

Professor Egghead ventures to North Berwick



STEP BACK IN TIME AT THE SCOTTISH SEABIRD CENTRE

The incredible Professor Egghead is back with a bang: dinosaurs, volcanoes and plenty of Easter fun!

The ever-popular Professor Egghead is back with a bang for 2013 at the award-winning Scottish Seabird Centre – and this year archaeology is in the spotlight. The Professor has discovered giant bones on the beaches of North Berwick and is now on the hunt for answers to some rather intriguing questions. But what did the bones belong to? Why were they there? Can we prove that dinosaurs didn't really die out?

Visitors can search for answers to these puzzles at interactive daily shows running throughout the Easter holidays (23 March to 7 April, 14:00 to 15:00) in the Discovery Centre's Wildlife Theatre. Children will be encouraged to uncover voracious volcanoes, dig up bones, skate into the Ice Age and even discover the secrets of the great auk in one jam-packed hour of fun. And they may find that there was once something even larger than a gannet lurking around the area!



Plus the clever Professor has all sorts of extra interactive activities up her sleeve including the ever-popular Mini Makers, trails, dressing up and the chance to get crafty. Families can join in as much as they wish with fun and games planned throughout the day from 10:00 to 17:00, and all included with the price of admission to the five-star Discovery Centre.

Tom Brock, Chief Executive of the Scottish Seabird Centre,

said:

“We’re thrilled that the intrepid Professor Egghead has returned to the Seabird Centre this Easter to enthral and delight both kids and adults alike. There promises to be plenty of ‘did you know’ facts and amazing discoveries in store for our visitors. It’s particularly appropriate that as we celebrate the Year of Natural Scotland children can find out about the natural world in a fun, exciting and interactive way thanks to the enthusiastic time-travelling Professor. We’re delighted to be part of the innovative Edinburgh International Science Festival, and our Professor Egghead show is a great way to introduce children to science and discovery while making learning engaging and entertaining at the same time. The Discovery Centre has always been a perennial favourite with families – last year’s show was incredibly popular and this year’s brand-new adventure ‘Just in Time’ is set to be a real winner too.”

The hands-on fun continues in the Discovery Centre where visitors can get close to seabirds and other wildlife by controlling live interactive cameras on local islands. Spring is a wonderful time of year at the Seabird Centre when all the seabirds return to nest. The iconic Bass Rock is turning whiter every day as thousands more gannets return to their nests. Visitors can also use the cameras to zoom in to lots of other amazing wildlife including guillemots, razorbills, shags and seals. In the Discovery Centre kids can explore the Flyway Tunnel, Environment Zone, Telescope Deck and ever popular Kids’ Zone.

The Centre also features a superb Gift Shop with a range of great quality gifts inspired by wildlife and coastal heritage, and the excellent Seabird Café overlooking the beach and the Bass Rock is the perfect place to relax and unwind.

• **Professor Egghead’s Just in Time runs from 23 March to 7 April at the Scottish Seabird Centre, North Berwick. The**

show is part of the Edinburgh International Science Festival (www.sciencefestival.co.uk).

- Daily show 14:00 to 15:00 plus interactive activities throughout the day in the Discovery Centre.
- Included with admission to the Discovery Centre: adult £8.95, child £4.95, family tickets available and free for Seabird Centre members.
- Find out more on www.seabird.org

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