

## YOUNG ARCHER

### Millennium Wish List

Collated by Diana Cormack

**Shops featured high on the East Finchley Children's wish list for the new millennium. One boy wanted a Brent Cross here! Others wanted toyshops, including an "Aliens R Us" which also supplied futuristic play-things.**

Clothes and shoe shops were much in demand and, while some wanted more sweet shops, others wanted fewer. Sports shops were popular, with a "Football Mad" shop attached to our own football stadium! Other sporting facilities included an indoor swimming pool, an indoor Astro-turf pitch, a softball centre but, overwhelmingly, provision for biking and skateboarding.

#### Fairminded

A playground for older children and an adventure playground set in the trees of Cherry Tree Wood were suggested (just what is there for that age group in the park?). Someone wanted a mini train track to take children around the woods. A fun fair was asked for, along with a carnival parade along the High Road. There was a plaintive plea for the football subs at the East Finchley Festival to be given more chances to play!

The more serious wanted a mixed secondary school here, a children's book shop, an East Finchley Information Centre, a Science Museum and more wild birds in the area. There was a call for fewer yellow lines and more buses so that people used them instead of cars. The tube station should be cleaned up too.

#### Dinner and dance

On the entertainment front, "The George" pub should be a weekends-only disco centre and children should be allowed in pubs. There should be a special "Party Place", an arcade and a record and tape shop. A family eating place was often mentioned. The millennium theme was not forgotten with the idea of a mini-wheel for children only and our own East Finchley Dome!

### Borneo Bound

**Ten sixth formers from Fortismere School are planning an expedition to Borneo. With two of their teachers, Anthea Davey and Matthew Savage, they hope to spend part of the next summer holiday living on the island with only the bare essentials.**

Their concern about the decline in the culture, rainforest and unique species which inhabit the area was the spur for the project. A large number of students wrote applications for the trip, from which a short list for interview was drawn up. Those selected then underwent group tasks to prove their suitability. Only time will tell if the right choices were made!

Their time in Indonesia will be spent teaching English and learning about the lifestyle of the Rungus people, whilst living in their traditional long houses.

They will trek through the hazardous rainforest studying the flora and fauna, sleeping in hammocks swung from the trees! They will also trek up Mount Kinabalu. Less arduous activities will include sampling

the Poring Hot Springs and looking at the marine life whilst staying in small beach huts on Pulau Manukan.

The team of six girls and four boys has a wide spread of interests and talents, including photography and life-saving. To get them acclimatised they are going to London Zoo for phobia sessions, where delightful creatures such as leeches and spiders will be experienced! They also plan to do sponsored rock climbing in the Peak District.

Sponsorship is what this able and enthusiastic group need. They feel that education is the solution to the problems faced by lands and wild life under threat, mostly from the world outside in the form of loggers, poachers and rising sea temperatures. The Western world needs to be warned about risks to the environment in this world which

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we all share, for the greater our awareness, the greater the likelihood that something can be done. So the group have sent out many letters to achieve both publicity and backing for this great adventure. There is even the gleam of an idea to set up an exchange scheme for future years.

But this year they need to raise the money. Selling Christmas cards which they designed themselves did well and they have other activities planned towards the target of £13,000.

If you could help to give some hope to one of Nature's last remaining paradises in any way, please get in touch with the Borneo 2000 Team at: Fortismere School, Tetherdown, Muswell Hill, London N10 1NE, Tel: 020 8365 4400, Fax: 020 8444 7822, E-mail: [borneo2000@backpacker.com](mailto:borneo2000@backpacker.com) Website: [www.borneo2000.amorous.co.uk](http://www.borneo2000.amorous.co.uk)

### Young Archers

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**Year 4 pupils in Holy Trinity School used THE ARCHER to study newspapers in the Literacy Hour. Their teacher, Julia Groom, asked them to write a report about the departing head-teacher Chris Flathers. Here are some of their comments: -**

*"I hope Mr Flathers is a good teacher at the Orion School. Mr Flathers is a nice person and very kind. He is smart at school and he helps people. Best of all I like the songs he plays on his piano. And if you are good you get a certificate or a golden book award."*

By Jessie Boorman and Samantha Aston

*"Children feel quite upset that Mr Flathers is leaving, but happy because Mr Mills is going to be Holy Trinity's new head-teacher. We will have a special assembly so we can remember Mr Flathers and so Mr Flathers can remember Holy Trinity School and the good times he has had here. We all think Mr Mills is going to make a really, really good head-teacher. Its time for a new start at Holy Trinity School. Mr Flathers is going to be head of the Orion School (which used to be called Grahame Park School). He has done loads for this school and we hope Mr Mills is just as good as Mr Flathers and we hope Mr Mills doesn't change anything in this school. Mr Flathers gets on really well with the children. He has made this school a really, really good school and it makes us happy."*

By Emma Goodman and Emily Harle

*"Mr Flathers is leaving after 2½ years. In Holy Trinity School children are very upset at this event. Mr Flathers will be running Orion School for a couple of years. Year 4 wish Mr Flathers luck because we think he is our best head we've ever had! We all hope Mr Flathers will have an excellent time at the Orion School. It sounds very nice. Mr Flathers has been very good to our school. We hope he gets on well. We all hope we will see him again! Good luck!"*

By Rose Stoker and Ginny Morris



Departing Head teacher, Chris Flathers. Photo by Diana Cormack

*"Mr Flathers was very generous and took his time to do things with other people. He is kind, nice and funny. He thinks up new things to help the school."*

By Izna Bandey and Chloe Francis

**Is this the sort of weather we can expect in the New Year?**

#### Seasons

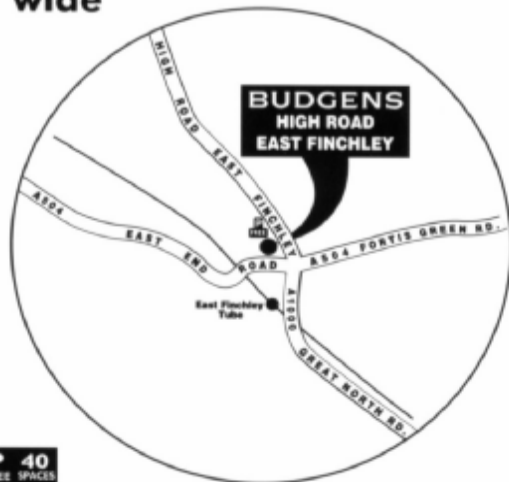
Spring - rainy, ducky, lucky.  
Summer - boiling, scorching, sweating.  
Autumn - yucky, leafy, freezy.  
Winter - cuddly, puddly, slippy.  
By Freya Randall, aged 7, of Summerlee Gardens, N2.

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