

# Summer Term 2008 Newsletter

The Building Exploratory is a great educational resource. Our hands-on workshops cover a wide range of topics related to the built environment, from local history to the construction of bridges, and provide a fun out-of-school learning experience. They also meet National Curriculum requirements in a range of subjects from History, Geography, Maths and Science to Art, Design Technology and Citizenship.

To find out more about all of the Building Exploratory's sessions please see our Workshops leaflet or contact Claire Toogood – 020 7275 9220 or [education@buildingexploratory.org.uk](mailto:education@buildingexploratory.org.uk). You can also book a bespoke teacher INSET session at the Building Exploratory to find out more about what we can offer.

We are really interested in working with you in ways that best suit your needs, so we would be happy to discuss ways we can tailor workshops to make them more bespoke for you and your class.

## Coming Soon.... Building Visits

After successfully testing a great KS1 outreach session visiting Clifford Chance's office in Canary Wharf last term - and completing 'How Places Work', an exciting series of visits to contemporary London buildings with Secondary schools, the Building Exploratory is currently developing a series of themed Building Visit offers for schools in June and July.

The visits are currently in development but if you are interested in finding out more about opportunities for your KS1 or KS2 classes please contact us.

## Introduction of Workshop Charges

The Building Exploratory has previously provided our high quality, professionally led, interactive workshops to schools in Hackney free of charge. However, due to the limited availability of funding for this programme and the rising cost of staff and materials for our newly developed sessions, it has become unsustainable for us to continue to provide a free service. Therefore, it is with regret that from this summer term we will be introducing a charge for school workshops.

From Monday 21st April 2008 the following charges will be introduced:

Key Stage 1 workshops (max. 35 pupils) 60mins £60.00 per session

Key Stage 2 workshops (max. 35 pupils) 90mins £90.00 per session

Schools will be invoiced for workshops when their booking is finalised. We hope that your school will continue to use the Building Exploratory's exciting workshops and unique resources to support your work and we look forward to seeing your classes joining us soon.



**For information or to book a workshop, contact Claire on 020 7275 9220, or email [education@buildingexploratory.org.uk](mailto:education@buildingexploratory.org.uk)**



## London Festival of Architecture

Keep your eye on the Building Exploratory's website [www.buildingexploratory.org.uk](http://www.buildingexploratory.org.uk) or sign up for our monthly e-bulletin by contacting Alex at [mail@buildingexploratory.org.uk](mailto:mail@buildingexploratory.org.uk) to see what we will be getting up to for this year's London Festival of Architecture! Have a look at the Festival website for exciting architecture activities for yourself and your school across the whole of London! [www.lfa2008.org](http://www.lfa2008.org)

## Stories & Sustainable Structures

This spring term the Building Exploratory was invited to Islington to take part in Hanover Primary School's Art Week event. This United House sponsored week of creative activities included a day-long workshop run by the Building Exploratory team exploring sustainable construction materials. Using the 'Three Little Pigs' fairytale as inspiration, pupils from Years 2, 4 and 5 were encouraged to use Drama, Science and Design and Technology skills to create and test structures in their quest to find a suitable building material to protect the pigs from the Big Bad wolf. Pupils exercised great teamwork skills designing and making their 'houses' and were even treated to a surprise visit by the Big Bad Wolf - who tested the houses' ability to stand up to his 'huffing and puffing'!

If you would be interested in us running a similar whole day session at your school please contact us.