WHAT'S ON

May — August 2014

FREE ENTRY

Museum of Childhood

Bethnal Green

www.museumofchildhood.org.uk

V&A MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD

Home to the V&A's childhood collections, including dolls' houses, toys and games, furniture and clothing. Plus exhibitions, events and activities for all the family.

Image: Bathing costume 1870-1880, England

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EXHIBITIONS AND DISPLAYS

ADMISSION TO ALL OUR EXHIBITIONS AND DISPLAYS IS FREE

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

CONFISCATION CABINETS

Until 1 June

Artist Guy Tarrant's display cabinets show artefacts gleaned from 150 London primary and secondary schools over three decades. These objects include homemade games, keepsakes, cult toys, peculiar adornments, weapons and other forbidden objects which characterise the flotsam and jetsam of contemporary school children.

ARE YOU SITTING COMFORTABLY?

Until 24 August

This exhibition explores the effects of environment and design on teaching and learning from the Victorian classroom to the outdoor learning of a wood school.

In collaboration with Cazenove Architects and the University of East London, the Museum set a series of design challenges. Pupils from Gayhurst Primary and Clapton Girls' Academy, Hackney, worked on developing furniture design solutions. Architecture students designed a willow structure for Paupers Wood School, Manchester. A choir from St Paul's Way Trust School, Tower Hamlets, developed an acoustic installation with musicians Jason Singh and Laura Howe.

The exhibition also features school furniture from the collection, contemporary furniture and samples of design by Cazenove Architects, and a film by the Paupers Wood School.

DAYDREAMS AND DIARIES
THE STORY OF JACQUELINE WILSON

Until 2 November

This exhibition celebrates all things Jacqueline Wilson, giving you a chance to find out about her childhood, early career and what inspires her to write.

The exhibiton from Seven Stories, National Centre for Children's Books, features original notebooks along with childhood toys, school reports and diaries. There are also extracts and illustrations from some of her best-loved books including The Story of Tracy Beaker, The Illustrated Mum and Hetty Feather. Find out about the inspiration behind them and hear how they have changed the lives of some of their readers.

You can explore a re-creation of Jacqueline's childhood bedroom or make notes for your first novel on a chaise longue just like hers! Find out why Jacqueline loves writing books and what it's like to work with wonderful illustrator Nick Sharratt.

seven stories
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THE GREAT DIARY PROJECT

17 May – 12 October

Using documents from The Great Diary Project archive at Bishopsgate Institute, this exhibition offers unique insights into the lives of children and teenagers at particular moments in history.

On public display for the first time and dating from 1813 to 1996, they include tales of flogging and bed bugs at boarding school during the Napoleonic Wars, early twentieth century American Scout diaries, as well as coded accounts of wild teenage behaviour during the Blitz. The diaries reveal changes in the experience of childhood over time and are a valuable record of social history.

Images: Left: Jacqueline Wilson © Barry Pells, 2011 for Seven Stories; Above: Diaries © Bishopsgate Institute

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HAND ME OVER HAND ME DOWNS

24 May – 31 August 2014

This display examines the UK's international adoption policies, focusing on adoption from China in particular. It takes as inspiration artist Annabel Stockman's photographic project Hand Me Over Hand Me Downs, started after she and her husband adopted their two children. Her images document the clothes, toys, keepsakes and good luck charms that their children, and over 65 others, owned and brought with them as they started their new lives in the UK. These possessions reflect the culture and traditions of the owners' previous homes, the relationships they had with their carers, and the fears or hopes of those carers.

70 images from Hand Me Over Hand Me Downs will be displayed alongside the clothing and possessions of one child and the stories of adoptive families recalling the events and emotions of that important day.

TOY STORIES

7 June – 14 December 2014

What do your favourite toys reveal about you? Toy Stories is a series of children's portraits exploring the role and function of toys in the lives of children around the globe. Consisting of 20 photographs taken by Italian photographer Gabriele Galimberti, the portraits reflect the impact of the children's backgrounds and families on their choice of toys and highlight the universality of play.

Images: Left: © Annabel Stockman; Above: Maudy Kalulushi, Zambia © Gabriele Galimberti/INSTITUTE; Right: © ARTBASH

FAMILIES

FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

CHILDREN UNDER 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR CARER

TO BOOK AN EVENT, CALL 020 8983 5205 OR EMAIL MOCBOOKINGS @VAM.AC.UK

DAILY ACTIVITIES

The Museum runs free drop-in activities every day including arts and crafts, tours, trails and storytelling. For a detailed schedule, contact our Information Desk or visit www.museumofchildhood.org.uk/activities.

FAMILY PACKS

Get the most out of a visit using one of our themed Family Packs. Choose from VI-friendly (to support visually impaired visitors), autism friendly and Montessori (for under 5s). The packs contain toys to touch, activity suggestions and support material, and are free to borrow from the Information Desk. Kindly supported by the Friends of the V&A, Montessori Centre International and The Big Lottery Fund.

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VICTORIOUS VICTORIANS

Monday 26 – Friday 30 May
10.30-16.00

Join us for a jolly good time as we wind back 150 years to the Victorian era. Follow a Victorian toy trail; listen to Story Spinner tell the tale of The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde; try on Victorian costumes; test your knowledge at our 'investigation station' and make a popular Victorian toy to take home.
Drop in All ages

ARTBASH

Friday 30 May
13.30-14.30 and 15.30-16.30

Join the creative team from ARTBASH for a fun, messy, arty workshop. Great for the whole family. Children must be accompanied.
Book from 12 May Ages 5-11

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MAKING JUMPER MONSTERS

Sunday 15 June
11.30-13.00 and 14.00-15.30

To celebrate the launch of their new book, 'Boycraft', the creative folk from Buttonbag are leading this workshop for Father's Day. A perfect way to spend time together or to make a special gift for your Dad. Bring along an old jumper or t-shirt and transform it into a fantastic monster. Children must be accompanied.
Book from 2 June Ages 4+

Image: © Buttonbag

NEW VOICES FESTIVAL

Saturday 21 June, 12.00-18.00

The Museum is once again working in partnership with Praxis Community Projects to bring you the New Voices Festival, celebrating London's rich diversity through world music, story-telling and theatre. This year there will also be a photographic exhibition developed by young refugees with Simona Aru, a world renowned photographer, telling the story of the often dangerous journeys people make to find sanctuary within the UK.

New Voices is part of Refugee Week and this year it will focus on children and young refugees.
Drop in All ages

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Sunday 27 July, 11.30-16.30

The best in family festival fun right on your doorstep in Bethnal Green. Join us for our ever popular annual summer event. The Museum grounds will be buzzing with live music, dance, walkabout acts, art and craft activities, designer stalls, food, face painting, rickshaw rides and games. Not to be missed whatever the weather!
Drop in All ages

ARTBASH CAMP - DREAMERS

Monday 28 July – Friday 1 August
9.00-15.30

Enjoy a whole week of arty fun! Young artists will develop their creative skills through a programme of imaginative workshops. On arrival, each child will be given a sketchbook to develop their ideas. Each day will include several art activities, experimenting with exciting materials, many recycled. As well as linking to the Museum's displays, there will be some messy outdoor workshops. Bring a packed lunch and dress for mess.
Book from 1 May to 18 July on www.artbash.co.uk/book
For further details email Linda@artbash.co.uk
£140 per week or £40 per day (10% sibling discount) Ages 5 -11

Image: © Artbash

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FAMILY FUN FRIDAYS

ART IN THE GARDENS

Friday 8 August 11.00-16.00

Join us for a day of creative fun! Make art, listen to stories and enjoy the sunshine. Story Spinner will perform The Magic Story Pot – a new tale by Rebekah Lattin-Rawstone featuring a fairy, a boy and a magic story pot! Craft a clay character, flaunt a flamboyant headdress, or design a trendy t-shirt (£3).

Drop in All ages

STORY FEST A DAY OF TALES

Friday 15 August 11.00-16.00

Build a story! Tell a tale! Spin a yarn! Join us for a day of storytelling, with popular tales from far and wide. Delve into our Reading Den with a book from our Pop Up Library. Make a bookmark or decorate a book bag (£3). The event is curated by Story Spinner, who will also be performing their latest show, The Magic Story Pot.

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PUPPET PLAY

Friday 22 August, 11.00-16.00

Jiggle along with Indigo Moon Theatre's 'Saraswati' dancing marionette from Rajasthan. Make an Indian dancing puppet and try out its Bollywood moves in a creative workshop (for ages 3+, sign up on the day). Create a finger puppet or produce a pop up theatre to take home. Take part in a Puppet Parade at 15.45 to show off what you've made.

Drop in All ages (except workshop)

Image: © Indigo Moon Theatre

ADULTS

TO BOOK AN ADULT TOUR, CALL 020 8983 5205 OR EMAIL MOCBOOKINGS@VAM.AC.UK

ADULT GROUP TOURS

A chance to discover weird and wonderful facts about the building and our collections. Tours are available to book on weekday afternoons or weekend mornings. After hours tours are also offered on request. For more information and prices, visit www.museumofchildhood.org.uk/tours.

Image: Girl writing, Henriette Browne, France, 1829-1901

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INFORMATION

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ADMISSION FREE

Open daily 10.00–17.45
Last admission 17.30

SHOP

10.00–17.30
Selling children's books, gifts, stationery and pocket money toys.

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10.00–17.00
Serving hot lunches, freshly made sandwiches and salads, delicious cakes and award-winning coffee.

CORPORATE AND PRIVATE EVENTS

You can hire all or part of the Museum. To find out more, call 020 8983 5221.

CHILDREN'S PARTIES

You can hold children's birthday parties at the Museum. To find out more, call 020 8983 5204.

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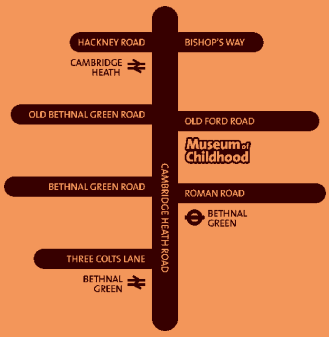

Underground: Bethnal Green, Central Line, Zone 2
Overground: Whitechapel and Shoreditch High Street
Rail: Cambridge Heath and Bethnal Green
Buses: D6, 106, 254, 309 and 388 stop outside, 8, 26, 55 and 48 stop nearby

Drop-off point and parking for two coaches on Cambridge Heath Road.

Free parking can be arranged for visitors with specific access needs
The Museum is wheelchair accessible
Assistance dogs are welcome in the Museum
Limited metered parking on surrounding roads Monday–Friday.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or carer

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