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Dear parents/carers,

As you are aware, your child is a member of the Children's University programme. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to have their extra-curricular efforts and achievements rewarded by the University of Wolverhampton whilst also raising their awareness of higher education and the wealth of opportunities available to them in the future.

Your child has a 'Passport to Learning' which they keep in school. These passports are used to collect hours of learning towards recognised levels of achievement. Recognition of effort and achievement is central to the programme's success and each time your child completes a learning activity, they receive a stamp in their Passport to Learning. One hour of learning equals one Children's University credit. Once children have collected enough credits in their passports, they will have the opportunity to attend a graduation style ceremony either at school or at the University of Wolverhampton to be presented with their bronze, silver or gold certificates.

Children's University certificate levels

Bronze award	30
Silver award	65
Gold award	100

Hours of learning can easily be accrued through activities offered both in and out of school. These may be lunchtime and after school clubs or those offered by other organisations such as music lessons, Scouts, Brownies or sports and dance clubs for example.

In addition, there are many virtual activities which your children can take part in free of charge. Please visit: www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/get-involved/activities-to-do-at-home-and-online/ to access a wide range of resources organised by category. Categories include arts, culture and music, languages, sport, careers and science for example. In addition, if you navigate to the 'Find an Activity' tab of the website, you can search for a wide range of local and online activities such as 'Colourful World' – a fun computer game which allows you to help animals who have become homeless or ill due to their habitat being changed by human activity whilst learning about environmental issues. Activity link- www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/activities/10442

Furthermore, if you follow the Children's University Facebook pages:

www.facebook.com/ChildrensUniversityTrust

www.facebook.com/UoWCU

there are regular updates about new activities and opportunities for your children to participate in.

Now that Covid restrictions have eased, there will be upcoming opportunities for children participating in the programme to visit the University of Wolverhampton and take part in exciting events and gain first hand experience of what a university campus is like.

Please see overleaf for Easter challenges your child can take part in over the holiday, from bird watching to baking, there are lots of fun learning opportunities which all count towards accruing Children's University credits.

Thank you for your continued support and working with both Bilston C of E and The University of Wolverhampton to encourage, track and celebrate learning beyond the classroom.

Mrs Minors

Children's University Easter Challenge!



Get listening!

Complete this *Sounds of Spring* activity from the RSPB. It will help you identify some of the beautiful bird song we hear. You can listen in an outside space, in your garden or in your home with the window open!
<https://tinyurl.com/bdthaxomn>

5 new things to do this Easter!

Each activity is worth 1 credit. To get a stamp code for Children's University Online email contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk with evidence - this could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did! All activities require adult supervision. The supervising adult is expected to manage all activity risk.

Get writing!

April 2nd is International Children's Book Day. Write a book review including what the book is about, who the main characters are, what you liked and disliked about it and draw a character from the book.

Get baking!

Make something delicious to share with your household. Click the link below for lots of tasty inspiration
<https://tinyurl.com/5nb6pvr7d>

Get making!

Easter is just around the corner, why not make some Easter themed decorations using recycled and natural materials found at home and outside?

Get thoughtful!

April 22nd is World Earth Day. Make a poster including ideas of how people can be kinder to the earth. Why not display it in your window?