



YOUNG ARCHER



School Journeys

By Diana Cormack

When they first started, school journeys were introduced for a particular purpose. They were to take city children away to the countryside or seaside where they would be able to experience things they had never seen before.

Some of these children did not realise that milk came from a cow, so were amazed to see one being milked! They had not touched a newly laid egg or smelled a pigsty or run across a huge field of grass. They had never paddled in the sea or explored a rock pool or dug a giant hole in the sand.

Food for thought

When I first started teaching, we used to take them away for two weeks. The teachers came back exhausted, but I'm sure the time went by too quickly for the children! We always visited a farm and were never surprised by the amazement, delight and often disgust, which our pupils showed. Sometimes, the farmer's wife would have baked cakes for our visit. I'm sure she wondered at how quickly all her hard work disappeared into their for once silent mouths!

The wight stuff

Nowadays school journeys have just as many reasons for being memorable, as you will read in the following summary: -

"One Sunday in June, Year 6 set off from Holy Trinity School for Kingswood on the beautiful Isle of Wight. There were lots of things to keep us occupied. While we were there we took part in lots of activities such as swimming, aeroball, fencing, archery, playing games on the beach, buggies, quad bikes, climbing, mini-Olympics, problem solving and computer work. Suddenly, our week had passed and it was time to go home. I would recommend this holiday to any school. I give it 9 out of 10!"

By Hannah Kimani, aged 11, of Norfolk Close, N2.

Maths Year 2000 Challenge

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If you were one of those people in the High Road non-plussed at the sight of children crawling around the base of the advertising columns, gazing at the outside of the Post Office, studying Casa Pepe's menu and generally showing an interest in a variety of unlikely objects, I can tell you what they were up to.

They were following a Maths Trail, which had been devised by teachers at Holy Trinity School as part of their Maths Week for Maths Year 2000.

Looking after the pennies

The week began with the school hosting a Maths Challenge for eight teams of Year 5 and Year 6 children from local schools, with councillors Ann Jarvis and Alison Moore in attendance. On another day the whole school was divided into 25 teams led by Year 6 pupils. They followed a Maths Trail, with ten zones on Maths Chal-



lenge themes around the school. Other activities included a musical education workshop to showing how maths is used in music, pennies being made into a spiral on the playground (it was 492 metres long and raised £97.07 for maths equipment!) and parents were invited to come and learn, along with their children, how to count up to ten in twelve different languages. A home, where mobiles were made on a

maths theme, with some impressive results. The children enjoyed designing and making their own hats, also on a maths theme, for a grand parade. Maths 2000 will certainly be a year for them to remember!

(Which local paper, when invited to report on this educational event, replied "Who wants to look at a few kids doing maths and a couple of old biddies watching?" - allegedly?)

SCHOOL NEWS *By Diana Cormack*

Holy Trinity

Past and present pupils and staff said a sad goodbye to Yvonne Howe. After ten years at the school she has taken another teaching post in her hometown of Derby. She will be a great loss, not only for her classroom skills but also for her selfless contribution to many aspects of school life. These particularly included school journeys and outings, highly successful netball and rounders teams, music in the form of guitar and singing as well as a lot of dramatic presentations. Yvonne lived in Trinity Road and hopes to return to East Finchley to visit her many friends in the area.

Also leaving is Julia Gibbs, who has been a stalwart at Holy Trinity for five years. Julia holds a Business Studies Degree and has decided to take a break from teaching. This reflects a loss to the profession of an excellent teacher, something that is becoming more and more common with the continuing increase in workload, particularly in the primary sector.

The school took part in the annual athletics meeting at Copthall Stadium where the children acquitted themselves well in both track and field events: The rounders team entered a local competition for the first time and were the eventual runners up! The summer fete made over £1500 towards IT equipment for the school.

Martin Junior

Year 3 children were taken on a visit to the Dome. Year 6 spent a day canoeing at the Welsh Harp. Children went to Holy Trinity School to take part in the Maths Challenge event. The annual Summer Fun Day raised over £2000.

After six years at the school the popular assistant caretaker, Mr Arthur Tucker, is leaving to take up a different job.



Fundraising for NCH Action at Martin Infant School

Martin Infant

Sadly, because of health reasons, deputy headteacher Jane Frank is leaving the school.

The infant school has had an external fund raising focus recently. A "wear yellow" day was held which raised £150 for the North London Hospice.

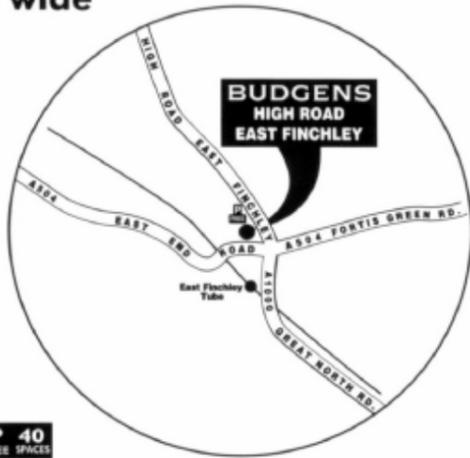
A National Children's Homes Action for Children promotion was also successful. The pupils were sponsored to join dot-to-dot or 0-50 numbers to complete a picture of its "Cedric the Dragon" mascot. They raised a magnificent £500.

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