



## YOUNG ARCHER

Year 6 children from Martin Junior School did some lovely work about their trip to Dorset in the style of an Archer report.

### Smashing Success!

By Nathan Alex Asher

As you may know, Martin School's Year 6 have recently taken a wonderful week's trip to the Fernhill Hotel in Dorset. After a tearful goodbye to the parents, Year 6 set off for Charmouth.

The week was full of action packed activities such as shelter building in the woods, fossil hunting down at Charmouth beach, visits to Maiden Castle and Portland Castle and, according to Year 6, a four mile walk in a thunderstorm to Lyme Regis! The social highlight of the trip was the Thursday evening disco and the children returned to London exhausted but in high spirits.

#### Here are some other comments from the children's writing:-

"Most of the children felt sad to leave but one or two were glad to be away from home," writes Vincenzo Ditrolis.

"There was a buzz of excitement in the air as the children settled into their rooms and got ready for dinner. Who knows what the children got up to at night?" asks Miriam Stanling.

"Every child knew that they were going to have a jam packed week, full of activities and fun. Saying they were eager to start would be stating the obvious," states Joe Paine.

Vinh May Chu learned that

Stonehenge was built many years ago, but it had broken down a bit.

Ripesh Patel notes that Maiden Castle is not really a castle but an Iron Age hill fort and Portland Castle is a castle built by Henry V111.

"The kids had to survive one week without TV," moans Archana Depala.

"This is a week they and I will never forget for a very long time," reports O.Quoi.

"It was really fun and I wish we could have stayed longer," agrees Jasmine Anderson. Underlining this Winifred Amis-sah writes, "Obviously you can see that they had a fabulous time and loads of fun!"

#### Chicken Jokes

##### - The Last Helping

What does a hen eat for Sunday lunch?

Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding.

Where do chickens go rowing?

Henley Regatta.

Why don't hens like listening to harp music?

Because they have to be plucked.

What weight do hens box at?

Bantam and featherweight.

Where do hens look for information?

In an hencyclopaedia.

When does a hen stop laying?

When its egghausted.

Why didn't the hen go to see "Chicken Run"?

Because she couldn't afford the hentry fee.

## SCHOOL NEWS

By Diana Cormack



Holy Trinity children bridge building at moat mount

#### Holy Trinity

Year 5 went on a very successful mini-school journey to Moat Mount. In the extensive grounds they tackled various problem-solving tasks involving team work, enjoyed organised games and tried their hand at archery (young archers!). They also visited the Welsh Harp to learn how to canoe and went to Hendon Youth Sports Centre to have a go on the climbing wall. Since then some of the children have taken up climbing at the centre.

The school took part in the "Strip for Shelter" day. Children paid a fee to wear football strip instead of school uniform and they raised £131 for the charity Shelter.

Staff, parents and children modelled ex-leading chain store garments in a Fashion Show organised by the PTA. There was a wide range of styles and sizes to choose from and subsequent sales raised £380 for school funds.

#### Martin Junior School

SMTV held auditions after school and several children were chosen to take part in the programme. Joe Paine in Year 6 has successfully challenged Ant by setting him general knowledge questions, which he could not answer. Because he beat Ant, Joe won a computer! Look out for other Martin Junior School pupils on SMTV.

A group of fourteen Year 5 and 6 children are taking part in Barnet's Millennium Event "Cast of 2000" held in the Brent Cross Superstructure. Helped by their teachers and the Forbidden Theatre Company, their physical theatre piece entitled "Changing Paces" is based on growing up and identity in East Finchley. Following on from the school's successful entry in the Song for the Millennium contest, the group may perform at the Dome.

After school coaching sessions in football, netball and fun-and-fitness are being held.

After many months of planning, Martin Junior School has been able to start an after school club run by Teamy. This is a private partnership of fully qualified, experienced youth workers with enthusiastic playworkers who have undergone all the necessary checks required to work with children. Their varied activities take place daily from 3.30-6 pm.

There was a full hall of staff and parents from both the infant and junior schools for a fashion evening held by the PTA. Good bargains from The Clothesline Company with garments from High Street stores were modelled by parents, then brought in on racks for people to try and buy. It was great fun with music and refreshments, plus the chance to buy good clothes at reasonable prices. £350 was raised for school funds.

Everyone is looking forward to the wonderful annual firework display organised by the PTA to be held on the school field.

#### Colombian Dancing Course

Martin School PTA has a novel way of raising money for a new music system, with a six-week dancing course run by a Colombian parent. Salsa, Corrido, Merengue, Cumbia, Vallenato and Bolero for beginners are to be taught in the school hall on Tuesdays from 7.30 - 8.30 pm. The courses cost £25 and will start at the beginning and middle of each term. The next one starts on 7 November. For further details telephone Nelsy on 8444 2012.

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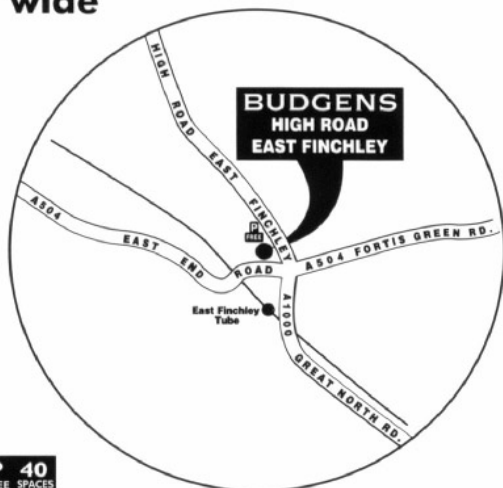
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