

# Let's Get Out and About!

## February Half Term Activity Newsletter 2022

**Welcome to the latest edition of Let's Get Out and About!** In this edition, you will find out more about what's on in your local area this half term as well as some suggestions about activities and venues that might take you further afield and activities you can do at home.

Please note: as Government Covid guidelines may change we recommend checking the websites of venues before visiting to find out more about their Covid plans and requirements to keep visitors safe.

### SPOTLIGHT ON: Imagine Children's Festival on London's Southbank

Celebrate 20 years of Imagine Children's Festival. The largest festival of its kind in the UK, Imagine Children's Festival is dedicated to families experiencing and enjoying all kinds of art and culture together. There are lots of **FREE family activities** to get involved in over half term, including:

<b>Family Activity Trail</b> Collect a trail sheet and lead your family on a do-it-yourself adventure, packed with discoveries galore!	9 -20 Feb Suitable for all ages
<b>Wellbeing Wind Down</b> Using yoga, concentration and mindfulness exercises, these daily wind-downs help families manage nerves and stress while encouraging children's creativity.	12, 14 – 20 Feb, 3.30pm For ages 5+
<b>Lunchbox Jukebox</b> Every lunchtime we're handing over the reins to you and asking for your favourite tunes to soundtrack the snacking.	12 – 15, 17 – 20 Feb, 12.30pm Suitable for all ages
<b>Fun DMC</b> Spin Doctor hosts a kid-friendly block party of stomping hip-hop, funk and disco anthems. Fancy dress encouraged.	Sun 13 Feb, 1.30pm Suitable for all ages
<b>Palaver Party</b> Host Fatt Butcher ushers in a family extravaganza of music, performances and party games	Mon 14, 10:30 & 13:30 Suitable for all ages
<b>ZooNation Youth Company's Hip Hop Half Term</b> Bust a move in this family friendly day of hip-hop dancing demos and workshops	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10.30-4pm Ages 5+
<b>Garland of Ragas</b> Celebrate the arrival of spring and the life of influential musician Ravi Shankar by making colourful paper flowers	19 – 20 Feb, 11am – 12.30pm 1.30pm – 3pm
<b>Top Draw!</b> Imaginations at the ready! Journey with us on an ink-filled day of illustration and storytelling.	Sun 20, 10:30 & 13:30 Suitable for all ages

Imagine Children's Festival

All the above activities are **FREE of charge on a first come first served basis**. For even more FREE activities and all the details visit the website: <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/festivals-series/imagine-childrens-festival?tab=free-events>

The nearest tube and train stations (5 – 7 minutes' walk) are Waterloo (Northern, Bakerloo, Jubilee and Waterloo & City lines) and Embankment (District & Circle lines)



## Descendants Half Term Project

This February half-term, we will be exploring the traditions, cultures and historical achievements of African people through the arts! Included in the 4-day project will be drumming, dancing, arts & crafts and the chance to visit real ancient African artifacts at the British Museum including the Benin Bronze's and the art of Egypt & Nubia!"

The project runs from **15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February** at Ealing Town Hall and **costs just £20**. To find out more and register please use the link below:

<https://www.descendants.org.uk/event-details/february-half-term-week-of-culture>

### Writing, Acting and Publishing Project for Youngsters (WAPPY)

FREE Creative, Writing, Arts & Drama Workshop for ages 4-16 years

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 2-4pm** at Open Ealing Arts Centre, Dickens Yard, W5

Do you know which Ealing resident became Prime Minister (in 1809) and was the only British Prime Minister to have been assassinated (in 1812)?

Can you name Africa's first lady who once lived in exile in Ealing Broadway? In which part of Ealing is the largest Gurdwara organisation outside of India, situated?

Families/Young People, please join WAPPY in the February half-term to celebrate Valentine's Day week with a celebration of what you love about the borough you live, study or work in! It promises to be a fun-packed storytelling, poetry, music, geographically-themed quiz-inspired, filmmaking session with a special guest appearance too! Please book your place via [wappy@live.com](mailto:wappy@live.com) asap as spaces are limited. For more on WAPPY please see [www.wappy.org.uk](http://www.wappy.org.uk).



### Kids Club @ Act One Cinema in Acton

The best kids and family films, every weekend!

Act One is a new community cinema in Acton. Their Kids Club runs every Saturday at 11.30 with reduced priced tickets for family films enabling everyone to experience fantastical adventures and hilarious animations on the big screen for a small price.

Tickets are £6 for kids and £7 for adults, or a family of 4 go in for only £20! (2 adults/2children)

Visit their website to view the upcoming films and book tickets: [www.actonecinema.co.uk](http://www.actonecinema.co.uk)



### Half Term at Gunnersbury Park Museum

**Make and Take:** Join us for some spring themed creative drop in sessions and make something fun to take home.

14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
12-4pm

Children of all ages welcome. Suggested donation £2 per child. No booking required, just turn up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Find out more by visiting:

<https://www.visitgunnersbury.org/whats-on/children-families/make-and-take/>

# PITZHANGER

MANOR & GALLERY

Pitzhanger Manor, W5 have two drop-in workshops this half term and the theme is Imagined Spaces.

<b>Imagined Spaces Sketchbook</b> Take a free sketchbook from the entrance of the manor and use your imagination to design your dream spaces.	Wednesday 16 – Sunday 20 February, all day
<b>Junk Modelling</b> Create your dream building using a range of recycled materials.	16 + 17 February, drop-in 11am-1pm and 2-4pm

Participation in the workshops is included in the admission price. Ealing residents can get **FREE admission** all day on Wednesdays and from 10am-12.30pm on Sundays, all you need to do is bring proof of your address. Pre-booking is encouraged to ensure entry.

Find out more and book by visiting: <https://www.pitzhanger.org.uk/whatson/imagined-spaces-february-half-term-at-pitzhanger-manor/>

If you are looking for activities to do at home Pitzhanger Manor also have lots of family activities to access online including a monthly themes creative activity and their new free Pitz Packs which are filled with exciting activities for children 11 years old and under and can be used to have fun as a whole family. You can find all the online activities on their website here:

<https://www.pitzhanger.org.uk/learn/online-learning/>

## Online Family Activities from The Foundling Museum

Should you find yourself stuck indoors over half term why not check out the Foundling Museums selection of online arts and crafts aimed at children and families for you to try out at home.

There are a huge range of activities from craft to reading to movement, including . . .

**Activities for Anytime:** Boat building, Emoji Badges, Wishing Jars, Paper Chains, Nature Rave and many more

**Bedtime Stories:** Some classic children's favourites and some you may not have heard before to entertain small ears for little while

**Holiday themed:** Check out some Spring time crafts with pom poms and chickens to brighten your February

Find all these activities and plenty more on the museum website:

[www.foundlingmuseum.org.uk/event/online-content-families/](http://www.foundlingmuseum.org.uk/event/online-content-families/)



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