

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Thank you

As we come to the end of another academic year, we would like to thank all the schools and families who encouraged their children to continue to participate in learning outside the classroom.

It has been a brilliant year for the Staffordshire Children's University which has culminated in watching over 350 pupils graduate, and celebrate over 65,000 learning hours!

Thank you to all who attended both in school and on campus ceremonies, we hope you enjoyed them as much as we did.

If you attended a ceremony and would like to leave us feedback, please use the following link. We are always striving to improve and provide memorable experiences for both children and families.

<https://forms.office.com/e/MFd7nCLKXk>



Outreach sessions and workshops

This year we launched our new in school outreach sessions. These have allowed upper KS2 children to explore what a university is, the kinds of courses on offer and the careers they might lead to!

It has been brilliant to watch the children working together and showing excellent communication and problem solving skills as they worked through various tasks.

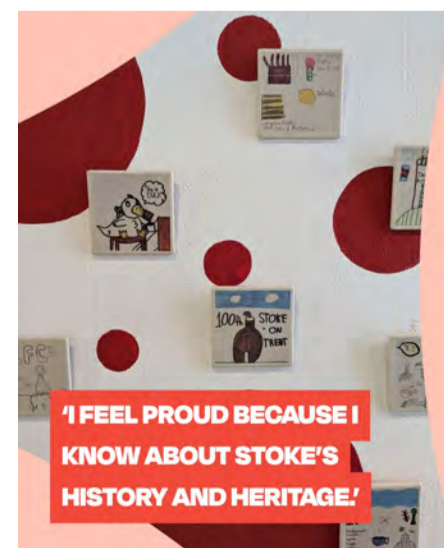
We will continue to deliver these in Children's University schools from September.

Stoke-on-Trent Centenary

The Staffordshire Children's University, celebrated 100 years of Stoke-on-Trent this year with four schools. Using loan and learn boxes from the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery, children explored Stokes history and heritage before being challenged to come up with a design that represented the city and their home.

75 of these designs were printed onto ceramic coasters by Moorland Pottery and exhibited at the university. On 1st June we invited children and families to see their work displayed and it was wonderful to see how many turned up. A huge thank you to St Peter's, Our Lady of Grace and St Mary's Catholic Academies and Eaton Park Academy for supporting us to deliver these workshops.

We are hoping to run a similar project next year with details to be included in our December newsletter.



Learning Destinations

Throughout the year, we have had several more local learning providers validated and added to the CU system with over 50 now taking part.

If your child takes part in activities outside of school and you'd like them to gain credits, please ask the provider to get in touch with us at cu@staffs.ac.uk

Don't forget that you can see which learning providers are in your local area by searching using this link

<https://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/activity-search/>

If you're stuck for something to do this Summer, have a look there.

Some of our learning destinations have extra workshops going on over the Summer which you can see on the page below.



7th September Youth Festival

Join the Stoke-on-Trent Youth Collective for their Youth Festival at Northwood Stadium on 7th September from 11:00-16:00.

There will be a range of fun activities, sports and creative arts, for you to take part in as well as live music and delicious food.

The day is free to attend but we ask that families [click here](#) for more information and to sign up for tickets to manage capacity. If you require more information, please email cu@staffs.ac.uk



Holiday challenge

This year we are launching our 6 weeks Summer Challenge. Enter to win a Children's University goody bag!

Take 5 pictures using the below 5 words as inspiration and send these to cu@staffs.ac.uk by the first week of September to be in with a chance of winning.

Be as creative as possible and take inspiration from anywhere you might explore from your home, to the local park to a beach abroad. We'll be looking for photographs where children have thought outside the box and not been too literal. There are plenty of websites with tips for children on how to take great photos with smart phones too if they need some help. Good Luck!

Your words are

Red, Water, Boing, Shout, Nature



Club	Location	Age	Description	Find out more
All Ways Learning	Online	11-13	Employability skills, online workshops for age 13 plus providing general career skills and an insight into the banking industry	www.allwayslearning.co.uk
SwimHub	SwimHub, Knypersley	5-13	Swim lessons and family swim	Swimhubcoach@gmail.com SwimHub on Facebook Swimhub_ on instagram
MiniMe Mindfulness	Great Wyrley Scout and Guide Centre, Walsall Road, WS66NH	5-13	Holiday Camp Days running on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July	https://minime-mindfulness-cannock-chase.classforkids.io/
Time 4 sport	Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire	4-13	Our holiday camps are an affordable way for children to make friends, learn new skills, stay healthy and active, and have fun during the holidays	time4sportuk.com/holiday-camps/time4sport
UKCK Martial Arts	St Lukes Primary School Cannock	5-13	Karate mixed family classes every Friday from 7pm	Facebook - ukckma www.ukckma.co.uk
Peak	Chasewater Activity Centre, Burntwood	7-16	Holiday Clubs every week during the Summer Holidays. These five-day clubs, running from Monday to Friday, are packed with adventure. From watersports, to land based activities, each day is packed	https://www.peak.co.uk/locations/chasewater-activity-centre/
Peak	Astbury Watersports, Congleton	7-16	Same as above	https://www.peak.co.uk/locations/astbury-watersports-centre/
Potteries Museum and Art Gallery	Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent	Families	Craft Activities for families for £3.50 on Wednesdays and Thursdays.	www.stokemuseums.org.uk/pmag/whats-on/events

Enjoy your Summer holidays and see you in September!