# VISION IMPAIRMENT TEAM NEWSLETTER

**Accessible Theatre Shows**



The **Unicorn Theatre** has a wide offer of audio described shows. [Our upcoming access shows 👉 (arts-mail.co.uk)](https://arts-mail.co.uk/1J1H-845JX-DFE19DBA1D2253E5VA0P8QF645FD94B5138E78/cr.aspx)

The **National Theatre** has a brilliant offer for pupils with vision impairment to attend a FREE Audio-described performance and Touch Tour for their winter production of The Witches in January 2024.

**This offer is open to any young person with a vision impairment in year 5, 6 or 7. Contact Jess Moffat at the National Theatre Learning Team.**

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National TheatreUpper Ground, London, SE1 9PX  [nationaltheatre.org.uk](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/url.avanan.click/v2/___https:/www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/___.YXAxZTpuYXRpb25hbHRoZWF0cmV1azphOm86OTY0MmU4ZDQzODMwOWY4ZmNjYmQ2OGJkNTk5NjU3N2U6NjozM2IwOjNmNThlZTg2OWI3YTRkMTM1MjgwZjg1NzU0NGFkYzU3YmE0MmViNmEzMjcxNzBhZjZlNDdlYTRkMzdkZmU3ZTI6aDpU__;!!Ou-zFulSALS7ubxZ2oj45Dg!VpJ52-P1hp60vhxPBzBNVvQ6udUqE6CLq290wIgg9_jKIdLoqIJ-n2VSniwyV0ugnRwZqdpKnyfvZJ2rI53oJjPevWgD9Jrqxk_MNi5g1g$)

Panto season will be approaching. For other theatres, call their access line, where you can often get big discounts (sometimes a free carer’s ticket and a discounted ticket for the VIP) which will enable you to sit towards the front at a more reasonable price. Most theatres also do at least one audio described show

**Letters from Santa is now live**

Letters from Santa in accessible formats can now be requested for any children with vision impairment via the RNIB [website](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/mailinglists.siforums.org.uk/dada/mail.cgi/r/VIForum/582578601842/karen.walsh/southwark.gov.uk/__;!!Ou-zFulSALS7ubxZ2oj45Dg!RF4bNDBcHV64LxlkUZH3oxbABokCqGsYLEyEVO4hbzYjzUOf8h38oeaZtXsLtDUqqSMF6IR9uigANYO3fZRZ_ADYCpLM0Oc$). Alternatively, children can write to Santa directly: Santa Claus, RNIB, Northminster House, Northminster, Peterborough PE1 1YN. **Requests must be received by Friday 1 December.**



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AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER



As the Autumn Term is underway, thoughts may turn to indoor pursuits!

**Free or discounted admission to venues across the UK with a Max Card**

**Max Card** is the UK’s leading discount card for families of children with SEND (see [www.mymaxcard.co.uk](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/mailinglists.siforums.org.uk/dada/mail.cgi/r/VIForum/615828757510/karen.walsh/southwark.gov.uk/__;!!Ou-zFulSALS7ubxZ2oj45Dg!Q59hfxDpTsC2duDhNBn1KEk-n4kOuqorBcTHWkIJqYL678dgAsao6_MNRpFQN5sG3oHQ8ux7LsQUF1Cpe2OjQ76vAJ0QyCM$) for more information). Families can use their Max Card at venues across the UK to get free or discounted admission.

RNIB are offering Max Cards **free** to families of children and young people with vision impairment across the UK.

If you are the parent/carer of a child or young person with VI and would like to apply for a Max Card, all you need to do is:

· email [cypf@rnib.org.uk](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/mailinglists.siforums.org.uk/dada/mail.cgi/r/VIForum/405961384534/karen.walsh/southwark.gov.uk/__;!!Ou-zFulSALS7ubxZ2oj45Dg!Q59hfxDpTsC2duDhNBn1KEk-n4kOuqorBcTHWkIJqYL678dgAsao6_MNRpFQN5sG3oHQ8ux7LsQUF1Cpe2OjQ76v1VT4LLI$)

· write ‘Max Card’ in the subject line

· look out for the reply (you may need to check your junk folders!)

Cards are subject to availability and will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.



## **RNIB Shape and Share events for families – in person and online**

RNIB Shape and Share events bring children, young people and their families together for peer support, to share experiences and take part in fun activities both in person across the UK and virtually via Microsoft Teams. Events are open to all children, young people aged 0-25 and their families across the UK

### **London Science Museum Shape and Share Family Day**

**Date:** Saturday 18 November 2023

**Time:** 10am – 3pm

An interactive sensory experience for all the family! The day will involve some water and soft play for younger guests, specialist workshops in the Wonderlab, Medicine, and Technicians galleries, opportunities to meet up with other families, and a chance to talk with professionals about their roles. Attendance is free and snacks and drinks will be provided.

**Booking Deadline:** 4 November 2023

**Sign up here:** [Family Support and Events | RNIB](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/mailinglists.siforums.org.uk/dada/mail.cgi/r/VIForum/646570785244/karen.walsh/southwark.gov.uk/__;!!Ou-zFulSALS7ubxZ2oj45Dg!VoVS7min-FgN6FqV34V-kebwfnbrktS_Y2b1IysML_2eHjSfJ2joWBCzi4QtlWTg55iZJdIyH8IvsHEbSzCV9oNgULqMx2o$)

## **Discover Your Paralympic Potential**

**25 November - London Olympic Park, Velodrome and Aquatics Centre**

ParalympicsGB are launching a new initiative called Discover Your Paralympic Potential. This will consist of a series of events which will enable people to discover a Paralympic sport and start their journey to the Paralympics. The first of these events will take place in November and will focus on people with visual impairments. Sports on offer will include Judo, Football, Goalball, Rowing, Swimming, Cycling, Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing, Athletics and Triathlon - all Paralympic Sports that visually impaired people can compete in at the Paralympic Games.Click on link to find out more: [https://paralympics.org.uk/articles/discover-your-paralympic-potential](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/mailinglists.siforums.org.uk/dada/mail.cgi/r/VIForum/318731979822/karen.walsh/southwark.gov.uk/__;!!Ou-zFulSALS7ubxZ2oj45Dg!VoVS7min-FgN6FqV34V-kebwfnbrktS_Y2b1IysML_2eHjSfJ2joWBCzi4QtlWTg55iZJdIyH8IvsHEbSzCV9oNgFzZXQEc$)

**To book, and for a full rundown of events taking place across the UK, visit:** [**Family Support and Events | RNIB**](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/mailinglists.siforums.org.uk/dada/mail.cgi/r/VIForum/729267058288/karen.walsh/southwark.gov.uk/__;!!Ou-zFulSALS7ubxZ2oj45Dg!VoVS7min-FgN6FqV34V-kebwfnbrktS_Y2b1IysML_2eHjSfJ2joWBCzi4QtlWTg55iZJdIyH8IvsHEbSzCV9oNglDpd4cc$)

**RSBC calendar of events**

A range of activities from audio book clubs, sensory stories, sports and many more can be found here

[Calendar of Activities - RSBC](https://www.rsbc.org.uk/calendar-of-activities/)

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