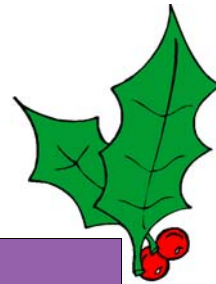


Fun in Brum

Christmas Holiday 2010



Email: familyinformation@birmingham.gov.uk

Please note that some activities are only available to children and young people living in specific areas. Please contact activity organisers to check availability.

Safeguarding Statement

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The Crescent Theatre Company presents 'Danny, The Champion of the World' Interactive Story Session

04/12/2010 - 11/12/2010

12pm - 2pm

**Centre for the Child, Central Library, Chamberlain Square.
B3 3HQ**

Join members of the Crescent Theatre Company for a splendiferous afternoon of storytelling and stagecraft as they celebrate the launch of their forthcoming production of Roald Dahl's classic 'Danny, The Champion of the World'. Help Danny in his quest to save the village from disaster! Just watch out for low-flying pheasants!

6 years old and over

Free

Suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.
Contact Amanda Holtham for further information: 0121 303 2421

St Nikolaus Day @ Centre for the Child

04/12/2010 - 04/12/2010

11am - 4pm

**Centre for the Child, Central Library, Chamberlain Square.
B3 3HQ**

Help us to celebrate St Nikolaus Day with traditional German Christmas crafts and stories.

11am - 12pm & 3pm - 4pm Make a Giving Shoe
2pm - 2.45pm Seasonal Family Storytime

Suitable for all the family

Free

For further information, please contact Amanda Holtham:
0121 303 2421

This event is suitable for everyone, including those with disabilities.

Father Christmas at Birmingham Nature Centre

04/12/2010 - 19/12/2010

Various times

Birmingham Nature Centre, Pershore Road, B5 7RL

Contact: 0121 472 7775

Come and see Father Christmas in his grotto in the surroundings of the Nature Centre.

4th-5th, 11th-12th and 18th-19th December, various times available but you will need to be quick as this popular event sells out fast.

All ages welcome

£5 child, £3.50 adult

Christmas by Candlelight

04/12/2010

5pm - 9pm

Selly Manor Museum, Maple Rd, Bournville, B30 2AE

Contact Daniel Callicott: 0121 472 0199

See the Tudor Manor and Medieval Hall decorated for Christmas and lit by atmospheric candlelight. Join marvellous Tudor musicians and a seasonal storyteller for fantastic festive evening.

All ages welcome

Adults £5, Children £3

No booking required, pay on the door.

Concessions £3, Family - 2 adults and 3 children £15.

Includes refreshments.

If your child has disabilities, please call for further information.

Creative Christmas Cards

05/12/2010 - 05/12/2010

2pm - 4pm

**RBSA Gallery, 4 Brook Street, St Paul's Square,
Birmingham, B3 1SA**

Contact: Natalie Osborne - 0121 236 4353

Celebrate the start of Christmas by making some creative cards your loved ones! Learn how to design and print your own design in a range of bold colours.

7 - 12 years

£6 (£4 for Friends of the RBSA and Young Friends of the RBSA)

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

All workshop tutors who deliver Family Friendly Activities have a valid CRB. These are renewed every three years.

If your child has disabilities please call for further information.

Christmas Crafts

05/12/2010 - 05/12/2010

11am-1pm

**Lickey Hills Country Park - Visitor Centre, Warren Lane,
Rednal, Birmingham, B45 8ER**

Meet at Visitors Centre, Warren Lane. With Christmas closing in, come and learn how to make your own Christmas wreath and other seasonal decorations using natural materials. All materials are provided.

All ages welcome

Free

Booking essential.

Event Contact: Rangers - 0121 447 7106

Georgian Christmas Tours

08/12/2010 - 09/12/2010

11am - 12pm

Soho House Museum, 5 Soho Avenue, Handsworth, B18 5LB.

Contact: 0121 554 9122

See the house decorated with festive greenery and take special guided tours to discover how Christmas was celebrated in Georgian times with the assistance of a museum guide. Enjoy a mince pie and mulled berry punch.

All ages welcome

£5

Booking essential.

Carol Singing

10/12/2010

Weoley Castle Library, 76 Beckbury Road, Birmingham, B29 5HR.

Tel: 0121 464 1664

Princethorpe Junior School Class to sing a selection of Christmas Carols in the library to get everyone in the mood for Yuletide celebrations.

Up to 11 years

Free

For further information contact, Philip Benjamin - Coker on: 0121 464 1664

This event is suitable for everyone, including those with disabilities.

Tyseley Christmas Party

10/12/2010 - 10/12/2010

11am - 2pm

**Tyseley Community Centre, Formans Road, Birmingham,
B11 3BY**

Contact: 0121 675 5472

Fox Hollie's Children's Centre will be holding a Christmas Party at Tyseley Community Centre. Children will get to meet Santa, and to take part in fun activities.

Under 5 years

Free

Refreshments and snacks provided. This event is suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.

Christmas Lights Bus

10/12/2010 - 10/12/2010

7pm (Tour Time approx 2 hours)

Located in the heart of Birmingham City Centre

To celebrate the second year of the Big Brum Bus we are holding a very special sparkly tour. We can promise a truly unforgettable event - Birmingham as you have never seen it before - prepare to be entertained and spooked by ghostly stories from around the city and enjoy the magic of Birmingham lit up for Christmas.

All Ages Welcome

Tickets cost £10

Meeting point at top of Church Street, off Colmore Row. Tour finishes at the Old Crown Inn, Digbeth. If you would like to join in a Christmas by Candlelight meal ring 0121 248 1368. Tickets can be purchased through the Birmingham Box Office on 0121 303 2323. If you require further information contact Birmingham Tours on 0121 427 2555 or 07805115998.

Christmas Celebration at Museum of the Jewellery Quarter

11/12/2010 - 11/12/2010

10.30am - 4pm

**Museum of the Jewellery Quarter, 75/79 Vyse Street,
Hockley, B18 6HA
Contact: 0121 554 3598**

Costumed guided tours, carol singing from Enchant choir and festive refreshments in the tearoom. Plus free drop in family craft workshop 1pm-3pm.

All ages welcome

www.bmag.org.uk

Christmas Workshop

11/12/2010

10.30am - 2pm

**Sutton Park National Nature Reserve, The Visitor Centre,
Park Road, Sutton Coldfield, B74 2YT**

Meet at Visitor Centre. Join the rangers for a craft activity and then follow the trail to the Elisabeth Svensden Trust Donkey Sanctuary and explore their Christmas Fayre with a Santa's Grotto.

All ages welcome

Free

Booking essential.

Event Contact: 0121 355 6370

Festive Family Arts and Crafts

11/12/2010 - 11/12/2010

10am - 12pm

**Bandywood Families Project, St Marks Church Centre,
Bandywood Crescent off Kettlehouse Road, Kingstanding,
Birmingham, B44 9JX.**

Christmas arts crafts and cookery for children and families.
Refreshments provided - mulled wine and mincepies for
adults (plus tea and coffee), non-alcoholic christmas punch
and festive biscuits for children.

**18months - 10years (Children under 7 accompanied by
adult)**

Free

Suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.

Jack and the Beanstalk

11/12/2010 - 11/12/2010

11am

**Warstock Community Centre, 1 Daisy Farm Road,
Warstock, Birmingham, B14 4QA.**

Warstock Community Centre, presents a pantomime 'Jack
and the Beanstalk'.

Adults: £2 in advance, £3 at the door

Children: £1 in advance, £1.50 at the door

All ages welcome

First come, first served.

For more information, please contact the office on: 0121 474
4709 (mon-fri, 9am-12pm)

Meet Holly Berry (Holly Collecting)

11/12/2010 - 20/12/2010

12pm onwards

**Sutton Park National Nature Reserve, The Visitor Centre,
Park Road, Sutton Coldfield, B74 2YT**

Come to the Visitor Centre. We will be harvesting some of our plentiful holly from the park for you to take away and use at home. Donations will be gratefully received and we might also have some pine Christmas trees available too, freshly cut from invading our heathland.

All ages welcome

Donations will be gratefully received

Event Contact: 0121 355 6370

Christmas Fair

11/12/2010 - 11/12/2010

10.30am - 3pm

**Elizabeth Svendsen Trust for Children and Donkeys
Centre, Via Town Gate on Park Rd, Sutton Park, Sutton
Coldfield, B74 2YT**

Contact: Sue Brennan - 0121 354 9444

Come and see our donkeys. Santa's grotto, choirs, Christmas crafts, refreshments, many more stalls and raffle. Adopt a donkey on the day.

All ages welcome

Free entrance to Fair. We ask for a donation for Santa's Grotto

This event is suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.

Tree Decorating and Bird Feeder Making

12/12/10

1pm - 3pm

Edgbaston Reservoir, 115 Reservoir Road, Ladywood, B16 9EE.

Come along and create a bird friendly tree, and help our feathered friends cope with the challenge of winter. Hang some berries, pine cones stuffed with goodies, log feeders. Great for all family members. Warm clothing advisable.

All ages welcome

Free

Booking essential.

Meet at The Lodge, Edgbaston Reservoir.

Event Contact: 0121 454 1908

Christmas Decorations

12/12/2010

11am - 1pm

Woodgate Valley Country Park - Visitor Centre, Clapgate Lane, Bartley Green, B32 3DS

Meet at Woodgate Park Visitor Centre. Have a go at making and creating your own seasonal decorations from natural materials.

All ages welcome

Small charge for materials

Booking essential.

Event Contact: Rangers - 0121 421 7575

Seasonal Crafts

12/12/2010

11am - 1pm

**Kings Heath Park, Vicarage Road, Kings Heath,
Birmingham, B14 7TQ**

Join the Rangers to make seasonal decorations using natural materials and learn about some of the origins of this tradition.

All ages welcome

Free

Booking essential, as places are limited.
Contact: 0121 444 2848

Fox Hollies Christmas Party

14/12/2010 - 14/12/2010

11am - 1pm

**Fox Hollies Children's Centre, 419 Fox Hollies Road,
Acocks Green, B27 7QA
Contact: 0121 675 5472**

Fox Hollies Children's Centre will be holding their annual Christmas party. Children will get to visit Santa's grotto, as well as taking part in lots of fun activities.

Under 5 years

Free

Refreshments and snacks provided. This event is suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.

Ackers Christmas Evening

15/12/2010

**Ackers Adventure, Golden Hillock Road, Sparkbrook,
Birmingham, B11 2PY**

**For further information contact Abbie Payton: 0121 772
5111**

Price includes Christmas ski taster lessons for adults and juniors, one entry into our christmas raffle, mulled wine/squash, mince pies and free tobogganing for under 12 years plus a special guest appearance...

All ages welcome

Adults £16, Juniors £12

Pre-booking is essential. Taster sessions start at 6.30pm until 8pm. Raffle is drawn between 8pm and 8.30pm. If your child has disabilities, please call for information.

Birmingham Carers Centre Xmas Parties

15/12/2010 - 22/12/2010

12pm

**Birmingham Carers Centre, 130 Colmore Row,
Birmingham, B3 3AP**

Contact: 0121 675 8170

All our carers are invited to the Xmas Party for Adults on 15th December, and Xmas Party for Children on 22nd December.

Free

To book please call Reception on 0121 675 8170.

Fox Hollies Carol Night and Open Evening

16/12/2010 - 16/12/2010

6pm - 8pm

**Fox Hollies Children's Centre, 419 Fox Hollies Road,
Acocks Green, B27 7QA
Contact: 0121 675 5472**

An evening of carols and Christmas celebrations. There will be lots of fun activities for children and parents/carers will get the chance to meet Centre staff and find out more about our services.

Under 5 years

Free

Refreshments and snacks provided.

This event is suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.

Teddy Bears Christmas at Centre for the Child

18/12/2010

11am - 2.45pm

**Centre for the Child, Central Library, Chamberlain Square.
B3 3HQ**

If you go down to the library today, you're in for a big surprise! Bring your teddy along for fun and games. Plus enter the Big Bear Quiz for your chance to win a pair of tickets to see 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' at the Birmingham Town Hall on Thursday 30th December at 1.30pm.

Suitable for all the family.

Free

For further information, please contact Amanda Holtham:
0121 303 2421

No booking required.

This event is suitable for everyone, including those with disabilities.

Christmas Crafts for Children

18/12/2010 - 18/12/2010

10am - 4pm

Kings Norton Library, Pershore Road South, B30 3EU

Contact Chris Lilley: 0121 464 1532

Drop in between 10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm.

5 - 11 years

Free

Suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.

Meet Santa in his Festive Grotto

04/12/2010 - 19/12/2010

11am - 4.30pm

**Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square,
Birmingham, B3 3DH**

Contact: 0121 303 2834

Come and meet Santa in his festive grotto and receive a lovely gift!

Saturdays 11.00-4.00 and Sundays 12.30-4.30.

Family Event

£3 per child

Christmas Activities at Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

20/12/2010 - 03/01/2011

1pm - 4pm

**Learning Zone, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery,
Chamberlain Square, B3 3DH
Contact: 0121 303 2834**

Monday 20th December - Groovy Door Hangers (Create a retro seasonal door hanger)

Tuesday 21st - Victorian Decoupage Christmas Cards (Create a Christmas card to keep.)

Wednesday 22nd - Flower Power Frames (Create a psychedelic flower-power frame.)

Thursday 23rd - Fabulous Feather Badges/Bookmarks (Create a fabulous fluffy feather badge or bookmark)

Friday 24th - Anglo Saxon Style Pendants/Badges (Design and make an intricate Anglo-Saxon style badge or pendant)

Wednesday 29th - Crowning Glory (Create your own glittering crown)

Thursday 30th - Jolly Jester Hats (Make a colourful jesters hat)

Friday 31st - Medieval Stick Puppets (Make a medieval character stick puppet and create your own jousting tournament)

Sunday 2nd - Monday 3rd January - Medieval Triptych Cards (Design a unique medieval triptych card, using a variety of lovely motifs.)

£1.50 per participating child (accompanying adults free)

This programme is subject to change. All activities are offered on an informal drop-in basis for families.

Midland Mencap Befriender Service

20/12/2010 - 30/12/2010

Contact for information about times

**Various Locations - Please Contact: Nicola Butler - 0121
256 1500**

Supporting young people with disabilities to link with a volunteer befriender. Runs over several days between 20th - 30th December.

14 - 19 years

Free Activities

Only available to children and young people who are known and assessed by Midland Mencap to access the service. All our activities are suitable for all/most children with disabilities.

Resources for Autism Winter Activities

20/12/2010 - 29/12/2010

10am - 3.00pm

Uffculme School, Kings Heath; Clifton Rd Youth Centre, Sutton Coldfield and other venue to be confirmed.

Resources for Autism will be running at 3 venues for 6 days of specialist holiday play for young people aged 8-19 with a diagnosis of autism. All staff are autism trained and one to one support available if necessary. Activities include trips to Snowdome, pantomime, sports, arts, cooking and crafts.

8-19 years

£11 per day

Places are offered on a first come, first served basis and due to demand it may only be possible to offer one or two places. Subsidised places are available for people on low income. For information on this please ask while applying for a place. Please email Philippa or call her with the following information:

Name of child and parent/carer, contact number and email address. Also state which date, venue and activity you would like to attend. You can contact Philippa on 07817736096 or email philippa@resourcesforautism.org.uk

Xmas T-Shirt Printing

20/12/2010 - 20/12/2010

10.30am - 11am & 11.30am - 12pm

**Kings Norton Nursery & Children's Centre, Westhill Road,
Kings Norton, B38 8SY
Contact: 0121 675 3993**

Your child can design and decorate a t-shirt for Christmas, whilst parents enjoy a warm drink and mince pies.

Under 5 years

£1

Please bring a white t-shirt to the session to print on. Please note it is necessary to pre-book with the centre to avoid disappointment as there are limited spaces. Please inform us if you are bringing more than one child to the session. All our activities are suitable for all/most children with disabilities.

Midland Mencap Complex Needs Service

20/12/2010 - 30/12/2010

Contact for information about times

**Various Locations - Please Contact: Nicola Butler - 0121
256 1500**

Leisure and recreational support services for children and young people with learning disabilities, including those with complex needs and life limiting illnesses. Runs over several days between 20th - 30th December.

8 - 18 years

Free activities

Only available to children and young people who are known and assessed by Midland Mencap to access the service. All our activities are suitable for all/most children with disabilities.

Christmas Whizz Kids

20/12/2010 - 24/12/10

10am - 4pm

**Ackers Adventure, Golden Hillock Road, Sparkbrook,
Birmingham, B11 2PY**

Choose from Skiing, Archery or Climbing. 90 minute sessions including equipment and an instructor.

8 - 16 years

£8

Under 12's must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-booking is essential. Food not available on site other than snack machines.

For further information contact Abbie Payton: 0121 772 5111
If your child has disabilities, please call for information.

Midland Mencap Playscheme

20/12/2010 - 30/12/2010

10am - 3pm

**Kennedy House, Bottetourt Road, Weoley Castle, B28 5TE
Contact: Nicola Butler - 0121 256 1500**

An enjoyable programme of leisure, play and outings for children and young people with a learning disability. Runs over several days between 20th - 30th December.

5 - 25 years

Annual fee for attending playscheme for year

Only available to children and young people who are known and assessed by Midland Mencap to access the service. All our activities are suitable for all/most children with disabilities.

7th Annual Christmas Charity Concert

20/12/2010 - 20/12/2010

12.30pm - 1.30pm

**St Martin in the Bullring, Bullring Shopping Centre,
Birmingham, B5 5BB**

Contact: Collin Wallace - 0121 600 6532

St Martin's Arts and St Basils join forces with Sutton Coldfield Chamber Choir and Bournville Strings to invite you to the 7th Annual Christmas Charity Concert. Carols and Christmas music old and new, featuring a brass quintet and festive readings by Sonia Beesley.

All ages welcome

Free

All our activities are suitable for all most children with disabilities.

Christmas Craft Session

20/12/2010 - 20/12/2010

2.15pm - 3.15pm

**Erdington Library - Orphanage Rd, Erdington B24 9HP
Kingsbury Neighbourhood Library, Kingsbury Rd,
Erdington. B24 8RE**

**Stockland Green Neighbourhood Library, Marsh Hill,
Stockland Green. B23 7JH**

Come and make a christmas card, tree decorations and lots more..

All ages welcome

Free

Drop in session.

The event is suitable for all, including those children with disabilities.

Sutton Coldfield YMCA Youth Activities Programme - Christmas 2010

20/12/2010 - 23/12/2010

Contact for times information

**Sutton Coldfield YMCA, Watson Close, St Bernards Road,
Sutton Coldfield, B72 1LE**

Contact: 0121 354 5614

Two activity days:

Monday 20th - On site all day, in the morning a chance for you to use your artistic skills with a graffiti workshop. In the afternoon getting into the festive spirit with a Christmas party.

Thursday 23rd - We will be travelling into Birmingham by train for last minute shopping at the German Market and Bullring in the morning. In the afternoon we will be going to the Hippodrome to see Dick Whittington. Back to YMCA for 5.45pm at the latest.

12 - 14 years

Monday 20th - Free, Thursday 23rd - £33

In addition to the programme fee, a membership fee of £5 per family is charged to cover administrative costs.

Membership lasts one year from the date of issue.

Programme operates on a strictly first come first served basis. If you book by telephone please send a cheque to confirm your booking within 7 days (Cheques payable to Sutton Coldfield YMCA).

Balsall Heath CATS Christmas Holiday Playscheme

20/12/2010 - 30/12/2010

1pm - 4pm

**Balsall Heath CATS (Childrens Action Team Support), 110
Edward Road, Birmiingham, B12 9LS
Contact: Nazreen Bi - 0121 440 1007**

Four activity days for children with disabilities between 20th December and Thursday 30th December. Daily trips to farm, cinema and parks.

4 - 14 years

£1 per day

Bring Packed Lunch.

Our activities are specifically for children with disabilities.

Winter Walk

21/12/2010

10.30am - 12.30pm

**The Shire Country Park, Colebank Road, Moseley,
Birmingham B13 0BD
Contact: 0121 702 2739**

Meet at Sarehole Mill Museum. Ranger-led stroll through the Shire enjoying the seasonal changes winter brings. Wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

All ages welcome

Free

We're Going On A Bear Hunt - Live On Stage!

21/12/2010 - 12/01/2011

Shows at Various Times

Town Hall, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B3 3DQ

Contact: 0121 780 3333

Michael Rosen's award-winning book We're Going On A Bear Hunt is brought vividly and noisily to the stage in director Sally Cookson's fun-filled adaptation set to Benji Bower's versatile lively score.

Join our intrepid adventurers on their quest to find a bear; as they wade through the gigantic swishy swashy grass, the splishy splashy river and the thick oozy, squelchy mud! Expect catchy songs, interactive scenes and plenty of hands-on adventure- plus a few special surprises!

Age 3 years +

Tickets £10.50 (£8.50 per tickets for groups of 10 or more)

Running time: Approx. 55 minutes.

Call 0121 780 3333 to book tickets or book online at www.thsh.co.uk

Toddler Time Christmas Party

22/12/2010 - 22/12/2010

10.30am - 11.30am

Weoley Castle Library, 76 Beckbury Road, Birmingham, B29 5HR.

Tel: 0121 464 1664

Stories, songs and Christmas craft.

0 - 5 years

Please contact for further information.

Winter Wonderland

23/12/2010 - 23/12/2010

Please contact regarding times

**Chinnbrook Family and Community Project, 213 Trittiford Road, Billesley, B13 0ET
Contact: 0121 464 4772**

Santas Grotto, food from around the world, crafts, raffle, tombola and much, much more.

0 - 12 years

Free

This event is suitable for all children, including those with disabilities.

2 for 1 Christmas Ski Tasters

28/12/2010 - 31/12/2010

Various

**Ackers Adventure, Golden Hillock Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, B11 2PY
For further information contact Abbie Payton: 0121 772 5111**

Book one Ski Taster Lesson and bring a friend for FREE. One hour Ski Lessons with an instructor and all equipment.

8 years and over

£22.50 per adult, £18 per junior (8-16yrs)

Pre-booking essential. Under 12's must be accompanied by an adult. If one adult and one junior, they would pay the adult rate.

If your child has disabilities, please call for information.

New Years Day Walk

01/01/2011

2pm - 4pm

**Sutton Park National Nature Reserve, The Visitor Centre,
Park Road, Sutton Coldfield, B74 2YT**

Meet at Bracebridge Car Park. Burn off that seasonal excess on a winter's walk looking at the habitat of the wild Exmoor ponies and hopefully catch a glimpse during the afternoon. Uneven terrain - unsuitable for wheelchairs.

All ages welcome

Free

Event Contact: 0121 355 6370

Don't forget :



All Birmingham children can swim for free at the council's swimming pools - www.birmingham.gov.uk/sport. Also adults can swim free, join in group exercises and gym sessions. For further details call your local leisure centre

For more ideas of things to do and places to go visit www.ineed2know.org.uk



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