

The Primary Times Star Awards 2015

We present... the winners!



Once again we asked you, the Primary Times readers, to vote for your favourite places to go and things to do in Essex. Here are the results of your many nominations. Thank you to everyone who voted. And the winners are...

BEST THEATRE OR ARTS CENTRE

WINNER:
CLIFFS PAVILION
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

RUNNER UP:
CIVIC THEATRE
CHELMSFORD



Kelly Reynolds + Ellen McPhillips at Cliffs Pavilion

Paul Driscoll, Marketing Manager of Southend Theatres said "We are delighted and honoured to receive this reward from the readers of Primary Times. We have always tried to maintain a good mix of entertainment for all ages at the Cliffs Pavilion and it is particularly gratifying to find that children and their families recognise this and have enjoyed their visits to our theatre".



The meerkats admire the award at Colchester Zoo!

BEST FAMILY ATTRACTION

WINNER:
COLCHESTER ZOO

RUNNER UP:
ADVENTURE ISLAND SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Alex Downing, Development Director at Colchester Zoo commented: "We are honoured to be presented with the Star Award for Best Family Attraction again this year, a huge thank you to all of those who voted. Each and every visit made to Colchester Zoo not only supports the ongoing developments and animals in situ but also assists the Zoo's charity, Action for the Wild, help conservation projects worldwide. Without your visits this vital work would not be possible so thank you very much indeed."

BEST PARTY VENUE OR ENTERTAINER

WINNER:
PARTYMAN WORLD BASILDON

RUNNER UP:
WILD 'N' WACKY HARLOW



James Sinclair at Partyman World and Sarah of Primary Times

Aaron Othman, Executive Director and James Sinclair, Managing Director said "To win 'Best Party Venue' by Primary Times readers for the second year in a row has completely blown us away! Thank you to everyone who voted. It means the world to us and we can't wait to see you again soon!"

BEST FAMILY OUTDOOR EVENT

WINNER:
KIDS FEST AT MARSH FARM

RUNNER UP:
3FOOT PEOPLE FESTIVAL
CHELMSFORD



James Sinclair + James Martin at Kids Fest, Marsh Farm

James Martin, Creative Marketeer and James Sinclair, Managing Director said "There is no greater reward for us than the recognition of all the hard work, effort and magic that went into creating Kids Fest. Thank you to everyone who voted - we can't wait to see you at Kids Fest 2015!"

BEST SPORTS OR LEISURE CENTRE

WINNER:
LEISURE WORLD
COLCHESTER

RUNNER UP:
RIVERSIDE ICE & LEISURE
CHELMSFORD



From left: Tim Swallow, Cllr Annie Feltham + staff at Leisure World

Cllr Annie Feltham, Portfolio Holder for Communities and Leisure Facilities, said "Thank you to all Primary Times readers that voted for Leisure World. Each and every Leisure World employee works hard to provide good quality facilities and services to all our customers whether you are swimming, taking part in a children's activity, visiting the gym, relaxing in Aqua Springs spa or seeing a show at Charter Hall."

BEST FAMILY FRIENDLY MUSEUM

WINNER:
COLCHESTER CASTLE MUSEUM

RUNNER UP:
ESSEX POLICE MUSEUM
CHELMSFORD



Tom Hodgson, Cllr Tim Young, Christian Leppich + Gemma Kibbles at Colchester Castle

Cllr Tim Young, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Licensing and Culture, said: "We're thrilled to have once again been voted Primary Times' Best Family Friendly Museum in Essex. Our staff have worked hard to ensure the visitor experience is the best we can offer since re-opening in the Spring following our £4.2m refurbishment. We'd like to thank everyone who voted for us."



Claire Jones, Cllr Schmitt + Steve Bunn at Great Notley Country Park

Essex County Cllr Roger Hirst, Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Libraries, Planning and Environment said: "We are pleased Great Notley Park has been recognised by the readers of Primary Times. It is a fantastic place to keep active, explore and have fun for all ages who visit it."

BEST PARK OR OUTDOOR SPACE

WINNER:
GREAT NOTLEY COUNTRY PARK

RUNNER UP:
HYLANDS PARK
CHELMSFORD

BEST INDOOR PLAY CENTRE

WINNER:
JUNGLE ADVENTURE
COLCHESTER

RUNNER UP:
MONKEY PUZZLE MALDON



Paul Wiles, Katie Balls + Mariette Gildersleeves at Jungle Adventure

Paul Wiles, Managing Director of Jungle Adventure said "Jungle Adventure would like to thank everyone who voted. We are delighted to accept the award for Best Indoor Play Centre in Essex. If you have not yet visited us, come and see for yourselves why we are Essex Mums' favourite indoor soft play centre. We have a host of activities running throughout the day for children of all ages to enjoy, not forgetting character meet and greet and special themed events"

Reader Winners...

Congratulations to our reader winners, chosen at random from Star Awards voters...



A SPA DAY FOR 2 was won by **Teresa McGrath** from Canvey Island



A £250 GIFT CARD was won by **Jane Pyle** from Clacton



CHILDREN'S BIKES were won by **Rachel Crisp** from Witham & **Rebecca Collins** from Basildon



Oscar enjoying his new bike!