



Anyone can be an Explorer!

If you're aged 3-11, join the North Wall Explorers' Club today

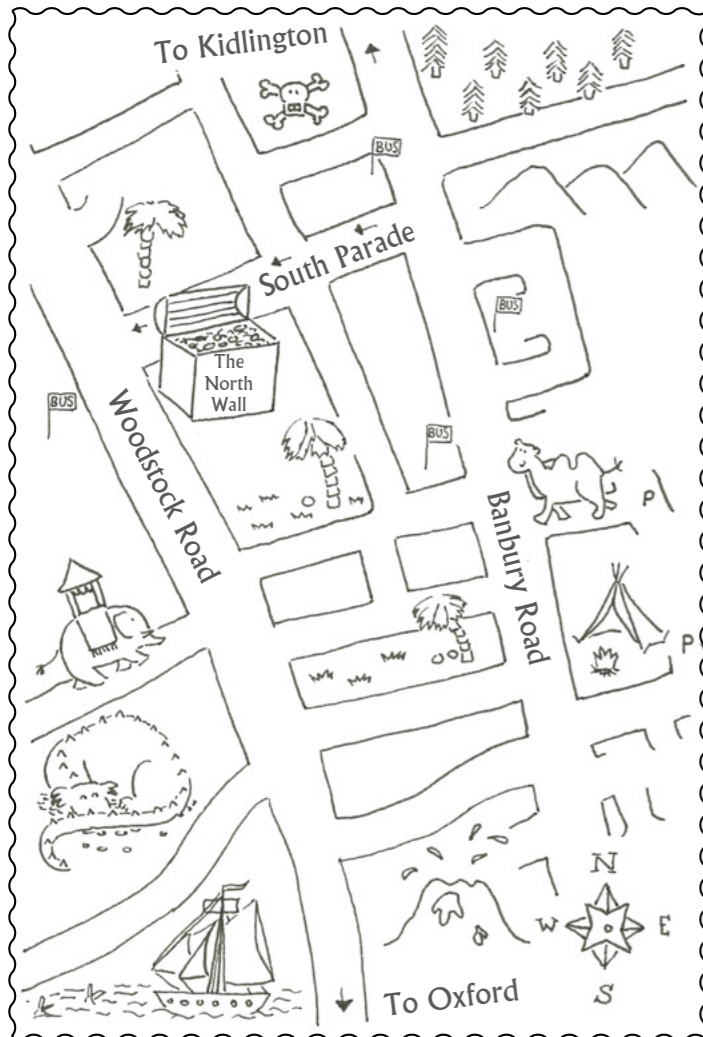
What do you get?

- An Explorers' passport with stickers - collect five stickers and get a free ticket to your next show
- An Explorers' Club badge & balloon
- Free fun parties with arty activities
- A free copy of The Explorer Times in the post twice a year

How do you join?

It's free to be a North Wall Explorer. Collect a sign-up sheet on your next visit, or visit our website and fill in your details. Once you've joined, you'll receive your Explorers' passport and badge.

Happy exploring!



Information for grown-ups:

The North Wall is an arts centre in Summertown in North Oxford. We have children's shows approximately once a month plus other activities for families throughout the year.

Getting here by bus:

Bus stop: South Parade or Summertown Shops
 Park & Ride: Oxford Parkway or Pear Tree
 Buses from city centre:
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Getting here by car:

There are two public car parks within a 5 minute walk from the venue. There is limited on-street parking on South Parade. Please note that South Parade is one-way street - you can only approach from Banbury Road.

If you want to help or find out more about getting involved, please get in touch:

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Adventurers over the Moon

Norris and Owlbert shoot for the stars and discover a new planet

Top explorers Norris Nautilus, age 11, and Owlbert Einsten, age unknown, are famed for exploring the great beyond but fans of this dynamic duo will be astonished to learn the pair have now gone where no earthly creature has gone before: to a planet that until yesterday morning was unknown to anyone in our solar system.

Norris and Owlbert set out at quarter past two last Thursday in a rocket that they'd built in Owlbert's back garden.

Blasting off at hyper-speed, the spaceship sped through the atmosphere into outer space and whizzed through the asteroid belt. A small supper of freeze-dried ice cream near the rings of Saturn was interrupted by the discovery of a black hole.

"And of course our first instinct was to go through it," reveals Owlbert. "Next thing we knew, we'd popped out onto the other side and found ourselves face to face with a new planet." The intrepid duo landed their craft safely and set out to explore the surrounding area.



In photographs recently received by this newspaper, the surface of this planet seems to be made of pink dust, but Norris concluded that the dust is in fact a superior variety of strawberry sherbert.

"Owlbert was telling me one of his jokes, which made me laugh so hard, I spilled some water from my water bottle," he explains. "And when the water fell on the ground, everything sort of fizzed up around my feet. There are other chemical compounds in the universe that fizz and even set fire when you add water to them, and that can be

quite dangerous. Luckily, we knew immediately from the sweet scent, and the fact that our space boots were pretty sticky, that this planet was made mainly of sugar."

Closer inspection revealed that beneath the sherbert layer, the planet was made up primarily of a hard substance that looked like a pink boiled sweet. "And our taste test confirmed it!" reports Norris gleefully. Norris and Owlbert will remain on the planet for the next two weeks to conduct more experiments. More news on their findings as results come in.

Norris meets...Alph



In each issue of The Explorer Times, Norris interviews interesting people he comes across on his travels. Here, he meets Alph, one of The Star Seekers who will be visiting The North Wall in September. He's currently based at the Oxford Space Station, training for their first mission to outer space...

How long have you been a Star Seeker?

We have been training at Oxford Space Station for just over a month now. We're quite new here, but we're very excited about going into space as soon as we can.

What does a Star Seeker do all day?

On earth, Star Seekers do a lot of physical and scientific training. We have to learn to be ready for anything: any situation, any challenge, any puzzle.

Once we get to go to space, we will get do do all sorts of other things including space walks, moon jumps and proto-planet picnics.

Tell us about your most exciting space adventure

We've never been to space before, but my friend Dr. Doctor once went to space and landed on an asteroid (a floating space rock.) The gravity was so weak there, that he could jump all the way to another asteroid.

What do astronauts have for tea?

Star Seekers eat all sorts of things for tea. My favourites food is sandwiches, and my favourite sandwich is cheddar cheese, mayonnaise, chocolate, avocado, and raspberries all mixed together in one sandwich. Yum!

Have you ever met a real-life alien?

I have never met a real Alien, but my friend Fermi told me that there are almost definitely millions of friendly aliens out there just waiting to be discovered. I think if I met an Alien, I would teach it how to play card games (e.g. Snap) and then become its friend.

If someone reading this wanted to become a Star Seeker, what should they do?

The best place to train to become a Star Seeker is at the Oxford Space Station, which is situated inside the North Wall Arts Centre in Oxford; just ask at the front desk for the Space department.

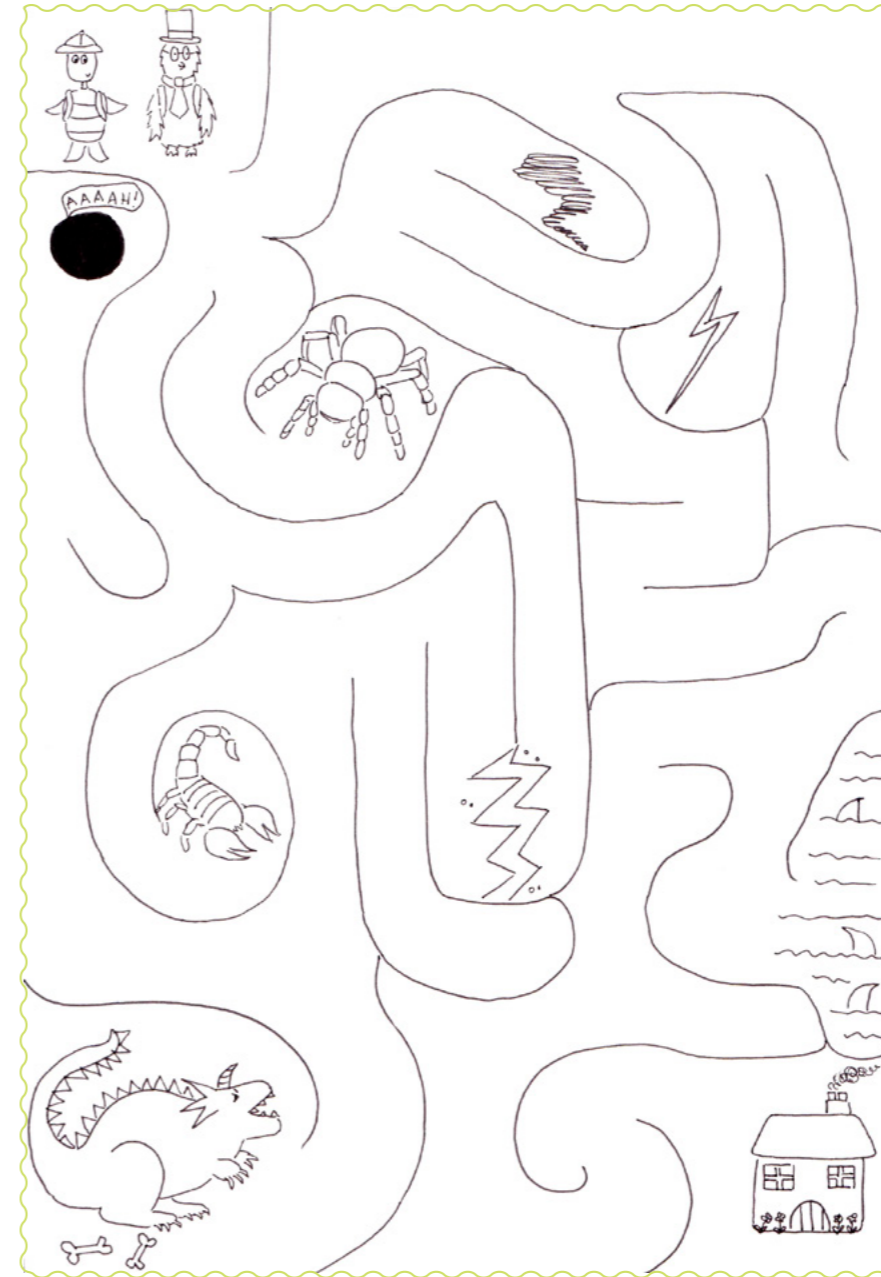
This is Alph. He's pictured with his fellow Star Seekers, Gammo (on the left) and Betty (in the middle) on their first day of Star Seeker training



Join The Star Seekers and collect your sticker at The North Wall on Saturday 29 September at 11am & 2pm

Puzzles

In our October half term show, **Butterflies**, three friends go on an exciting adventure into the unknown, walking over high bridges, into deep caves and riding the waves, before emerging on dry land braver than ever before. Help Norris & Owlbert chase away their butterflies by finding them a way home through the maze!



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See if you can find the obstacles pictured in the maze hidden in the wordsearch!



Collect another sticker when you see Butterflies on Friday 26 October

Owlbert's Jokes of the Month (they're a hoot!)

- What do you do when you find a spaceman?
Park in it, man!
- Why did the cow go in the spaceship?
Because it wanted to see the mooooooooooon!
- What do planets like to read?
Comet books!
- What kind of music do planets sing?
Neptunes!

