

# Newsletter Summer 2015



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**@EssexCU** for Essex Children's University

## First graduation at Anglia Ruskin! 5th graduation for Braintree District Campus!

Our June graduation was a great success with 115 children graduating from Bocking Church Street School, Great Bradfords Junior School, John Bunyan Junior School, Lyons Hall Primary School, Notley Green Primary School, White Court Primary School and one from our virtual school.



Thanks again to everyone involved; there are so many people that work so hard to make Braintree District Campus Graduations run so efficiently! A special thank you to Lyons Hall Primary School Dance Club for providing the entertainment for our award evening.

**Well done to all of our graduates too! The combined total of your total collected so far was an amazing 12020 hours!**

We would like to welcome John Ray Junior School, Kelvedon St Marys Primary Academy, Notley High School, and Richard de Clare Primary School, to our Campus which is great news and look forward to seeing you at our next graduation which is currently planned for November 2015 (date to be confirmed).



Finally a big thank you to our year 6 ambassadors for all of your hard work! We look forward to welcoming you to future graduations along with all of our year 6 children. If your new school has not yet joined us then please email [admin@essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk](mailto:admin@essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk) to arrange to join our virtual school.

## Frequently asked questions:

**Can I collect hours from Brownies, Rainbows, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts?**

Yes but only when you are working on a badge e.g. if you attend for an hour but only spend 30 minutes working on badges then you put 30 minutes in your passport.

**I have a friend that wants to join Children's University but their school is not taking part yet, can they join?**

Yes they can join our Virtual School. There are some costs involved as their school is not taking part but they can find out more by emailing [admin@essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk](mailto:admin@essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk).

**My secondary school is not taking part in Children's University, can I carry on?**

Yes you can join our Virtual School too and we'll work together and persuade your new school! There are no admin fees as you are already a graduate from an existing CU school.

**My son/daughter is graduating at the next award evening, do I need to hire the gown and hat?**

No, we supply these on the night. Essex CU has a lot of gowns that Di (Manager of Essex Children's University) loves to wash and iron regularly (she really does!)

This is your newsletter so if there is anything you would like to be included in our next issue regarding Children's University please let us know or pass the information to your teacher.

Thanks.

Grab your passport and begin your CU summer journey...



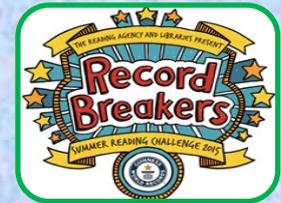
Attend a free bike safety workshop, book online on Halfords website under kids bike club.

Immerse yourself in history and explore and English Heritage Site.



Visit a museum and try an activity.

Register with your local library and take part in the summer reading challenge.



Attend a free pet pals workshop at Pets at Home.

Visit our latest public learning destination Legoland! Take part



in a Globetrotter or Time Travel Quest to earn up to 2 hours. Reduced entry for passport holders, terms and conditions apply.



# Summer Holiday Challenge 2015

Have fun! But always ask permission from an adult before starting the activities

1 Activity = 1 hour in your Passport to Learning

You must provide some evidence, to your school, that you have taken part in the activity. For example, you could take a photograph, write a diary, draw a picture of your day, or bring your creations in to school.

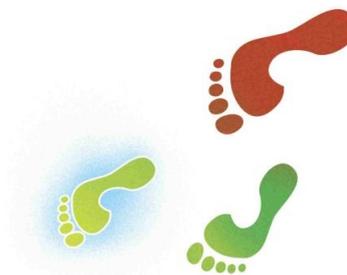
## Make a Den

Design and build a den.  
Make sure you take a photograph



## Become an Animal Expert

Do some research about your favourite animals and create a fact-file with pictures



## Go for a Hike

Organise a walk or bike ride with friends or family. Make sure you plan an interesting route with lots to see on the way



## Make a Holiday Scrapbook

Collate memorabilia from your holidays in a scrapbook, with tickets, clippings, drawings, photos and diary entries



## Create a Mini-Garden

Fill an old tray with soil and use moss, pebbles and sticks to create a mini-garden. You could even try planting some seeds



## On with the Show

Rehearse a play, performance or magic show with friends to perform to your family





### Helping Hand

Do something caring for a family member or friend. Write a diary or create other evidence to show what you have done.



### News Reporter

Interview a family member (Grand parents, Uncles, Aunties etc) and write a news report about an exciting event in their life.



### Make a puppet or a mask

Use things around the house such as cereal boxes, gloves or socks. Can you make a puppet show for family or friends?



### Research a country

Make a collage or power point about it. You could go to a travel agent and get a brochure or maybe ask at your local library



### Hunt for bugs

Take a look in places where bugs hide and draw pictures of the bugs you find, can you name them?



### Let's go fly a ....

Make a kite or paper aeroplanes, maybe have a competition with friends or family to see which flies the highest or furthest.



### Contact us:

Speak to your class teacher or school coordinator or

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