



1<sup>st</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Children's University Newsletter**

What a wonderful term the Children's University has had! Our members have taken part in a variety of workshops, a trip to the SeaCity Museum in Southampton and we have had our first graduation.

#### **Workshops**

Many of our members enjoyed taking part in workshops run exclusively for Children's University members by several members of staff. Mrs Collins ran Watercolour Workshops in which the children learned how to use watercolour paints properly and how to create different finishes to their paintings. Miss Rajput and Miss McAlpine taught children to finger knit, Miss Dando ran a sewing workshop in which the children used their stitching skills to make unique cards and Mr Drury ran a wonderful Playground Games workshop. All the children had a wonderful time learning new skills. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to run these activities. News of more workshops for next term will be coming out soon.

#### **The SeaCity Museum**

On the 2nd March, many members and their families joined some of the staff on a trip to The SeaCity Museum in Southampton. We all had an amazing time learning about the infamous Titanic and some even had a go at steering a ship! The museum is a stone's throw from the train station and is definitely worth a day out during the holidays.

#### **Graduation**

On the 28th March we had our first graduation ceremony. It was a truly wonderful event which was attended by Lesley and David from Croydon Children's University and the Mayor of Crawley. It was wonderful to see so many members collect awards for the activities they have been doing outside of school. Thank you to all who came. We look forward to handing out even more awards at our next ceremony.

#### **Easter Holiday Activities**

Please find attached the Easter Holiday challenges. These are a great way to earn extra credits. Don't forget to take pictures of them for your scrapbooks and record them in your passports. We have also attached details about Book in the Park.

#### **Passport to Learning and Activities Guide**

Many parents have asked me how to complete the Passport to Learning and to know more about what activities count towards the children's credits. In order to help with this, I have put together a guide to Learning Activities.

Yours sincerely

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**IF YOUR SON/DAUGHTER IS NOT YET A MEMBER OF THE CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY, AND YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME, PLEASE PURCHASE A PASSPORT TO LEARNING FROM THE OFFICE FOR £5.**