Amazon

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Peacock Theatre

A perennial family favourite, *The Snowman* has transported a generation of children and their families into the wonderful wintry world of a boy and his magical snowman. As a unique friendship is kindled, the two embark on a starry-skied adventure to the North Pole, where they meet Father Christmas and narrowly escape the clutches of Jack Frost. When a young boy's snowman magically comes to life, the two set off on a starry-skied adventure to the North Pole, where they meet dancing penguins, reindeer and naturally, Father Christmas. Watch spellbound as the Snowman flies through the night sky above you, before escaping the clutches of Jack Frost to return home for Christmas morning.

In its 17th hit year, this heart-warming stage show based on **Raymond Briggs'** much-loved book, is brought to life in a magical mix of live music, dance, beautiful costumes and wondrous sets, and features **Howard Blake's** timeless 'Walking in the Air'.

"Sheer theatrical magic. Go see *The Snowman*, and melt!" *The Times*

www.sadlerswells.com/whats-on/2014/the-snowman/

Broadway Theatre

Richard Blackwood is to star as muddles in the *Broadway Theatre* spectacular family pantomime, *Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs*. This dazzling show will melt your heart as the beautiful Snow White meets her Prince Charming (**Sami Lamine**), they fall in love and live happily ever after, but not without trials and tribulations along the way thanks to the Wicked Queen. An extra special treat for all the family in a spine-tingling, foot-tapping, hand-clapping Christmas cracker of a show! With an action-packed, bang-up-to-date script, high energy choreography set to modern music, dazzling costumes full of glitz and glamour, magical scenery to transport audiences to pantoland, and a good supply of laugh-out-loud comedy, *Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs* is the must-see show this Christmas. Returning for another season of pantomime madness and mayhem is the comedy star **Richard Blackwood** with **Amy Reader** bringing beauty to the plot. **12th - 30th December 2014**
Box Office **020 8690 0002**
www.broadwaytheatre.org.uk

Aladdin at The Marlowe Theatre

Scott Maslen, **Phil Gallagher** TV stars top the bill of the pantomime at *The Marlowe Theatre*, which opens on **Friday 28 November**. Maslen is best known as **Jack Branning** from *EastEnders*. Before his six-year stint in the BBC soap, he played DS Phil Hunter for five years in ITV's police drama, *The Bill*. In 2010, he was a popular contestant in the BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing*. The 42 year old returned to theatre last Christmas for pantomime in Bournemouth (his first). He played **Abanazar**, the same villainous role he will be playing in *Canterbury*. Maslen said: "It was hard work, but a lot of fun. It was good being back on stage again after so many years on TV, and I was keen to do another pantomime, especially a character like **Abanazar** – so great to get your teeth into!" The former model is good friends with fellow ex-*EastEnders* **Samantha Womack**, who starred in last year's *Marlowe Theatre* pantomime, *Jack and The Beanstalk*. He said: "Sam was full of praise for the theatre and the audiences. She also enjoyed living in Canterbury for the show's run: in fact, she highly recommended it all!" Gallagher is otherwise known as *Mister Maker* from children's TV channel, *Cbeebies*. He is a *BAFTA*-nominated performer and has worked in children's TV for the last 17 years as a writer, actor and presenter. *Mister Maker*, the ultimate arts and crafts show for pre-schoolers, has become a worldwide hit since its first transmission in 2007 and now plays in more than 100 countries. This is the 10th pantomime for Gallagher, who comes from Gillingham and who went to Canterbury Christ Church University. This year he is **Wishie Washee**. As well as Gallagher, **Ben Roddy** and **Lloyd Hollett** will be returning to *The Marlowe* for *Aladdin*. **David Albury** (*Aladdin*), **Rosa O'Reilly** (*Princess Jasmine*), **Masashi Fujimoto** (*Emperor of China*), **Bentley Kulu** (*Genie Of The Lamp*), and **Sabrina Alouche** (*Spirit Of The Ring*). *Aladdin* runs at *The Marlowe Theatre* until **Sunday 11 January**. For times and ticket details, call the Box Office on **01227 787787** www.marlowetheatre.com. Audio described, captioned and signed, and, for the first time, there will be a relaxed performance (for customers with disabilities, including those on the autistic spectrum).

Fairfield Halls, Croydon, Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs

"Mirror, mirror on the wall, which is the greatest panto of them all?" *Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs*, of course, this year's Christmas treat at *Fairfield Halls*, Croydon, starring Pop icon and West End superstar **Gareth Gates** as Prince Charming. The sensational cast also includes everyone's favourite Dame, the hilarious **Quinn Patrick**, who returns by popular demand for the fourth year running, plus **Siani Owen** as the wicked Queen Morgiana, **Witney White** as Snow White and **Jack Glanville** as Muddles, not forgetting the magnificent *Seven Dwarfs*! This fun-packed family pantomime is, once again, written by **Paul Hendy** and produced by *Evolution Pantomimes*. With great comedy, music and choreography, dazzling sets and costumes and audience participation, book your tickets now for the funniest and most spectacular show of the year! *Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs* opens on **Friday 5 December 2014** and runs until **Sunday 4 January 2015**. Tickets are on sale from the *Fairfield Halls* Box Office **020 8688 9291** www.fairfield.co.uk Group Booking **020 8603 3973** groupbooking@fairfield.co.uk All tickets for performances Fri 5th to Fri 12th Dec & Sun 4th Jan £17. All other performances are Adults £21, £26 & £30 and Children & Senior Citizens £21, £22 & £25. Family Ticket (2 Adults & 2 Children) £91, Schools/Brownies/Cubs £13.50 (restricted performances), Groups, Buy 10 Tickets Get 1 Free. No Booking Fee!

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Orthodontists and the General Dental Council are operating an illegal scam to withhold information from the public about new methods which can avoid almost all extractions and even major jaw surgery. This is being done partly to protect traditional methods and partly to preserve the high incomes of orthodontists and surgeons. Research suggests that this British development is being ignored in the UK while spreading rapidly abroad. As a result hundreds of children and young adults have extractions and jaw surgery, unaware they may be unnecessary.
Some Orthodontists mislead patients, saying that extractions can be avoided although the traditional methods they use leave too little room, risking severe damage to the face. It is wise to explore the internet yourself, many sites make great claims and show beautiful faces but very few show good results before and after treatment. Even the media is scared of disclosing this scandal.

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Aladdin at the New Victoria Theatre, Woking

BAFTA award-winning **Cbeebies** superstar **Justin Fletcher** returns to the *New Victoria Theatre*, Woking this Christmas to star in the spectacular and magical pantomime, *Aladdin*, alongside pop star **Ben Adams**, *Coronation Street* favourite **Steven Arnold** and *Britain's Got Talent's* **Shaheen Jafargholi**. Following a sell out 2013 season and overwhelming public demand, the presenter and actor returns as *Wishie Washee*. Joining him will be the lead singer of 90's boyband *A1* **Ben Adams**, who has also appeared in *Celebrity Big Brother* as *Aladdin*. Take a magical carpet ride to the Far East in this year's pantomime spectacular

Performance Times & Ticket Information
Friday 5 December 2014 - Saturday 10 January 2015
Tickets £13.90 - £32.40 plus a £2.85 transaction fee
You can book tickets by calling the Box Office on **0844 871 7645** (fees apply)
Groups Booking Line **0844 871 7601** or online at www.atgtickets.com/woking

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Christmas Gifts

Cartamundi & Hasbro Gaming

Fun for the whole family with 12 new card games to enjoy at home or on the move!

New card game range **Shuffle™** hits stores this July with a host of Hasbro brands, including *Monopoly*, *Transformers*, *My Little Pony*, *Littles Pet Shop*, *Nerf*, *Play-Doh*, *Shuffle™*, *Guess Who?*, *Trivial Pursuit* and many more.

Produced by leading card games company **Cartamundi**, the new range offers consumers fun and exciting, quick-play card games for all ages. An optional free app can be downloaded from *Apple iTunes* and *Google Play* stores with each game to offer digitally enhanced game play. PLUS, innovative new packaging means **Shuffle** games are perfect for enjoying at home or on the move! Heaps of family fun for just £6.99p (RRP).



Popcorn Kitchen

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Pants on Fire Games

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You can granny survive a bombardment of mint humbugs with just an umbrella to defend herself? Or is she the one to take a walking-stick-swipe at all the other grannies? **You Cannae Push Yer Granny off the Bus** (RRP £15, ages 6+) is the slapstick game of tactics and strategy, which sees grannies battle it out to stay on the bus. With lashings of cartoon comedy thrown in, players battle to force other grannies off the bus with hatpins, pension books and ankle-biting lapdogs, their only ludicrous defence being things like shopping



trolleys and woolly tights! A perfect Christmas family game, especially if Granny’s come to stay.

If you’re even more of a badult, **Liar Liar** (RRP £20, ages 12+) is the wickedly twisted trivia game which lets you outwit even the smartest Christmas dinner guests. Fib, falsify and fabricate your way to victory by teasing your opponents with truth and lies

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WATCHSHOP
There are as many different styles: classic, funky, designer, trendy and much more. We had a chance to look at the full range. We were impressed by the range and they are as good as they look on the website. www.watchshop.com which is well worth the visit as it is easy to find your way around. *Categorio's Best Sellers* is a good place to start and they have the prices shown clearly, and set in ranges. The quality is superb and designers such as *Ted Baker, Vivienne Westwood* and others would not put their name to them otherwise.

So there is the option for "The Big Present" or down to stocking fillers for all members of the family- and all will be appreciated as they are quite stunning.

www.watchshop.com

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Wasgij Christmas Mystery Shopper and Wasgij Junior

Will you be winning £10,000 this Christmas?

Festival jigsaw puzzle are great for Christmas entertainment for the whole family, everyone can help. This brand new puzzle also features a fantastic on-pack promotion to win **£10,000! Win, Win!**

Wasgij Christmas 10: Mystery Shopper is a hilariously festive 2 x 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle. The image shown on the box depicts the local department store thriving with shopper’s trying to pick up the best Christmas bargains in the lead up to the big day!

For something even sneakier, try the deceptively wholesome-looking **Wing It** (RRP £20, ages 8+). The overland, underhand bird-watching challenge is a race around the British countryside in a bid to spot unusual birds whilst at the same time hampering your opponents’ attempts to get there first. Featuring official *RSPB* illustrations, with input from *RSPB* wardens and using actual *RSPB* reserves, this fun family board game is an authentic bird-watching game which is certain to ruffle a few feathers!



WATCHSHOP

A wonderful range of watches are available and make good presents at this time of year. Women’s, Kids and Teens, and a range of prices are all

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Traditional Festive Fun this Christmas with University Games

Christmas wouldn’t be Christmas without settling down to an afternoon of family fun with a great board game.

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Mini Games:

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Christmas Gifts

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Britain’s best loved craft brand **Buttonbag** has a brilliant selection of craft kits designed to bring out the creative side in everyone – however hidden that might be.

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Every Mon **Sevco** Theatre Sutton 020 8770 6990 Zumba fitness. **Every Tues** Line Dancing. **Every Wed** Ballroom Dance, under 18's to adults.

Every Mon **Hylo's Park** 020 8726 6000 Health walk circular through Lloyl Park & Sirchul on mainly flat terrain, ideal for beginners, 2 miles last approx 1hr, meet 11am **FREE** & same walk on potentially hilly terrain, 3-miles ideal for advanced walkers, 2pm, **Every Sat** Park run, **FREE** weekly ticket \$k run, meet to register first.

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Every Thurs Thornton Heath
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Every Tues De Stafford
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Circular Walk 020 8726 6900 x64952 Health walk, 2-3miles, meet 11am at 'Good Companions' pub, Hamsey Green, **FREE**.

Every Wed Sanden
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Bookstart rhymetime, babies & toddlers, Wiggly & Jiggle, 18mths+ys, Storytime 2½+ys. Fortnightly Rock & Rhyme for pre-school children, **FREE**.

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1 The Flyover 020 8726 6000 x8965 Zumba Latin inspired dance music & rhymus, all abilities.

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Every Wed & Sat Millennium Arena Battersea Park 020 8871 7542 Drop in tennis sessions, 5.8-9.15yrs.

Every Thurs Catherham Hill Library www.surrey.gov.uk/abstuffs Rhymetime, 10am **FREE**. **Every Fri** Storytime, 2.15pm, **FREE**.

Every Thurs Norbury Park and Norwood Grove 020 8726 6900 A circular walk through Norbury Park & Norwood Train Station, 1.30pm, **FREE**. **21 Aug** Butterfly Walk, 2 hrs around the park to learn about these insects, 07968 832508.

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Every Thurs Croydon

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Every Thurs South
Norwood Leisure Centre
164 Portland Road
020 8726 6000 x88965 Acquiase
squash.

Every Tues **Coudsland**
Library 020 8726 6900
Bookstart Rhymetime for
babies & toddlers, **Wiggle &**
Jiggle, 2-4yrs. **Every Thurs**
Storytime, 2½+yrs. **Every**
Sat Storytime, under 7's,
FREE.

Fri of every month
Bergundy & Black Cafe
St Martins Walk Dorking
Bumps & Babies is for
mums with bumps & both
parents or carers of non
mobile babies, meet others
for tea or coffee & get your
baby socialising, www.nct.org.uk/branches/dorking/
events/bumps-and-babies.

3rd
Monday every month **Nippin**
for mums about nappies as an
alternative to disposable.
Every Fri Sutton Library 020
8644 9966 Job Club volunteers
lead support group for job seeker,
all ages, **FREE** no need to
book.

Every Fri Sutton Life Centre
020 8644 9966 Running &
non contact boxing, 12-18yrs,
FREE.

Every Fri Caterham Valley
Library www.surrey.gov.uk/kidstuff
Rhymetime, **FREE**.

Every Thurs Storytime, FREE.
Every Fri Dorking Library
www.surrey.gov.uk/kidstuff
Rhymetime, **FREE**.

Every Fri Redhill Library
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Rhymetime, **FREE**.

Every Fri Warmingham
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Rhymetime, **FREE**.

Every Fri Bradmore Green
Library Old Coudsland 020
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rhythmyme for babies & toddlers. **Wiggle & Jiggle**, 2-4yrs. **Every Mon** Storytime 2-4yrs. **Free** & Chatterbooks reading group for 8-11yrs. **Fortnightly** **Every Sat** Rhyme time. **FREE** **Every Fri** **Broad Green Library** 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhyme time 0-5yrs. **Fortnightly** on Sat Rock & Rhyme for pre-school children. **Every Wed** Art! Crafty computers drop in sessions for under 5's, parents & carers. **Free** **Fri** **South Norwood Library** 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Rhymetime for babies & toddlers. **Every Tues** Wiggle & Jiggle, 2-4yrs. **Alternate Sat** Rock & Rhyme or Storytime. **FREE**. **Every Fri** **Shirley Library** 020 8253 1023 Bookstart rhymetime for babies & toddlers. **Wiggle & Jiggle** for 18mths+. **Every Thurs** Storytime for 2-4yrs. **Every Sat** Rock & Rhyme for babies & toddlers. **Monthly** story & craft workshops. 5-10yrs.

Aquacise pay as you go sessions.
Every Fri Pavillion Leisure Centre Kentish Way Bromley
 020 8313 9911 Families & under 11's Roller Disco sessions, 4.30-5.45pm & Families & under 16's Roller Disco sessions with full skate & safety equipment provided, doors open 6.15pm.
Tel: 07970 266790.
Last Fri of each month Bedgebury National Pinetum & Forest Goudhurst 01580 879820 Beginners Health Walk, lasting approx 30mins.-1hr & will

cover between 1-4km. Every Fri
mon Moderate Health Walks,
1-1 1/2 hrs between 4 & 6km.
Every Fri mon Green Gym
session, volunteers can spend
a satisfying session working in
the National Pinetum helping
to improve the world's best
conifer collection. **FREE.** The
trees, 446595, Dr. Go Ape
take to the trees & experience
a course of rope bridges, tarzan
swings & zip slides up to 35 feet
above the forest floor, 10+ yrs,
minimum height 1.4m.
Every Fri Grain Library
Rochester 01634 338772
Homework club with friendly
& knowledgeable staff on hand
to help. **FREE.** Every Sat Craft
Club for under 8's. **FREE.**
Every Sat Electric Theatre
Theatre, 446595, 10.30-12.30
444789 Little Sparks in the Café
Ba with music, games, songs,
stories & puppets & Sparkles
Dance drop in classes for 5-
9yrs. Every Mon & Tues after
school The Man in the Moon
Weekly drama workshops, 6-
14yrs. Every Wed All Star Choir,
8-14yrs.
Every Sat The Green Dragon
58-60 High Street Croydon 020
8667 0684 Storytelling for families
and children, 10.30-12.30 with
stories, puppets, arts activities &
songs. **FREE.**
Every Sat mon Norman Parks
Hayes Lane Bromley Kent 020
8460 5291 School School, 4-
6, 7-9 & 10+ yrs.
Until 31 Dec Bluewater

Shopping Centre 0844 8471774 The Science Museum opens its first ever pop up store for Christmas with demonstrations of experiments, robots, remote control & gadgets will take place daily.

1 Nov Haling Grove 020 8726 6900 Half five dress up in your favourite pumpkin to the park between 3.55pm & join the Friends of Haling Grove for an afternoon of scary fun in the park, for more info contact friends@haling-grove.org.uk

2 Nov Foxley Wood 020 866882008 Family Woodland Fun join the Community Partnership Officer for some forest school inspired activities around the camp fire. Make a wreath or stick a tree in time for the festive season, make a lantern, making the tallest tree tower ever, families &yrs, for more info hivdyssey@croymov.gov.uk

4 Nov Knole Park House & Gardens Sevenoaks 01732732000 462100 Witchmarks & demon talks talks about recent finds at Knole. *Every Thurs, Sat & Sun* Guided walks in the deer park suitable for little legs.

4-8 Nov Orchard Theatre Dartford 01322 2200000 *War, War, War* Drawing in the Streets musical, 12 Nov Shakespeare Schools Festival.

12 Nov Marty Wilde's Rock 'n' Roll party 15 Nov Let's Hang On! On a musical journey through the prolific career of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, one of

the most successful bands of all time. **18 Nov** West End Women in concert. **21 Nov** The Stylistics' greatest hits show. **24-29 Nov** Miracle on 34th Street musical for all the family. **30 Nov** Sixties Gold. **1 Dec** Christmas with the Rat Pack. www.orchardtheatre.co.uk

6-8 Nov Mill Studio Millbrook 01483 4400 00 Sikes & Nancy www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk

6-8 Nov Polka Theatre Wimbledon 020 8543 4858 Angel, 10yrs-9. **9 Nov** Little Howard & the Magic Penguin of Life & Death with interactive stand up, 2d animations, songs & laughs, 5yrs+. **16 Nov** Sunday Storytelling: Maisy's Band, 3-5yrs. **21-17 Nov** 14-16 Feb Peter Pan with puppets, 6yrs+. Unity & Grandad, Me ... and Teddy Too, 2-5yrs. www.polka-theatre.com

7 Nov Fairfield Halls Fairfield 020 8688 9291 Remember When At Christmas show. **21 Nov-4 Dec** Santa Claus, 2-8yrs www.fairfield.co.uk

8 Nov Quebec House Westernham 01782 868381 With a map & musket how mapmakers played a key role in the Quebec narrative. Every **Sun** 11am-1pm recapture some of the excitement of Sir Wolfe's 18th century expedition including potato pudding & lemon drops. **Every Wed** Guided tour **FREE**

8 Nov Yvonne Arnaud Theatre Millbrook Guildford 01483 440000 Don't Let the Pigeons

Drive the Bus, 3-7yrs. **10 Nov**
Songbird the Musical **10 Nov**
Cassidy, 11 **Nov** The Nutcracker
12 **Nov** Giselle, 13 **Nov** Swan
Lake all performed by Russian
State Ballet & Opera House
14-15 **Nov** Dinosaur Zoo
3-4yrs, 21-29 **Nov** Peter Pan
Goes Wrong, 22 **Nov** Cinderella
17yrs, 3-8yrs, www.kazakhstan.gov.kz
20 **Nov** Robin's Winter
Adventure, 41yrs.
www.yvonne-amund.co.uk
8 Nov Concert Hall Fairfield
100 8688 9291 Dawn French
30 Million Minutes, 9 **Nov**
Remembrance Sunday Service
FREE event, 10 **Nov** The Circus
of Horrors, The Night of the
Zombie show, 13 **Nov** 5-4-3-2-1
It's The Manfeds in Concert
17 **Nov** Shane Flannery & M
17 **Nov** The 1970s
Montague, 19 **Nov** Dancing
the Streets show, 23 **Nov** Marty
Wild's Rock 'n' Roll Party, 23
24 **Nov** Swan Lake performed
by Moscow City Ballet, 25 **Nov**
Romeo & Juliet performed by
Moscow City Ballet, 29 **Nov**
The Sensational 60s Experience
50th Anniversary Tour, www.fairfield.co.uk
9 Nov Emmetts Garden Idle Hill
Sevensons 01732 866381 31
11 **Nov** Star Garden
evening with the Edenbridge
Astronomical Society, 30 **Nov**
Animal tracking day learn all
about animal tracking.
12 **Nov Arnheim Gallery**
Fairfield 020 8688 9291 Le
Nelson, www.fairfield.co.uk

13 Nov **Nov** **8889** **Ashtori Theatre**
Croydon 020 6688 9291 A Vision
of Elvis. 19-22 Nov Hairspira
the musical. 24-29 Nov Agatha
Christie's Mousetrap.
www.fairfield.co.uk

15 Nov **Hayes Village Hall**
Bromley 07534 4479883
Gingham Goose Craft Market
stalls available. **FREE**, entry
£1

21 Nov - 4 Jan **Tonbridge**
Wells 01892 821111 Ice skating
on the lake with traditional wooden
chalets selling local & seasonal
products.
www.tonbridgefestival.co.uk
tonbridgefestival.co.uk

23 Nov **Tonbridge Christmas**
Festival magical events to
include stage entertainment on
the High Street, followed by a
Christmas light switch on at 4
p.m plus a fireworks display at 6
p.m. www.tbmc.co.uk

28 Nov **Chatham Historic**
Dockyard Chatham 01634
823845 Eerie Evening ghost
walks starting 1pm 1 1/2 hrs.
www.thedockyard.co.uk
ghostwalks@thedockyard.co.uk
11-11 Nov **Volunteer, Loss**
Sacrifice: The War at Sea, 1914-
1918 exhibition, at
www.thedockyard.co.uk

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Education

Scholarship Opportunities at St Lawrence College

Just received your child's 11+ results? If you have a current Year 6 child, whether they have passed the 11+ or not, have you considered looking at St Lawrence College in Ramsgate for the next stage of his or her education?

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• Your Year 6 child is welcome to take the school's forthcoming scholarship tests for entry into Year 7 in September 2015.

• The scholarship tests take place on Thursday 20 Nov.

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to find out more about the scholarship process. www.slucuk.com



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November 2014 Join the Gruffalo's Child on her winter forest adventure

Forest activity trails and an app encourage children to learn about nature. This winter families are invited to go on a forest adventure with Mouse as the Gruffalo's Child activity trails come to 24 forests and woods across England.

The Gruffalo's Child will leave her comfortable cave and go into the deep dark wood until February 2015 to inspire children to explore and learn about nature.

The self-led trails will encourage children to search for animal tracks, create Gruffalo and animal footprints, pretend to grow tall like trees, build animal homes and find materials that animals can use to keep warm in winter. The activity trails have been devised to support Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 curriculums, with links to knowledge of the world, language development, sensory learning and numeracy. The Gruffalo's Child trails are the first initiative organised by the Forestry Commission England in conjunction with Magic Light Pictures to celebrate the nationwide 10th anniversary celebrations of the book's publication. Ian Gambles, Director of Forestry Commission England commented: "The Gruffalo activity trails this summer were an

outstanding success and we welcomed an unprecedented number of children and families to forests across the country – many for their first time. "We are looking forward to providing new reasons for families to get outdoors and explore our woods and forests with Gruffalo's Child activities this winter. "The trails will be an amazing adventure, encouraging visitors to make the most of the winter season and learn about our beautiful forests alongside one of the all-time favourite book characters."

The Gruffalo's Child activity trails follow on from The Gruffalo trails that took place during the spring and summer, which saw hundreds of thousands of children following The Gruffalo and his friends through woods and forests across the country. Visitors will also be able to purchase an activity pack for £2 which includes a foraging bag for collecting woodland materials, a fun-packed Gruffalo's Child activity leaflet which is closely linked to the activity trail, a special Gruffalo's Child sticker and a colouring-in sheet. These special packs will encourage children to learn even more about the behaviour of animals in winter.

If that's not enough, Magic Light Pictures have released a Gruffalo app, Gruffalo: Photo, which encourages children and their families to explore and take photographs whilst they are out on their forest adventure. They can even take a #gruffaloselfie! Using an intuitive and simple design, the app enables children to take pictures using four exclusive Gruffalo frames. Photos can then be personalised using character stickers, phrases and artwork from the iconic picture book. The app also includes a map and directions to all of the 24 Gruffalo's Child trail locations across England.

Gruffalo: Photo comes hot on the heels of Gruffalo: Games, the No.1 Kids and Education app on iPad, which saw over 250,000 plays in the first three weeks.

Developed by Magic Light Pictures with Limepark Studios, Gruffalo: Photo is available to download exclusively via the AppStore for iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad and iPad Mini, priced at £1.49.

Visit www.forestry.gov.uk/gruffalo for details of Gruffalo's Child activity and trails and to sign up to the newsletter.

020 8234 6886
www.leyt.co.uk/

November 2014

Get Kids Reading

Stephen Hawking has joined a government-backed campaign to improve child literacy and encourage parents to read with their children.

A specially adapted ten-minute extract of Professor Hawking and daughter Lucy's latest book, *George and the Unbreakable Code*, will be published in Saturday's edition of *The Sun* as part of the newspaper's Get Kids Reading initiative.

The physicist joins author and comedian David Walliams, Deputy PM Nick Clegg, Education Secretary Nicky Morgan and former children's laureate Michael Morpurgo in backing the initiative, which is part of the wider Read On. Get On. campaign with *Save the Children* that aims to ensure every child in the UK is a confident reader by age 11.

Stephen Hawking said: "I'm pleased to be part of *The Sun's* Get Kids Reading campaign. I love the challenge of turning cutting edge science into rollercoaster adventure stories for my young readers. I hope that by entertaining them with gripping and sometimes scary, stories, I can also teach them along the way. That's my mission!"

Professor Hawking has written four children's books with daughter Lucy, who took part in *The Sun's* bus tour of primary schools across the country that gave away 6,700 books to youngsters.

Lucy Hawking said: "I'm honoured to be part of the campaign. It's a great idea to get authors to schools and talk about books. I'm passionate about books – both reading and writing – and I want to pass on that excitement to kids."

A *Save The Children*-led report reveals that Britain currently has one of the biggest literacy problems in Europe with one in six adults not being able to read to the standard set for 11-year olds. The cost of illiteracy to the economy is currently an estimated £18 billion a year. By 2025 that could well have risen to an annual £43 billion.

The report revealed that reading with kids for just ten minutes a day can make a huge difference and help improve literacy levels.

www.savethechildren.org.uk/reading

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Home-Start

New report shows a quarter of parents never ask what their kids want to do when they grow up. 28% of parents think their children will have less career opportunities than they did. Children are more interested in fame and fortune, more so than their parents expect.

Home-Start, a national charity that supports children and families in times of difficulty, have released a report, *EARNING MONEY*: Children's aspirations and their views on work and wages, which compares children's views of their future career opportunities and aspirations with their parents' views.

Key findings from the report, developed in partnership with *Lloyds Banking Group's Money for Life* programme, suggests that despite a greater pressure on children to perform well at school and seek aspirational careers, there is still a large number of parents (26%) not talking to their children about 'what they want to be when they grow up' – pointing to a communication gap. In addition, many parents feel apprehensive about their children's future. 28% believe their children may have less career opportunities than they did.

Contrasting, children are much more optimistic about their future than their parents are, with 93% of children believing they would earn the same or more than their parents and 71% saying they want to do 'a job that they love'.

Children also believe they can achieve fame and fortune and are more interested in having high earnings and fame than their parents expect, which, again, points to a gap in communication and understanding about aspiration between parents and their children.

With parents' financial behaviours and decisions, both good and bad, influencing children's behaviour and choices, help with opening up communications channels between parents and children (and children's wider influencers) is crucial.

As part of the report, *Home-Start* has set out its views on supporting families in this area.

The full report can be read on-line including the list of advice points:

www.home-start.org.uk/about_us/what_we_do/money_for_life_report2

Education

Winter 2015 Elegance and colour: the Primigi children's winter collection

Finally the most enchanting holidays of the year are coming! *Primigi*, as always, will accompany children throughout this long and cold winter: everyone is ready for new extraordinary adventures.

Primigi winter collection, undoubtedly a step ahead, is conscious and highly aware of the latest trends. It is ideal for taking on this season full of activities and exciting new experiences with a stylish and fun approach. *Primigi* girls can choose from a wide selection: from ankle boots in soft leather with a glamorous twist, to soft suede ankle-boots with appliques up to sneakers full of highly fashionable elements and details. Beige, taupe, brown and everlasting black are complemented by splashes of red to conclude a fabulous collection, ideal for looking perfect in every occasion.

Primigi line for little boys is just as exceptional: to sporty and chic, classic yet fashionable, inspired by a collection that offers many ideas for a fresh and trendy look even in winter! From boots with *GORE-TEX*® membrane, to ensure absolute waterproof wear by protecting feet from the heavy rain and snow, to the classic shoes with velcro strap closure, the most practical wear. Lace-up boots and sneakers are perfect for trend-conscious boys: footwear that's elegant yet practical at the same time, enhanced by classic shades of grey, brown and black in addition to charming red.



www.primigi.com

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Education

NSPCC teams up with Santa to make Christmas wishes come true

Children's charity the NSPCC teams up with Santa to make children's Christmas wishes come true by sending them a personalised Letter from Santa, sent direct from the North Pole via *Rudolph's Mail*. The colourful, beautifully

illustrated letters include the child's (or big kid's) name, age, gender, and a few other details which only Santa could know. Santa has even written a special poem to celebrate baby's first Christmas too – a keepsake to treasure for years to come.

Christmas is an exciting time of year but for some children it can be an incredibly difficult and lonely time. By requesting a *Letter from Santa* for a suggested donation of £5, the NSPCC can be there for vulnerable children, giving them someone to turn to when they need advice and support, this Christmas and beyond.

Every £5 raised by *Letter from Santa* could help the NSPCC's *ChildLine* service be there whenever a child seeks help either online or by phone. Every £12 raised could help train *ChildLine* Schools Service volunteers talk to one primary school child about abuse, improving their understanding of abuse and how they can stay safe.

The *ChildLine* Schools Service has already spoken to 2,474 children in schools across Kent. Santa's mailbox is open until **15 December 2014**, and all those who request a *Letter from Santa* this year will be entered into a draw to win a *Center Pares* holiday for a family of four. Request your *Letter from Santa* from now at

www.nspcc.org.uk/santa or by calling **0845 839 9304**

The Ursuline Preparatory School celebrate Winners of the Wimbledon Bookfest

The *Ursuline Prep School*, long term sponsors of the successful **Wimbledon Bookfest**, were pleased to celebrate with winners from the annual *Young Writers Competition*. Girls in both Year 3 and Year 4 were the delighted winners, whilst the school also secured many *Highly Commended* and *Commended* awards. Girls were issued with their certificates at *The Bookfest Prize Giving on Tuesday 7th October* in "The Big Tent" by celebrated children's author **Jacqueline Wilson**.

Mrs Anne Farnish, Headmistress of *The Ursuline Prep School* said "We are delighted that again this year we have winners of the *Bookfest Competition* and more

girls throughout the school collecting Highly Commended and Commended Awards. This is a wonderful opportunity for all our girls to be able to receive acknowledgement from a prestigious group of judges, and to meet such celebrated Authors. This was a very exciting time for all concerned. Well done everyone".

The Ursuline Prep School will be holding its next *Open Saturday on 8th November* from 10am to 12 noon, and a full *open week* from **10th November to 14th November** from 9:30am to 11am daily. Appointments are unnecessary. Visit them – you will be sure of a warm welcome

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November 2014

The Really Cool Activity Book

In association with

Great Ormond Street Hospital's Charity

Foreword by **Claudia Winkelman** "The Really Cool Activity Book is an amazing activity book that makes learning fun...Donations from books like this will help rebuild and refurbish Great Ormond Street Hospital, fund research into new treatments for childhood illness, buy vital equipment, and provide essential support to the hospital's patients and families."

Aimed at children aged 5 and upwards, readers will be able to learn about each subject by completing puzzles, playing games, colouring, drawing and answering quizzes. All activities can be completed without the need for any extra materials.

The Really Cool Activity Book is both fun and educational, guaranteed to provide hours of enjoyment.

Price: £4.99 Age: 5 plus

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Daily The Queen's Gallery Buckingham Palace London 020 7766 7301 Become an explorer & discover the exhibition with activity bags for families. Using the bags find out which animals the adventurers shared the Antarctic with and what early explorers were to protect themselves from the cold.

Ongoing Royal Air Force Museum Hendon 020 8205 2266 Airfix exhibition with some of Airfix's from the 50,60s & 70s.

Ongoing Royal Mews Buckingham Palace 020 7766 7302 Family groups explore a range of self directed activities from the art trolley, 5-11yrs.

Ongoing Science Museum Imax Theatre 0870 870 4868 Mysteries of the Unseen World, 8+yrs.

Ongoing Royal Academy of Arts 020 7300 8000 www.royalacademy.org.uk New policy all children under 12yrs of age will have **FREE** entry to all exhibitions.

Ongoing Churchill War Rooms Clive Steps King Charles Street 020 7930 6961 Undercover, Life in Churchill's Bunker, learn what life & conditions were like underground.

Every Sun National Gallery 020 7747 2885 Family workshops for families bringing paintings alive & listening to a themed story on the magic carpet, **FREE** family trail, www.nationalgallery.org.uk

Every Sun Hildreth Street Market Balham SW12 Street Market w fresh food traders from over London.

Every Mon & Thurs Holy Trinity Church Brook Green 07710 023743 Singing & Songwriting adventures for 6-11 & 11-14yrs.

Every Sat Venn Street Market, Clapham Common 020 7622 8259 Offering fine foods & fresh produce plus a variety of handmade crafts will be available throughout

Every Sat Blue Elephant Theatre Camberwell 020 7701 0100 Young People's Theatre workshops, various age groups 7-18yrs, **FREE** to join.

Every weekend London Transport Museum Covent Garden 020 7379 6344 The Family Station **FREE** activities families all ages.

Every weekend Tate Modern Bankside SE1 020 7887 8008 Open Studio play & create with ideas & materials from artworks in the collection displays for all ages.

Daily Children's Multimedia Guide keeps children entertained & animates art works through music, video clips & entertaining games, 5+yrs. Daily Under 5's Zone a new play space for families, **FREE**.

Every weekend Rich Mix Bethnal Green 020 7613 7498 Kids' Cine Time family films.

Every weekend Temple Station 020 7222 1234 Harry Potter Locations Tour, 2 ½ hrs.

Every weekend Greenwich Clocktower Market High Road Quirky weekend market has 50 stalls specialising in vintage, retro & antiques with a few contemporary craft stalls, **FREE** entry, www.greenwichmarket.co.uk

Every weekend Tate Britain 020 7887 8888 Art Trolley sessions encourages children to imagine & create collages & lots more, **FREE**. Children's Multimedia Guide fun & interactive a sensory experience for all the family to enjoy, 3+yrs. **Daily** Family Train Theatre 5+yrs, **FREE**.

Unit 12 Nov Museum of Childhood Bethnal Green 020 8983 5200 Daydreams & Diaries, the story of Jacqueline Wilson one of Britain's best loved children's authors exhibition.

children in the Young Kennel Club area, entrance under 12's **FREE**, www.discoverdogs.org.uk

8-9 Nov Imperial War Museum 020 7416 5439 A Poppy field make your own poppy from paper & wire & plant it in their Poppy Field to remember those who gave their lives to protect their country for families all ages, **FREE**, 16-23-30 Nov Object Conservations object handling session for families, **FREE**, 16-23-30 Nov Creative Response make a drawing, take a photograph, & write a postcard session for families, **FREE**, 16-23-30 Nov Object Conservations exhibition f Ruthless Resistance, Cracking Codes, Great Gadgets, Savage Sabotage & Clever Camouflage plus how to make invisible ink, crack codes & use fake feet, **Unit 4 Jan** Family in Wartime exhibition, **FREE** entrance, **Unit 4 Jan** Secret War exhibition, **FREE** entrance, **Every Sun** Object Conservations family object handling sessions & Creative Response A Family in Wartime exhibition explores the lives of William & Alice Allpress & their ten children & what life in London was like during the war. A Family in Wartime is brought to life through interactive exhibits, photographs, recorded interviews with the family, archive film footage & more, **FREE**, **Unit 8 Mar** Truth & Memory: British art exhibition, www.vwm.org.uk

Unit 4 Jan Science Museum Exhibition Rd 0870 870 4868 3D Printing the future exhibition for all ages, **FREE**, **Unit 1** Interactive adventures: Elysium Studio a new experience that transports visitors using the latest in green screen technology, **Every weekend** Ice Cool Adventure families, under 7y, **FREE**, Spaced Out, families, 5+yrs, **FREE**, A Cockroach: Tour of the museum costumes, **FREE**, **Every Weekend** explore hundreds of real natural history specimens, discover evidence along the way using microscopes, the computer database & other scientific instruments, science educators are there to help you with your investigations, **FREE**, www.sciencecentre.org.uk

Unit 4 Jan The Royal Observatory Greenwich 020 8858 4422 Longitude Prize d celebrates the creation of wacky inventors, all ages, **Unit 4 Feb** Astronomy Photographer of the Year exhibition, entrance, **FREE**, www.rmg.co.uk/xia1

Unit 9 Nov Unicorn Theatre for Children 147 Tootley Street 020 7645 0560 How Nigeria Became: A Story, and a Spear that Didn't Work, 8+yrs, 6-22 Nov Girls Like That, 13-15yrs, 21 Nov-4 Jan The Nutcracker & the Mouse King, 8+yrs, 30 Nov-4 Jan The Fourth Wise Man, 4+yrs, www.unicorntheatre.com

From 5 Nov Tower of London 0844 482 7799 Twilight Tours **7 Nov Isis Education Centre Hyde Park** 020 7036 8056 The Park 8+yrs find out about the damage caused by bombs & the ways in which the park supported the people of London, from allotments & a piggy to gun emplacements, www.SupportTheRoyalParks.org/

8 Nov Battersea Park/Battersea Park 020 7766 7301 Fireworks display choreographed with music, accompanied with food stalls, bonfire starts at 7.30 p.m. & fireworks, 8 p.m., www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fireworks, no tickets sold on the gate, under 10's require a **FREE** ticket, 0844 4539937

8,9 Nov Earls Court 0870 122 1313 Discover Dogs with nearly 200 breeds of dogs, shop for dog related products, Kids' Zone & fun competitions, displays & events for

children in the Young Kennel Club area, entrance under 12's **FREE**, www.discoverdogs.org.uk

11 Nov Museum of London Docklands No 1 Warehouse West India Quay 020 7001 9844 Creative event or activity, 5-11yrs, **FREE**.

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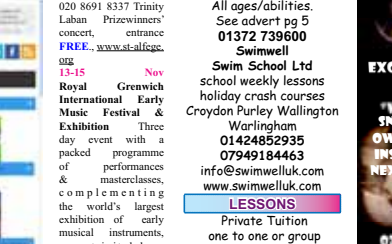
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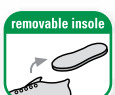
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