

Shopping centre set to keep families entertained for free every week throughout the summer holidays with "Globe Trot" series of events

Keeping the kids occupied throughout the summer holidays has been made a little easier thanks to a Leeds shopping centre.

Crossgates Shopping Centre is launching a 5-week series of events dubbed "Crossgates Globe Trot", where families will be able to get involved in activities themed around different areas of the world.

The East Leeds-based retail destination kicks things off on Tuesday, July 31, with a Hawaiian party. Other themes include the jungle, a Costa Rica carnival, the desert and a trip to the Spanish Islands.

Matthew Middleton, centre manager, said: "We are excited for the launch of our Globe Trot events which I am confident will be a huge hit with visitors.

"We pride ourselves on providing free entertainment and activities for families during the school holidays, which can end up being quite an expensive time for parents.

"The interest on our Facebook page has been extremely encouraging and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone throughout the 5-week event programme."

The Centre Square will be transformed into a hub of activity once a week from July 31 to August 28, which includes limbo competitions, binocular making, sand art workshops and flamenco dancing lessons to name but a few.

The events are part of Crossgates Shopping Centre's expanding Kids Club. Sign up is completely free via the centre's website and members receive an email once a month explaining what free family events are coming up.

Children also receive a Crossgates Kids Club passport at their first event, which they are encouraged to bring to each event to collect stamps, which result in prizes.

For more information about the events and the Kids Club, visit www.crossgatesshoppingcentre.co.uk or visit the centre's Facebook page @yourcrossgates.

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More about the events:

- Tuesday 31st July: To kick things off, we're bring you a taste of Hawaii! Think hula competitions, limbo contests and a whole lot of crafts plus live entertainment.
- Tuesday 7th July: This event gives you a taste of a Costa Rica Carnival. Join us for mask making and a whole lot more.
- Tuesday 14th July: This time we'll be transporting you to the rain forest jungle. What animal will our face painter transform you into? Plus lots more.
- Monday 20th July: Next up in the Crossgates Globe Trot we're taking you on a trip to España! Learn some Spanish dancing at our flamenco workshops. Adults and children can get involved so bring the whole family.
- Tuesday 28th July: To round off the Crossgates Globe Trot we're taking you on a trek through the desert. Join us for sand art workshops and more.