SUMMER ACTIVITIES & EVENTS FOR FAMILIES

WEEK 2 FOCUS

SUMMER 2021 EDITION 2



RAINY DAYS AND FUN DAYS

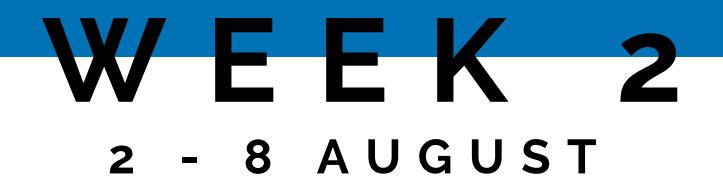
Hey there and welcome to Edition 2!

I hope you and your family had a fab start to the Summer Holidays whether it involved extreme hibernation (hello Netflix), trying to do as many activities as humanly possible (probably in the hope that the little ones would be so tired they'd want an early night AND a lie in...we can but hope!) or something in between. I've heard great feedback on the Toy Library at Langthorne Park and The Revel Puck Circus' <u>The Wing Scuffle Spectacular</u>*. mentioned in Edition 1. Thankfully these are both running during Week 2 so there is still time if you haven't visited these as yet. *Give the 20% off discount code GIVEAPUCK a go.

Having sat down to plan my family's week I did the usual weather forecast check. And immediately wished I hadn't. Yep, more rain is on the way. But fear not! Firstly, (as a close friend always reminds me) we're not made of sugar so we won't dissolve (phew) and secondly, I've highlighted a few rainy day activities in this week's edition. My Wednesday morning's sorted already as (shameless plug alert) I'll be holding the first of 2 Summer Specials of Little Sing Song. Although Wednesday's session is sold out, drop me a message on 07752042311 if you want to be added to the waiting list. Spaces for <u>Musical Miniatures</u> (run by another local musician and mum, Jenny) on Thursday and Friday are also selling quickly so be sure to book sooner rather than later if you plan on going.

A few parents of older kids got in touch last week to see if I knew of activities they'd be interested in so as well as rainy day activities I've focussed on a few bits for the "not so little ones" to do too. I hope you find the guide useful and please check with the organisers/venues before heading over. As always, I'd love to hear from you so if you have any feedback, suggestions, events to add or just want to hear more about Little Sing Song feel free to get in touch on danie@littlesingsong.com

Have fun and stay safe x



2 Monday

10am-4pm, African cultural event, Ilford Exchange, Storytelling, drumming and dance, Free, <u>Info</u>

2-4pm, Start Your Own Business (Age 11+), LABtwnty4 Pop Up Design Studio, Langthorne Park, Free, For more info and to register email Hello@labtwnty4.com

3 Tuesday

11.30, 12.30 and 2pm, Ellie's Summer Fun, Ilford Exchange, <u>Register</u>

1pm, Storytelling with Jennifer Bell and Alice Lickens (6+), Discover Children's Story Centre, <u>Book</u> (last few)

5-6.30pm, Fellowship Square Mindfulness Events: Movement to Music, Fellowship Square (5+)

4 Wednesday

10.30-11.15am, Little Sing Song, Sea Scouts Hut, 109 Malvern Road, Sold out but contact me on 07752042311 to join the wait list or to join the Little Sing Song WhatsApp group

11-2pm, National Play Day, Valentines Park, Free, <u>Register</u>

5 Thursday

9.30 and 10.25, Musical Miniatures, Leytonstone Methodist Church, Lister Road, Pre-book to avoid disappointment <u>here</u>

10.15- 12.45, Little First Aiders, Fun first Aid 4 Kids (Age 4-11 year olds), Wanstead House Community Centre, <u>Book</u>



12-2pm, Fellowship Square Mindfulness Events: Exploring Clay, Fellowship Square (Age 5+)

1pm, Story Telling with Alex Willmore (Age 3-7), Discover Children's Story Centre, <u>Book</u>

5-7pm, **"Fragments"** Short Film Screening (Adekemi Roluga) and Q&A (Ellie Fulcher, The Royal Court Theatre), Zoom, (Age 13-21), Info and to register email ideaspace64@gmail.com

6 Friday

9.30, 10.25 and 11.20, Musical Miniatures, Leytonstone Methodist Church, Lister Road, Pre-book to avoid disappointment <u>here</u>

7 Saturday

4pm - 6pm, Film Club (Children), Leytonstone Library, Free, <u>Register</u>

8 Sunday

12pm, Bach to Front with Pal Banda & Deborah Chandler, Bach's six famous suites for solo cello played by professional cellists from a front garden in Leytonstone, 68 Bushwood, E11 3BW, <u>Book</u>

12pm, The Get Together, a small, fun family event, Olympic Park (outside the Timber Lodge), Free, <u>Info</u>

RAINY DAYS

A rainy day hit in my house is a themed day (I may enjoy this more than the kids). I've got the bits and bobs ready for a Pirate and Mermaid Day at the ready. <u>This website</u> full of themed hunts has done a lot of the work for a scavenger hunt. In addition you could do dressing up, themed playlists, films and food (is it weird serving fish fingers to a mermaid?)...you get the idea.

Here are a couple more indoor activities taking place (almost) daily over the summer.

Under 5s Play sessions

Monday - Friday, 10-11.30am

Leytonstone Toy Library & Play Centre

Langthorne Park

£5 parent/carer and child (£1 low income)

<u>Book here</u>

"Summer of Disney" Free Film Screenings

The Rookwood Village, Cann Hall Road

This Week, 3-6pm: 2 August – Nanny McPhee 3 August – Chronicles of Narnia 4 August – Monsters Inc

Kids Eat For £1 with an adult main course. 12-6 pm, Monday to Friday. Max 1 Child per 1 Adult

<u>Book here</u>

OLDER KIDS

Here are a couple more activities taking place for older kids over the summer.



Waltham Forest Hockey Club (Age 9-16), Monday - Friday (although don't need to attend each day)

Feel Good Too (Ive Farm) 1 Pavilion Walk, Leyton, Free, <u>Register here</u>

BEYOND



Summer Special

Siblings welcome!

Monday 23 August

Music and more...

Book from 9 August via 07752042311 and Happity

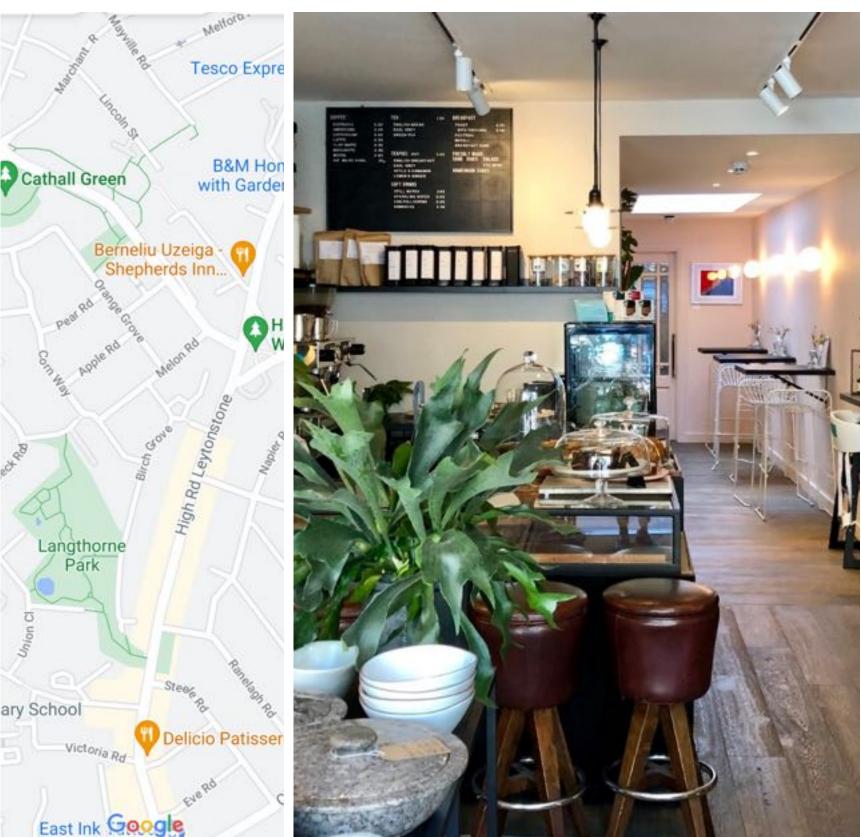
> USICAL MINIATURES

Thursday 13 August, 9.30 and 10.25am Friday 13 August, 9,30, 10.25 and 11.20am Thursday 19th August, 9.30 and 10.25am

> Leytonstone Methodist Church, Lister Road, E11

<u>Pre-book here to avoid disappointment -</u> <u>drop in and flexi pass available</u>

PARK SPOTLIGHT





& Piercing

Home to the Leytonstone Toy Library, an amphitheatre, playground, outdoor gym, gardens and pond this park ticks most boxes for families. There are quite a few picnic benches available if you fancy bringing along a packed lunch but with my favourite cafe in Leytonstone, <u>Gray</u>, just round the corner I personally would opt for treating yourself and the family to the delights they have to offer.

I'm not sure whether it's the gorgeous interiors, the spot on menu (yes, it even includes a "for little ones" section), or the friendly staff that I love the most. What's more is that the family running the cafe always have something else up their sleeve and the latest thing is a renovation. Due to take place for a couple of weeks, make sure you pop in by 9th August so you can check out the "before" (although I've pictured it above just in case) as well as the "after" once they re-open around 23rd August.

Have you spotted a trend here? Yep, "Park Spotlight" really means "Park with a decent cafe nearby Spotlight".

On that note, time for a cuppa, catch you soon,

Danie x

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