



Museum of
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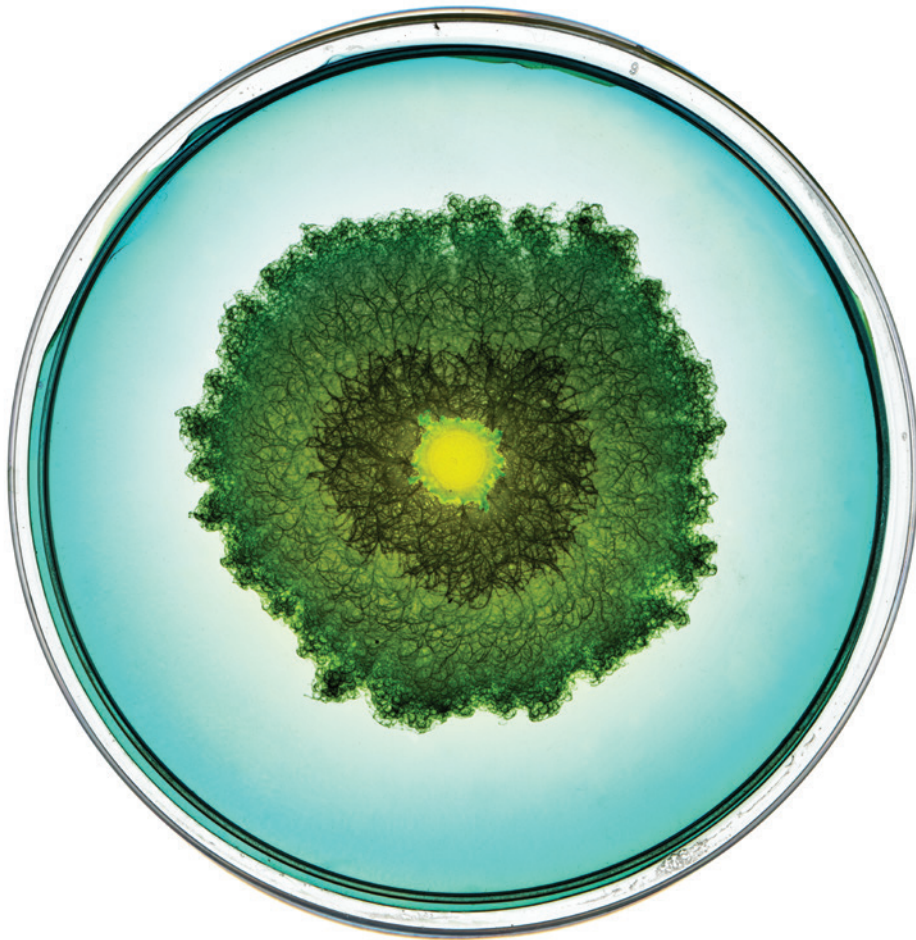


What's On

at the Museum of Natural History

September - December 2018

The hidden story of the smallest of lifeforms and their influence on the past, present and future of our planet



**BACTERIAL
WORLD**



19 OCTOBER 2018 - 28 MAY 2019

Special exhibition and events programme

www.oum.ox.ac.uk/bacterialworld

WHAT'S ON

All events are free unless stated otherwise, but donations help support our programme. For the full Family Friendly programme across the Oxford University Gardens, Libraries and Museums see www.museums.ox.ac.uk.

Sat 8 Sep, 10am-4pm ●
Day School: Settlers Archaeology
Professor Mark Robinson leads a practical day looking at the use of biological remains to understand Britain's past climates and peoples. £65
Book at: www.bit.ly/mnhtickets

Mon 10 Sep, 10.30am & 11.30am ●
A Little Look... Underground
From animals to rocks and fossils, find out what's beneath our feet. Under 5s.

Thu 13 Sep, 10am-3pm ●
Settlers Day
A day of talks and activities linked to the *Settlers* exhibition.
www.oum.ox.ac.uk/settlers
To book email education@oum.ox.ac.uk

Thu 13 Sep, 11am-12pm ●
Touch Tour
A hands-on tour of the Museum for visitors who are blind or partially sighted.
To book email outreach@oum.ox.ac.uk

Sat 15 Sep, 2.30-3pm, Drop-in ●
Settlers Spotlight
The latest research based on themes in the *Settlers* exhibition. This month: health and migration in medieval England.
www.oum.ox.ac.uk/settlers

Tue 18 Sep, 10.30am-12.30pm, Drop-in ●
Curious Cubs
Pick up an activity bag and explore the Museum with some of our furry friends. Under 5s.

Wed 26 Sep, 6.30-8.30pm ●
Wild Oxford
Hear about five years of the Wild Oxford project in this talk.
Book at: www.bit.ly/mnhevents

Thu 4 Oct, 7.30-8.30pm ●
A Honeybee Heart has Five Openings
Author Helen Jukes talks to entomologist Zoe Simmons about keeping honeybees.
£5: www.waterstones.com

Sat 6 Oct, 8-10am ●
Autism-Friendly Opening
A relaxed morning opening for families in a quiet environment.
Book at: www.bit.ly/mnhevents

Mon 8 Oct, 10.30am & 11.30am ●
A Little Look at: Baby Animals
An active hands-on exploration of how animal parents look after their babies. Under 5s.

Mon 8 Oct, 7-8pm ●
Urban Foxes
Dr Phil Baker of the University of Reading talks about recent research on the Red Fox.
www.oxonmammals.org

Thu 11 Oct, 6.30-8.30pm ●
Film screening: Sixteen Legs
Niall Doran presents his remarkable documentary on the sex lives of giant prehistoric spiders still living in Australia's deepest caves.
Book at: www.bit.ly/mnhevents

Tue 16 Oct, 10.30am-12.30pm, Drop-in ●
Curious Cubs
Explore the Museum with some of our furry friends. Under 5s.

Fri 19 Oct, 7-10pm ●
Late Night: Uncultured
Delve into the private lives of bacteria and discover how these tiny organisms run the world in this evening of performances, talks, workshops, and games.
Book at: www.bit.ly/mnhevents

Fri 26 Oct, 7.30-9.30pm (Doors 7pm) ●
Stand-Up for Bacteria
Philosopher comedians offer their deepest, funniest thoughts on disease, microbes and the thing that could make up two pounds of your body weight... bacteria!
£7 / £5 students: www.bit.ly/mnhtickets

Thu 1 Nov, 3-3.30pm, Drop-in ●
Bacterial World Tour
A free tour of the *Bacterial World* exhibition with members of the exhibition team.

Sat 3 Nov, 2.30-3pm, Drop-in ●
Science Short
A short talk on the latest research based on themes in the *Bacterial World* exhibition.

Mon 5 Nov, 10.30am & 11.30am ●
A Little Look: Nursery Rhyme Animals
Sing along to some of your favourite nursery rhymes and meet the animals that feature in the songs. Under 5s.

Thu 8 Nov, 7-10pm ●
Microbial Meeples
Play a host of microbial-themed board games under the dinosaurs, with expert help from the Thirsty Meeples games café.
£7: www.bit.ly/mnhtickets

Sat 10 & Sun 11 Nov, 10am-5pm, Drop-in ●
Dipterists Forum
A weekend of specialist lectures on the study of flies. Covers a variety of topics including species identification, recording schemes, distribution and conservation.

Mon 12 Nov, 7-8pm ●
The Lemurs of Madagascar
Dr Giuseppe Donati discusses Madagascar's lemurs, their diversity, current threats and approaches to conservation.
www.oxonmammals.org

Tue 13 Nov, 6.30-7.30pm ●
The Kitchen Microbiome
Is your kitchen too clean or not clean enough? Dr Jamie Lorimer answers the hot questions in microbiology and public health.
Book at: www.bit.ly/mnhevents

Wed 14 Nov, 4.30-5.30pm ●
Influenza Pandemics: Past and Future
Prof Wendy Barclay of Imperial College marks the 100th anniversary of the 1918 influenza pandemic with a look at how flu is transmitted between species. No booking required.

Fri 16 Nov, 7-10pm ●
Oxford's Christmas Light Festival
Discover the Museums after dark! Luxmuralis turn the front of the Museum into a living light sculpture, while inside, festive treasures and torch lit tours await. In partnership with Fusion Arts.
Book at: www.bit.ly/mnhevents

Sat 17 Nov, 10am-4pm ●
How to Build a Habitable Planet
In this day school Professor Paul Smith uses specimens from the Museum's collections to tell the fascinating story of the origin of life and how it shaped the Earth.
£50: www.bit.ly/mnhtickets

Tue 20 Nov, 10.30am-12.30pm, Drop-in ●
Curious Cubs
Pick up an activity bag and explore the Museum with some of our furry friends.

Sat 24 Nov, 12-4pm, Drop-in ●
Super Science Saturday: Micro World
Meet a host of scientists and discover a whole new world under the microscope in our science fair festival. Ages 8+.

- Adults and young people
- Families
- Suitable for all

Tue 27 Nov, 6.30-7.30pm ●
Digging the Dirt on the World's Oldest Fossils
Dr Ross Anderson explores how life on Earth transitioned from a microbial world to the one we live in.
Book at: www.bit.ly/mnhevents

Sat 1 Dec, 2.30-3pm, Drop-in ●
Science Short
A short talk on the latest research based on themes in the *Bacterial World* exhibition.

Mon 3 Dec, 7-8pm ●
HedgeOx and Hedgehogs
Ecologist and author Hugh Warwick discusses the plight of British hedgehogs and how the HedgeOX project may help.
www.oxonmammals.org

Mon 10 Dec, 10.30am & 11.30am ●
A Little Look at: Forest Friends
Help to find some of our forest friends who are hiding around the Museum. Under 5s.

Tue 11 Dec, 7-9.30pm ●
Party in a Petri Dish
An alternative Christmas party with a bacterial twist. Carols, quizzes, talks, games and mince pies.
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LIVE SCIENCE SHOWS
Prepare to be amazed by our spectacular family science show all about planet Earth. **Ages 6+.**

29 September, 2pm & 3pm
Half-term: 22, 25, 27 October, 2pm & 3pm

MEET THE EXPERTS
Drop in for a chat with science experts about a host of subjects and get hands-on with science.

1, 15, 22 September, 2-4pm
6, 20 October, 2-4pm

OUT & ABOUT
Saturday 20 October, 10am-5pm
Join us at Templars Square shopping centre in Oxford and try out some experiments to help keep Earthy feeling healthy.

POLE TO POLE
Half-Term: 22-24 October, 1-4pm
Explore creatures from the planet's top and bottom with crafts and specimen handling.

SMALLER DISPLAYS

Investigating Nature
Until 28 October
See objects that inspired young people to explore their interest in the natural world.

Bats: The Mystery Beings
Opening 25 July
Wytham Woods' studies of UK bat populations offer a unique insight into our often misunderstood 'night dwellers'.

Shout Out for Women in Science
1 September 2018 - 1 January 2019
A trail highlighting notable women through history who have shaped science.

Presenting... Marvellous Mantodea
6 September - 1 November
An insight into the diverse and fascinating world of praying mantis, including original illustrations by John Obadiah Westwood.

Presenting... Opal
2 November 2018 - 8 January 2019
A display of precious and common opal with insights into how this mineraloid forms.

Beyond Boundaries
5 - 12 December
Work created for the Beyond Boundaries art competition, breaking down boundaries between art, science and people.

REGULAR EVENTS

Science Saturdays ●
Every Saturday, 13 October - 1 December 2-4pm, Ages 8+
Meet scientists to investigate real natural history specimens from the collection.

Life's Secret Agents: Family Trail ●
22 October 2018 - 25 May 2019
During opening hours
A fun family trail to explore the *Bacterial World* exhibition.

Christmas Crackers: Family Trail ●
22 December 2018 - 6 January 2019
During opening hours
Challenge yourself to find all the crackers around the Museum.

Family Friendly Sundays ●
Every Sunday, 2-4pm
Family Friendly trails, crafts, backpacks and more, all provided by Museum volunteers.

Spotlight Specimens ●
Monday-Thursday, 2.30pm (except during Family Friendly activities)
An informal specimen show-and-tell in the Museum court. Ask questions and chat with Museum experts.

Architecture Tours ●
Every Friday, 2.30pm & 3.15pm (except during school holidays)
Take a free volunteer-led tour to learn about the Museum's Grade 1-listed building.

Café Scientifique ●
Second Tuesday every month, 7-9pm
Meet prominent researchers from a variety of sciences to discuss their work. For full programme details see:
www.bit.ly/mnhcafesci