



Children's University Newsletter

www.wakefield.ac.uk/about-us/childrens-university



Welcome

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the Spring update of the Wakefield Children's University.

Many of our CU members will by now have returned to school after home learning since January. We understand that this must have been a big challenge for you all but we're very impressed with your resilience and positive attitude towards your education.

Over the coming months we hope to see Learning Destinations start to re-open and offer face to face activities again. We've included some activities in this newsletter to give you a few ideas of where to go and what to do.

In past years we would normally have been promoting our May-Hem! event and Graduation ceremony in this newsletter. Sadly while these may not be able to go ahead as planned this year, please be rest assured that we are working hard to bring you lots of exciting activities instead and we'll be in touch as soon as we know more. We also hope to hold mini graduations within schools to celebrate all of your achievements this year. Listen out for news on this through your school and on our social media channels too.

I hope you enjoy our latest CU newsletter and have an enjoyable Easter break.

James Pennington
Wakefield CU Manager



Spring Challenge

The Spring Challenge is available now on our social media pages and from your school. Take part in the activities to gain extra Learning Hours in your Passport. Don't forget to send all evidence in to us to claim your stamp code!

We've enjoyed looking through all the challenge evidence from Winter and February. Well done to everyone who took part. We've included some photos below and if you'd like to see yours in the next newsletter, or in our Facebook album then don't forget to send in the signed permission form with your evidence.



Skills Challenge



In January we created a series of Skills Challenges based on the Skills Builder framework. Used as part of the validation process for Learning Destinations, this framework aids parents/carers and organisations to help children develop a wide range of skills. You can find out more about the framework at www.skillsbuilder.org.uk.

The challenges are still available on our website – www.wakefield.ac.uk/about-us/childrens-university under the online challenges section. They are a great way to have fun while practicing skills such as problem solving, speaking & listening, teamwork and leadership. If you take part, email evidence of completion to childrensuniversity@wakefield.ac.uk and we will issue you with 1 Learning Hour per activity.



Learning Destinations

Below is a list of some of the Learning Destinations we work with in the Wakefield district. If you have somewhere you would like to recommend as a Learning Destination, you can email us on childrensuniversity@wakefield.ac.uk or ask them to visit www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/get-involved/learning-providers and complete the short form.

Sports & Recreation

5Sport Coaching
Normanton Knights RLFC
Wakefield School of Tennis

Dance, Theatre & Music

412 Dance Theatre
JP Baker School of Dance
Vibe Dance Academy
Zest Dance

Nature & Outdoors

Anglers Country Park
Diggerland
Fairburn Ings & St Aidan's Nature Reserve RSPB
Farmer Copleys
KL Falconry

Art, Crafts & Languages

Crafty Owls Pottery
Rachel Byass Ceramics
Lingotots
Riverside Paint A Pot

STEM

Little Learners Education
Renewi Recycling Education Centre
Think Forensic!
West Yorkshire Fire Service

Museums, Galleries, History & Heritage

Castleford Heritage Trust
Wakefield Castles & Museums
Ghousia Mosque & Education Centre
National Coal Mining Museum

Learning Destination Activities

Many Learning Destinations are now re-opening with lots of exciting activities for you to take part in. Remember to take your passport to learning along with you to collect your stamp code!

Please note that activities are subject to change at short notice and are dependent on Government guidelines so please check all details before travelling.

Featherstone Rovers Foundation

www.facebook.com/FevRoversRLFC/

Get active during the Easter holidays with Featherstone Rovers. There's something for everyone at these outdoors workshops with multi sports activities and an Easter egg hunt. Featherstone Rovers All Stars Dance Academy is also returning on the 13th April and the first session is free for new members! Check out their Facebook page above for more details of each event.

Diggerland

www.diggerland.co.uk

Diggerland is open again from Monday 12th April. They currently have an offer running where you can buy a ticket, open for 2 years, at last years prices. The offer is available until 31st March 2021 so be quick! Keep an eye on their website for future opening times and dates and let us know your favourite machine when you visit!

Nostell NT

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/nostell

Visit Nostell Priory during the holidays and take part in their Easter Egg Trail.

Pick up your trail guide and encounter a host of family-friendly fun outdoor activities inspired by the resident wildlife, as you strive to complete your journey and earn a chocolate (or alternative) reward. Uncover outdoor secrets amid gardens and woodland as you enjoy your very own Nostell adventure among the flowers, plants and wildlife.

You will need to pre-book your visit and tickets are released every Friday. Once you are there, you can purchase the Easter trail tickets. Please check the website for more information before visiting.

You can find Learning Destinations local to you at www.childrensuniversity.co.uk and following the Find an Activity button.

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