Party Party!

It's party time with RollaDome!

At RollaDome we love skating and have fun with it, and we create the perfect 'rolling' entertainment, no matter the occasion.

Birthday parties - Celebrate your little one's special day in style. Our staff will organize a party to remember for your kids, their friends... and for parents as well! We bring the skates, the music, trained coaches and yes, even the cake! All you have to do is come, get your skates on and let loose.

Roller disco - Dancing on skates never gets old, and we like to keep the magic alive. With our roller disco parties, we combine entertainment and physical activity for all ages. Music and sport are a great combination for young children, as well as for adult aiming to stay fit while having a good time.

Team Building - Is your daughter's class involved in a project, or your son's team in a competition? Looking for a new way to

shake up corporate events, get your team together and working on communication? Roller skating is a great way to get on the same page, combining coordination, fitness and a great deal of fun.

Get in touch with us to find out more and book your own event. Visit www.rolladome.org.uk



a 1-hour skating

workshop for 20

There's good reason why most weddings happen in the summer - because, in theory, the weather

is better. Unfortunately for those with children born in the deep dark

winter we don't have the option of barbecues or picnic parties. Whatever we plan for our children it will most likely take place indoors. For some of us having a party at home is just not an option, so what are the alternatives?...

Renting a hall doesn't have to be cripplingly expensive, shop around and see what is on offer. There are far more venues available now to host a child's party than ever before. A lot of businesses cater specifically to children's parties so be sure to check out your town or neighbourhood to see what's available. Soft play centres are a great place to host an event as the many activities provide the entertainment and generally tire the little darlings out.

Many swimming pools and training pools do catered children's parties

with staff on hand to provide both safety and water games. (Some training pools can be hired for a couple of hours leaving parents responsible for providing entertainment as well as ensuring safety.) Football parties can be held indoors if the venue is big enough. Painting parties, where children get to decorate mugs and plates, are so popular that there are plenty of high street shops to choose from. The added bonus of a painting party is that all the guests get to have a personal souvenir of the day.

Local cinemas, and indeed larger chains, can be a great place to hold a slightly alternative party. If you give them plenty of advance notice they will be able to set aside part of their café/entrance area for the children to congregate for cake once they've finished viewing the film. Some cinemas will lay on cake and refreshments, while others are good enough to let you bring your own. The latter kind of cinema party is the perfect way to keep costs down. Most

cinemas have a Saturday morning kids club where individual tickets are a fraction of the normal cost.

The best way of keeping down expenditure is to share it with another parent or parents. (Apart from the financial benefits joint parties between children who's birthdays are close mean that the guests won't have to turn down one party to go to another). Themed parties are very popular for the under 10s - there are the old favourites, Pirates, Princesses, the Wild West, superheroes - especially Batman and Spiderman and then the latest crazes. At the moment the Disney film Frozen is still holding sway in the playground. (In fact many cinemas have Frozen sing-a-longs at the weekends so you could have a themed cinema party.) Most



Parties at The Science Museum

If you're looking for the most scientific party in town for your child,

then a birthday celebration at the Science Museum is the right place for you. Birthday packages can include a 3D IMAX film on

a giant screen, a flight with the Red Arrows in 3D, a trip with the

RAF in the Typhoon Force Simulator and a journey to the moon

in the Legend of Apollo 4D Cinema. Budding Scientist's will then

be treated to a special birthday meal with the option of a birthday

cake and goodie bags for all. Groups of 5 to 30 children aged 5+

welcome. Call our party planning team on 020 942 4460 or visit

www.sciencemuseum.org.uk for more information.

But what to put on the paper plates? Many of us obsess about child nutrition and making party food 'balanced'. Keep things simple with old-fashioned 'party food'. You can't go wrong with sandwiches, cocktail sausages, crisps and, of course, cake. Home baking has been undergoing a major revival recently but don't worry if you don't have the time (or the inclination) to make the cake yourself - there are a huge variety of reasonably priced cakes available from bakeries, the local supermarket and even specialist cake makers (again ask around for recommendations).

As for games - three words. Buy a Piñata. Piñatas are a fairly recent import from Mexico via the United

States (where they are a staple of children's parties). You can purchase Piñatas in most UK supermarkets and while they might seem a bit pricev for what they are all the party quests (parents included) will be delighted.

While the Piñata is a relative newcomer to the children's party scene, the most popular games are as old as time - Musical Chairs, Pass The Parcel and Pin the Tail on the Donkey. Don't worry about using fancy wrapping paper for Pass the Parcel - old newspapers will do. If games aren't enough entertainment for your little guests then you need to think about hiring a professional whose job it is to keep kids happy! The entertainer doesn't have to necessarily be a clown or a magician - face painting is always a popular option. Whatever route you decide to take be sure to get a recommendation from other parents.

Clowning & magic with Beano!

Magic, balloons songs and games! Shows in one hour or two hours for -5s and +5s. Beano the Clown will perform a magic show and make balloon animals for everyone - with a special balloon for the birthday child! In two hours, Beano will do all of this and games. Beano the Clown is a member of Equity and Clowns International and is CRB checked.

For more information email beanosab@hotmail.com or call 020 7229 3417 or 0794 807 0569.

Unfortunately no party is complete until you've handed each quest a party bag at the end. Some parents find filling party bags a form of torture but help is at hand. There are plenty of professional party bag fillers around - they usually provide other party planning services too, if it all proves too much. However, if you do have the appetite for filling your own party bags they need not cost a fortune. A couple of cheap novelties, some sweets and some homemade biscuits - job done! It's only one a year - good luck!

Anne Marie Scanlon



Beano the Clown Magic, Balloons. Songs & Games

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