



'Spooky Drama in the Forest' @ Wrekin Forest School:  
a one-day outdoors drama workshop for 7-12 year olds

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021

*"Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks,  
breaking rules, making mistakes and having fun."*

*Mary Lou Cook*



Overview:

'Spooky Drama in the Forest' is a fun and playful Halloween-themed day workshop. At the start of the day, participants will have the opportunity to make their own wands for use as part of the workshop which they can take home with them. Depending on numbers, they will be put into groups of four and tasked to make their own spell performance based on a story book (which will be emailed out in advance). They will be taken through the stages of creating a short performance guided by Hannah de Quincey, a drama facilitator and her team. In the afternoon, participants will be able to toast their own marshmallows around a fire to reward their hard work. They will end the day with a feeling of accomplishment when they share their group's spell performances with an invited audience of family and friends at 4pm. The ambience of creating drama outdoors in a beautiful setting will enhance their experience, and help them express themselves freely.

Fee:

The fee is £35 per participant. This covers insurance, venue hire, basic fees and resources.

Key information:

- To be run Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October from 9am – 4pm with an end performance at 4-4.30pm.
- To take place on the Wrekin Forest Events site at Wrekin Forest School. Address: Wrekin Forest School, Crudginton Moor Lane, Telford, TF6 6EE (directions will be sent out nearer the time).
- For children to take part they must be able to attend **ALL** day from 9am to 4.30pm and be able to stay engaged for the full day. Children can be dropped off from 8.30am.
- The children are to bring their own packed lunch. Squash and healthy snacks will be provided also.
- No prior drama experience necessary; an enthusiastic, committed, positive attitude is.
- There are 16 spaces available for children aged between 7 and 12.

Feedback from 'Drama in the Forest' in August:

'My little boy went to Drama in the Forest last week and had such a great time! He couldn't wait to get there every day. Hannah and Becky were really so lovely with him. Just in the 3 days his confidence grew and he loved being in the forest making friends and learning. He has already said he hopes it's on again next year 😊 I can't recommend it highly enough.' Facebook review

'Excellent opportunity for children to meet new friends, extend and show off their talents all in the beautiful natural setting.'  
Parent feedback form

'My children have thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and my daughter has grown with how she interacts with her brother and others.'  
Parent feedback form

'Friendly organisation utilising the great outdoors, facilitating and learning drama skills.'  
Parent feedback form

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### Learning outcomes:

- Unlocks the imagination
- Develops creative thinking
- Develops communication skills
- Promotes team-working
- Builds self-confidence and self-esteem
- Builds self-discipline
- Builds social skills
- Encourages risk-taking
- Builds empathy
- Rare opportunity to combine body, mind and soul in creativity outdoors
- Improves organisation
- Develops performance skills
- Refines technical skills and artistry
- Extends comfort zone
- Develops vocal skills
- Promotes connecting with nature
- Promotes mental health
- Promotes healthy exercise
- Promotes resilience and perseverance
- Promotes self-expression

### To secure your child's place:

1. Transfer the £35 fee to the Moonstruck Astronaut C.I.C. account (sort code 08-92-99, account number 65849507) to book your child's place. This will be returned to you in the unlikely event of the workshop having to be cancelled.
2. Complete this Google form to help us get to know more about your child and prepare for the workshop – <https://forms.gle/3z8McvveTrv2sBkS6>

*An email will be sent to you a week before 'Spooky Drama in the Forest' with final details and a parental consent form to be filled in.*

### 'Drama in the Forest' team biographies:

*Hannah de Quincey* is an experienced secondary school drama teacher and theatre director. She has a PGCE in Secondary Drama teaching and an MFA in Theatre Directing. Her goal is to empower children and nurture community in the outdoors through Moonstruck Astronaut CIC's work. She has an enhanced DBS check.

*Becky James* is a self-employed Forest School Leader with twelve years prior experience as a nursery practitioner. She has been teaching outdoor skills for many years. Her roles have enabled her to learn and believe in herself which she would love to pass on to the children she teaches. She is First Aid trained and has an enhanced DBS check.

**Please contact Hannah on 07961 050 961 or email her on [hannah@moonstruckastronaut.com](mailto:hannah@moonstruckastronaut.com) if you wish to discuss anything. Helpful suggestions and feedback are always welcomed.**



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