

World Fun Fair Month

September 2022



Hampshire EMTAS invites schools to celebrate World Funfair Month this September.

We have put together a collection of ideas and resources you can use in your school during World Funfair Month.

If you have Showmen children on roll at your school, ask them if they'd like to do a show-and-tell about their family. Do they have a Showmen's Yard? What rides and stalls do they have? How do the children themselves get involved in setting up and running the fair? Where do they take their fair each year?

If you have Showmen parents who are willing, invite them to come in and talk to the children about their fair and show some photographs of their rides.

To make this a pan-Hampshire celebration of World Funfair Month 2022, EMTAS would like to collate children's work and share it on the EMTAS website and Moodle. If you want your children's work to be part of this collection, make sure it includes no photos or names of children; only the names of the schools the children attend will be published.

Share anything from your school's celebrations by sending it via email to EMTAS@hants.gov.uk with 'World Funfair Month 2022' in the subject line.

Suggested activities for younger children

Watch '[\(680\) Maisy's Funfair: A Maisy Pop-up-and-Play Book - YouTube](#)

- Ask the children if they've ever been to a funfair. If they have, did they go on any rides? Did they win anything on a stall? What was their favourite?
- Make your own Funfair! Use PE equipment to set up some Funfair Stalls – throwing a beanbag in a hoop, rolling a ball at skittles to see how many the children can knock down.
- Share the wordless picture book 'The Midnight Fair' with your class.



- As you 'read', talk about what the children can see happening in the pictures. After everyone has gone home and it's dark, what do the children think the animals are going to do? What games, stalls and rides can the children identify? What does the Security Guard think when he finds the strange objects in the cash pot? How is the little wolf feeling at the end when he says goodbye to his goldfish?

Suggested activities for older children in KS2

- Watch [\(611\) Funfair - A Family Tradition \(The Anderton & Rowland travelling fair\) - YouTube](#). This 7 minute film includes people from different generations of the same Showmen families talking about their favourite rides and their experiences of being part of a travelling fair.
- Use the book '**The Show Must Go On**', available for free from Future 4 Fairgrounds, as your class book during World Funfair Month.
- Ask children to work in groups to design their own fairground layout and give it an appropriate name.
- Share the wordless picture book '**The Midnight Fair**' with your class.
- Write a letter from the Wolf to their cousin telling about the animals' secret trip to the fair that night.
- Send Wolf's letters/photos of any finished work to EMTAS@hants.gov.uk so it can be part of a county-wide display.

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- Explore the work of Fred Fowle and/or George Hebborn, Fairground Artists (search for them on YouTube or Instagram)

['Our Business is Fun' with Fred Fowle \(bl.ag\)](#)
[Eye Magazine | Feature | Painted thrills and spills](#)
[George Hebborn \(@georgehebborn\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

- Ask children to create their own sign for a ride or stall or for their own Fair, drawing on the lettering styles they've seen.
- Send photos of your children's finished work to EMTAS@hants.gov.uk.



Resources for World Funfair Month 2022

- EMTAS Videoscribe about different Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities [GRT communities | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)
- [\(611\) John Wall Superstar Ride Pull Down and Build Up Timelapse - YouTube](#) this is a time lapse film of John and Buck Wall setting up one of their rides and then moving it from the Popley Carnival to Wickham. The Wall family live in Hampshire so this has a local link!
- [\(611\) Goose Fair Showmen documentary - YouTube](#) from an annual fair that takes place in Nottingham.

Other resources you might like

- **'The Midnight Fair'** by Sterer and Di Giorgio, published by Walker Books. This is a wordless picture book in which forest animals sneak into the fair at night and have a go on all the rides.
- **'The Show Must Go On'** by Richard O'Neill & Michelle Russell, published by Pearson. This is a story about a Showmen family and their bid to save their yard.
- Books with themes that relate to aspects of GRT and Showmen cultures: Hampshire EMTAS has a selection that schools can borrow, including picture books for younger children and guided reading packs for older children. Search the EMTAS library [here](#) using the term 'Traveller'.
- New in 2022, EMTAS GRT e-learning – available on the [EMTAS Moodle](#). If you don't have access to our e-learning already, email Lizzie.Jenner@hants.gov.uk to request it.

Useful websites

[Home | Future 4 Fairgrounds](#)
[The Showmen's Guild of Great Britain \(showmensguild.co.uk\)](http://showmensguild.co.uk)

Coming soon

Gypsy Roma Traveller network meeting on Wednesday 19th October, 15:45 – 17:00, online. This meeting will focus on 'The Pledge', which is about improving access, retention and outcomes in education for Gypsies, Travellers, Roma, Showmen and Boaters.

To book a place, email lizzie.jenner@hants.gov.uk