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School News

Holy Trinity J.M.I.

12 November is an important day for Holy Trinity because the first of a series of special events celebrating the school's 150th anniversary is taking place.

Dr Robert Anderson, Director of the British Museum and a former pupil of the school, is going to plant a tree in the school grounds at 9.30am.

The original school, situated in East End Road, was founded in 1847 by the National Society (Church of England) and was the first industrial school in the country. (It now houses the Bobath Centre). The present building in Eagan's Close was opened in 1975 by the then Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP and dedicated by the Rt. Rev and Rt. Hon Gerald Ellison, Bishop of London.

Former pupils are being contacted in order to produce a book of memories, achievements, etc. Present pupils are making suggestions for the contents of a time capsule which is to be buried under the tree. Perhaps The Archer readers would like to send us in their list of ten suitable things to be put in a time capsule?

Martin Junior School

Recently, pupils were "In the News" on Radio 4 when an item was broadcast featuring their School's Council. The Council is made up of sixteen children - two from each class covering the junior age range of seven to eleven years. They meet every Friday lunchtime to discuss various issues, concerns, problems and ideas affecting the school.

The Council started four years ago when elections took place with candidates making speeches putting forward their

ideas in front of the whole school. Now each class holds its own election in the classroom and the children themselves decided that there should be an equal balance of sexes.

The school is going to be sent a tape recording of the programme in which the sixteen council members can be heard in discussion as well as answering questions put to them by the interviewer.

Martin Infant School

Parents and staff have put in a lot of time and effort converting a spare classroom into a bright and welcoming library. It was decorated by the school caretaker and the carpeting was supplied by a helpful parent, while two professional librarians kindly indexed the books using the Dewey system.

On the walls are colourful pictures from favourite books, painted by the pupils. Alongside the usual books you would expect to find there are extra-large books, dual language books and a listening corner where children can put on earphones to listen to stories on tape, following the text if they wish.

The official opening of the library took place in the middle of Book Week in October. It was performed by Mr Michael Foreman, the popular children's author and illustrator. He delighted the children by telling them how he gets his ideas and by reading to them from his books including his most recent "The Little Reindeer". He also described the making and production of one of his books. This probably came in handy as each class made a book especially for the new library.

Another exciting event during Book Week was when both

By Diana Cormack

staff and children came to school dressed as characters from books. They were also able to buy books at a special shop set up in the hall. What a great week to encourage children (and their parents!) to enjoy books together.

clever clogs corner

Why can't these hurt you?

1. A fishing smack
2. A policeman's beat
3. A French stick
4. A it single
5. A walnut whip
6. An eye lash
7. A Christmas box
8. A lightning strike
9. A Norfolk punch
10. A Suffolk punch

Answers. Because it's...

1. a sort of fishing boat
2. the regular route he patrols
3. a long, narrow loaf of bread
4. a song which gets into the charts
5. a kind of walnut-topped chocolate filled with cream
6. a protective hair on the edge of your eye lid
7. another way of saying Christmas present
8. a sudden decision not to work
9. a sort of mixed drink
10. a breed of heavy horse

joke

By Peter King, Holy Trinity School, Year 6

There once was a bus driver who was rubbish at his job because he never stopped at any stops. so the police brought him into court and sat him in the electric chair and the judge said "Do you have any last words?" and the bus driver said "No".

At that the judge turned on the electricity. But the electricity didn't touch the bus driver but killed everyone else. Why was this????

Because he was a bad conductor!

BACK TO School

SECOND MUM SAID THERE'S ROOM FOR GROWTH



BYKIT FRIEND (10)

Halloween Nightmares

Halloween Halloween
Have you seen
The monsters in the dark
Or is it someone
Having a lark?
Fiery faces
Witches big and small
Shadows seen
Six feet tall.
Pumpkins and masks
Make it scary
Hands and feet
Oh! so hairy.
See the ghosts
See the witches
Dancing in the night
Keep one eye open
In case you get a fright.

Marc Slinger
Holy Trinity School
Class 6

The Archer is to hold an auction

to coincide with the re-opening of the

White Lion

in December (date to be confirmed).

Your chance to bid for a signed Arsenal football

Full details of this exciting event will be featured in the December issue of *The Archer* - so that's something to look forward to!

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To Beat or Not to Beat?

By Diana Cormack

The recent controversy over children taking parents to court for hitting them brought back some painful memories of my childhood days.

Smacking children wasn't frowned on then; in fact many people considered it the normal, accepted way of instilling discipline. However, it isn't the actual blows which remain at the forefront of my memory but the strange, verbal threats which sometimes preceded them. If someone says they're going to knock some sense into you, then another time says they're going to knock you senseless, it's difficult to know whether you're supposed to have any sense or not. Except perhaps a sense of injustice!

Future shock

But one saying which really puzzled me was "I'll knock you

into the middle of next week". If that did happen, I used to wonder, would there be anyone else to play with? Were any of my friends likely to be knocked into the middle of next week at the same time? Or would there be children scattered randomly around who would be too far away to make contact with each other? One advantage though was that there wouldn't be any school because, in those days, no one was likely to knock a teacher into the middle of next week!

And what about food? It wouldn't be in the shops yet, so I'd have to raid the larder and who knows what the punishment for that might have been

when they eventually caught up with me? Worse still, what if my birthday fell between this week and the next? Not only would I miss out on a party and presents, but I'd be a week younger than I should have been as well.

Presumably their time would catch up with mine and we'd start off again together, until the next time!

I can't honestly say whether or not the threats and smacks were of any benefit to me or my parents. But they certainly made me determined that any children I might have would never have to undergo such treatment, so some good has come out of it, for my daughter at least.