



Thinking Artistically

What's on in Medway?

Medway Go

This summer Medway Council are running activity sessions for children aged 5 to 15 for children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals. These sessions are safe environments to learn, engage and play in new ways.

Free healthy, hot meal at every session.

All staff and volunteers are experienced and DBS checked.

Activities delivered in line with the latest COVID-19 guidance.

With new activities such as sports, music, arts and cooking being added regularly, there are enough MedwayGo sessions to keep young people engaged all summer.

<https://go.medway.gov.uk/>

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**Summer holiday
activity clubs for
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Festival at the Fort

14TH AUGUST - 15TH AUGUST 2021

A weekend outdoor arts festival, taking place in and around the amphitheatre in the Fort Amherst heritage site in Chatham. Bringing together & featuring national touring companies, Medway performing artists, musicians, community groups alongside workshop activities, this will be one big, inclusive celebration for all the family.

<https://www.visitmedway.org/events/festival-at-the-fort-72952/>

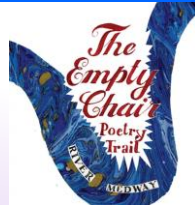


The Empty Chair Poetry Trail

For Dickens 150, Wordsmithery commissioned 10 poets with links to Medway to write new poems inspired by Charles Dickens' life and works. The poems have been printed on boards which form a trail, then placed in locations around Medway and nearby with links to Charles Dickens' life. The trail is accompanied by a beautiful illustrated map of the locations by Heather

Haythornthwaite,

<https://www.wordsmithery.info/chair>



Gallery of YOU!

2nd August

MESS ROOM is taking part in the Gillingham POW! Arts Trail and invites you to join in.

We need your shadows for a pop-up outdoor gallery that will be displayed in Gillingham High Street from 28th August to 31st October 2021.

Strike a pose at our outdoor photo booth for your image to be immortalised as a Silhouette and feature in the final artwork.

As a thank you from us, you will receive a digital version of your silhouette.

No need to book, just turn up and pose!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1224404388000870/>

Gillingham POW!

28th August – 31st October

Gillingham POW! is a coronavirus (COVID-19) safe alternative cultural offering for Gillingham High Street. Gillingham POW!, in partnership with Medway artists MESS ROOM and Mark Barnes, is our Gillingham High Street

takeover. <https://www.medway.gov.uk/GillinghamPOW>



The Great Creepy Crawly Insect Trail
July 24th - 4th September

Join us for the great Gillingham Insect Hunt!!

From the 24th July you can pick up a map from the library or download a pdf map and hunt through the high street to find the hidden insects! It will end at Balmoral Gardens where you will find the last couple of bugs!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/825636754822807/>



May the toys be with you
3rd July – September 4th

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away.... from X-Wing fighters to lightsabers, May The Toys Be With You is one of the UK's finest collections of vintage Star Wars toys, original cinema posters and set props. Take a selfie next to Jabba the Hutt's 'favourite decoration' of Han Solo trapped in carbonite, complete with Stormtrooper guards!

<https://museum.maidstone.gov.uk/whats-on/events/may-the-toys-be-with-you/>



Medway Culture Club Carnival
Saturday 28th August

Medway Culture Club Carnival - this FREE Family Fun Day is a chance for us to get together and celebrate the diversity within our community. We will explore the traditions of the Notting Hill Carnival which was first held in 1959 by members of the Windrush generation. Now the largest street festival in Europe, we plan to bring to Medway some of the culture and creativity of this cosmopolitan event which champions diversity and inclusion. Numbers will be limited on the day so please book your place, indicating how many will be in your party. www.medwaycultureclub.co.uk/free-events



Sticks 'n; Stones Festival
Saturday 28th August

A wellbeing festival showcasing a vast array of Medway services.

Free entry and free activities such as Yoga, Boxing, football, Music, Children's games, Candle making, Massage therapy, carpentry, mechanics and more.

With Live Music and performances throughout the day.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/640892950646651>





Artist of the term awards:



Year 1: Aleska



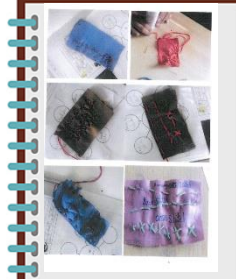
Year 2: Ruth



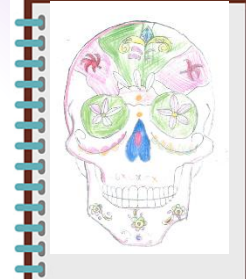
Year 3: Logan



Year 4: Kardin



Year 5: Kiefer



Year 6: Khadiga



Your challenge this summer is to create a piece inspired by something you have done in the holidays. You could paint, draw, collage or make a 3D model of something exciting you have done!

Who: All Year Groups

Deadline: 10th September 2021