

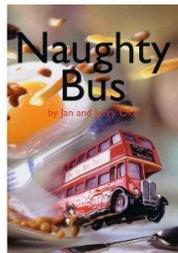


....to be outstanding in every aspect, pushing the boundaries of excellence.....

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What an exciting week Reception classes have had! The key text this fortnight is **The Naughty Bus.**



They have enjoyed listening to the story, looking at the pictures and have already been thinking about what adventures the Naughty Bus will get up to in their classrooms!

And.....On Tuesday the Reception classes boarded the naughty bus and made their way to Crystal Palace bus garage.



The children enjoyed asking questions to the TFL staff and completed 'Bus journals' by noting all the bus numbers and writing about their journey.



Once back at school the children (and staff!) all enjoyed a picnic in the sunshine.



The children were exceptional and thoroughly enjoyed themselves! A big thank you to all parents and carers who supported the trip



Did you know that....?



Jan Oke, the author, chose to make the story about a toy bus because when she grew up on the edge of London, her family didn't have a car so they travelled in buses just like the one in their book, and she always liked them.

When Jan left home and went to work in the middle of London, Jan and her first son used to travel on the number 88 to get from their home to his nursery. They would always rush up the stairs at the back of the bus to the top deck and hope the front seats were free. From up there they had a great view as they crossed over the River Thames and rumbled past Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square and Oxford Street and all the most famous sights in the capital.



When Jan was a child she loved writing her own stories, which always had a picture on every page, because those were the sort of books she preferred to read.

*When Jan wrote **The Naughty Bus** she got an ordinary school exercise book and used a black pen to describe what the picture would be like on the page. Sometimes she*

did a little sketch. But she says that she's not a very good artist, so she was relying on her husband, Jerry, to make photographs from her descriptions. Jerry is a professional photographer so he had his own ideas about what the pictures should be like, and what would work.

Their friend Tony Swinney drew the face of Naughty Bus using some computer software called Photoshop, which was also used to make the bus look like it was speeding along when really of course it was stationary. When Jerry took the pictures of the flying food, he threaded each baked bean and chip on to fishing line, and used the software to get rid of the lines in the finished photograph.

Jerry and Jan have six children between them: three boys and three girls. Their youngest son, Jack, is the boy in the story and most of the toys in the photographs were his, or his brothers' or sisters' before.

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London



Family Festival: The City We Live In – Museum of London

FREE (Ages 5+)

150 London Wall, EC2Y 5HN / 020 7001 9844 / www.museumoflondon.org.uk

Nearest tube: St Pauls / Barbican

Sat 24th & Sun 25th May, noon-4pm

London hides all sorts of wonderful secrets, and this free family weekend festival is set to help us find them. You'll be amazed what turns up when you look a little closer. There's fun to be had whatever the weather at this indoor/outdoor event for all.

Discover More about the City that Never Sits Still**- Museum of London Docklands**

FREE (All ages)

Hertsmere Road, West India, E14 4AL / 020 7001
9844 / www.museumoflondon.org.uk

Nearest tube: Barbican/St Pauls/Moorgate

Sat 24th – Sat 31st May, 11am-4pm

A programme of art and craft activities designed to celebrate London; the city that never sits still. Activities change daily, please check the website above for more information.

**Constructed Textiles - Pump House Gallery**

FREE (All Ages)

Battersea Park, SW11 4NJ / 020 8871 7572 /
www.pumphousegallery.org.uk

Bus: 137

Sun 25th May, noon-4pm

Build sculptural 'garments' using different materials and techniques; drill punch holes into boards, sew using twine and experiment with traditional textiles techniques but on a very different scale.

**Tracing Landscapes - National Gallery**

FREE (All Ages)

National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN /
020 7747 2885 / www.nationalgallery.org.uk

Nearest tube: Charing Cross

25th – 27th May, 11am-1pm (repeated 2pm-4pm)

Explore layers in landscape painting in the Gallery and then draw and make a moving artwork by building a flipbook. Places are allocated one hour before the event, arrive early to avoid disappointment.

**Royal Air Force Museum**

FREE (All ages)

Grahame Park Way, NW9 5LL / 020 8205 2266 /
www.rafmuseum.org.uk

Nearest Tube: Colindale

Mon 26th – Fri 30th May, 11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm

Try on original pilot's helmet, goggles or flying jacket at the Royal Air Force Museum's handling collection. These drop-in dress-up sessions are free and will take place from 11am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

daily.

**Holiday Activities at Brockwell Park Community Greenhouses**

£5 per child (discounts for unwaged) (Age depends on workshop)

Booking essential; contact Beth on education@brockwellgreenhouses.org.uk or 07427 685714

Brockwell Park, Dulwich Road, SE24 ONG / 020
7926 6207 / www.lambeth.gov.uk

Printed Pots - Mon 26th May, 10.30am-12.30pm.

Design your own flower and bird stamps and decorate a terracotta pot to be sown with your choice of herb seeds.

Brollies and Blooms – Mon 26th May, 2pm-4pm.

Create a stunning mobile for your room using recycled materials.

Spring Glitter Globes - Wed 28th May, 10.30am-12.30pm. Make a 'no-snow snow globe' featuring spring flowers and butterflies.

Felt Making - Wed 28th May, 2pm-4pm. Use natural and recycled materials to create a woven tree artwork.

**Half-term Family Art Fun - Horniman Museum**

FREE (Ages 3+)

100 London Road, SE23 3PQ / 020 8699 1872 /
www.horniman.ac.uk

Buses: 176, 185, 312, P4, 63, 122, P13

10.30am-5.30pm daily

Mon 26th-Fri 30th May, 11am-3.30pm

Growing Flowers, Mon- Wed. Create some beautiful paper flowers hidden inside a decorated cup – when you push the stick the flowers 'grow' out of the cup.

Nature Nests, Thu-Fri. Make a little section of tree trunk, complete with its mini inhabitants.



Marvellous Mummies - British Museum

FREE (All ages)

44 Great Russell Street, WC1B 3DG / 020 7323

8000 / www.britishmuseum.org

Nearest tube: Holborn/Russell Square

Mon 26th-Fri 30th May, 11am-4pm

Take part in an interactive family show, contribute to an artwork, make something to take home with you or join a family gallery talk. Each day will have a different programme, so you can visit as many days as you like.

**Ravenous Reptiles****- Grant Museum of Zoology**

FREE (All Ages)

Rockefeller Building, University College London,
University St, WC1E 6DE / 020 3106 2052 /
www.ucl.ac.uk

Nearest Tube: Euston/Goodge Street

Tue 27th - Sat 31st May, 1pm-4.30pm

From dinosaurs to venomous snakes, come face to face the collection of ravenous reptiles and be amazed at some fantastic specimens like the world's largest crocodile or tiny chameleons. Take part in fun hands-on specimen based activities and celebrate the terrifying and beautiful world of reptiles.

**Performing Arts Classes & Theatre Trip – Brixton****Inclusive, Academy of Performing Arts**

£4 per class - FREE for 1st 20 L&Q Residents (Ages 5-11yrs)

336 Brixton Rd SW9 7AA / 07890 306 031 /
brixtoninclusive.org

Tue 27th, Thu 29th & Fri 30th May 10am-4.45pm

Brixton Inclusive are offering a programme of dance, drumming and drama workshops during half term; for more information and to book onto a workshop please call Anita on the number above or email: pyarry@hotmail.co.uk

**Toys from the Past - Wandsworth Museum**

FREE (Ages 3+)

38 West Hill, SW18 1RZ/ 020 8870 6060 /

www.wandsworthmuseum.co.uk

Travel: East Putney/Wandsworth Rail

Wed 28th May, 2pm-5pm

Show your kids what toys were like before playthings started requiring batteries at this free half-term event where children will get to play with old-fashioned toys and games, then make their own to take home.

**Discover a Secret Garden in Hyde Park**

FREE (All Ages)

Isis Education Centre, Hyde Park, W2 2UH /

www.supporttheroyalparks.org

Nearest Tube: Marble Arch

Wed 28th & Thu 29th May, 11am-3pm

Visit a magical garden tucked away in the middle of Hyde Park – and usually closed to the public - the is home to fragrant herbs, beautiful buddleias and lovely lavenders, all buzzing with insect life. Drop in to explore the plants and their inhabitants, and then get your hands dirty with some crafting activities.

**Decorative Daggers - Wallace Collection**

FREE (All Ages)

Hertford Hse, Manchester Sq, W1U 3BN/ 020 7653

9500 / www.wallacecollection.org

Nearest Tube: Bond St

Thu 29th May, 2pm-3.45pm

Make your own bejewelled dagger inspired by the dazzling weapons on display in the Oriental Armoury.



I hope that you all have a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd June ready for the final term of the academic year!

Best Wishes**Alison Moller**