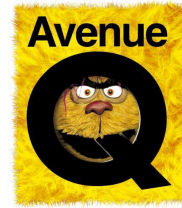




# 3<sup>rd</sup> Molesey (Matravers) Explorer Unit

## West End Theatre Visit – “Avenue Q”

*Evening of Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2007*



Dear Parents,

As part of our varied Explorer Scout programme we are offering the Explorer / Network Scouts the opportunity to visit the Noël Coward Theatre in St Martin's Lane, London WC2, to see the award winning musical “Avenue Q”.

The show started in New York’s “Broadway” in 2003, and has since been awarded the 2003 Lucille Lortel Award for Outstanding New Musical. In 2004 Avenue Q was the winner of three Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The show then came to London in June 2006 and became an instant hit, earning rave reviews from those who saw it. The show is currently scheduled to run until Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July, so we would like to give our Unit members the chance to see this excellent production before it closes.

The show’s cast is a clever blend of human actors and puppets based upon the Jim Henson “Muppet” style of puppetry. Avenue Q is a story of a young man’s (young puppet’s ??) journey from university education into working life, where he finds out that adulthood is not all that it’s cracked up to be. Although the show contains some scenes which are aimed at an adult audience, it is rated as suitable for those over the age of 12 years, if approved by an adult. We believe that the show will be thoroughly enjoyed by all members of our Explorer Unit, and that it is appropriate to the age group because it shows the characters living life in a world where not everything is perfect and rose-tinted. We invite you to read more about it on-line at <http://www.avenueqthemusical.co.uk> , and we will be only to happy to help if you have any questions.

We plan to travel to London by train and tube, leaving from Hampton Court station to reach the West End via Waterloo. Members of the Explorer Unit will be supervised at all times, and we will return to Hampton Court at the end of the evening. The show starts at 8pm, and has a running time of 2 hours 15 minutes, including a 15 minute interval. For this reason, we anticipate that we shall be returning later than normal, but we can arrange to drop off Unit members at home if required.

Yours sincerely,

The Explorer Scout Leader Team

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I would like my Son / Daughter to participate in the Explorer Unit visit to see “Avenue Q” at the Noël Coward Theatre in St Martin's Lane, London WC2. I enclose the payment of £20.00 which will cover the cost of the show and the travel by public transport.

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone Number .....

Signed (Parent / Guardian) .....

