



YOUNG ARCHER

October

By Diana Cormack

This has always been a special month for me because I was born in October. Our birthday makes us feel special, no matter who we share it with - Fergie, the Princess of York, shares mine and I just missed sharing it with Cliff Richard, Margaret Thatcher and Winnie the Pooh! We are all meant to share the characteristics of people born under the sign of Libra, the scales (23 September - 22 October) which are pretty accurate for me. How about you?

"Your character is said to have balancing sides. You are talkative, but you are also a good listener. You like people, but you hate crowds. You are up and down like an old-fashioned scales - active one moment and then needing to rest and recover. You love beauty and you like writing about what you see and hear."

Lucky number: 9, Lucky colour: blue, Lucky day: Wednesday, Birthstone: opal

October used to be the eighth month of the year (octo is Latin for eight - octopus, octagon) but became the tenth when the Romans decided to honour their emperors by naming two months after them. Probably the best-known day in October is the last, when kids dress up to go "Trick or Treating?" and have Halloween parties. Here is a very old game you can play at Halloween.

You need two apple pips (you'll have them for apple bobbing). Name the pips after your two favourite boys/girls then stick one on each cheek. Say the rhyme: -

"Pippin, pippin, I stick you there, He/She who is true you may declare." The one which falls off first will be the one who will let you down first!

The Cold Weather

The cold weather, Going in swirls.
Everywhere we go, It goes in whirls.
*The places are empty
Because of the cold
People wearing warm clothes,
They will start to get bold.*
The freezing cold weather
Is not very nice,
Making me very cold
It's like sprinkling rice.
*I hope the weather changes
So it starts to get sunny.
The weather now is terrible,
But I think it's funny!*

By Purvi Doshi, aged 10,
Elmhurst Crescent, N2.

More Chicken Jokes

The film *Chicken Run* is still very popular, but the most famous chicken today has got to be Marjorie, star of the Channel 4 series *Big Brother*. Can you link these chicken favourites to the answers?

1. Favourite tennis player
2. Favourite cake
3. Favourite drink
4. Favourite chocolate bar
5. Favourite breakfast cereal
6. Favourite opticians
7. Favourite TV programme
8. Favourite Tudor king

Answers: Vision Eggspress, East Henders, Tim Henman, Henry VIII, Cocktail, A Yolkie, Cornflakes, Chocolate layered

Pumpkin and Potato Soup (for 4)

Try this recipe on your family and friends at Halloween.

Ingredients

2 tablespoons of oil
2 rashers of bacon, roughly chopped
1 onion, chopped
450g fresh pumpkin, peeled, seeded and chopped
425g can of pumpkin
350g potatoes, chopped
Pinch of ground mace
600ml chicken stock
300ml milk
Fresh parsley
Single cream

Method

1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan and fry the bacon and onion at a medium heat until softened.
2. Add the pumpkin, potatoes, mace, chicken stock and milk.
3. Stir, cover and simmer for 25-30 minutes, or until the pumpkin and potatoes are soft.
4. Season, then pour into a blender and process until smooth.

To Serve: Sprinkle 2 tablespoons of freshly chopped parsley over each bowl of soup and stir in 1 tablespoon of cream.

SCHOOL NEWS By Diana Cormack

Holy Trinity

At the start of the school year three new members of staff were welcomed. All are experienced teachers. Catherine Corr takes Year 6 and is a senior teacher with responsibility for assessment and geography; Kathryn Joy takes Year 2 and is a senior teacher with responsibility for history and literature; Jennifer Betts is a music specialist working throughout the school.

A sponsored walk raised £604, which will be used to buy new sports equipment and to support the PE curriculum.

Year 5 went on a school journey to Moat Mount education and youth centre.

Winter flowering plants have been donated by parents and friends to bloom in the school's flowerbeds.

Martin Infant

Parents of nursery children were invited to bring a dish to share in an International Lunch. The richness in cultures at the school was reflected not only in the food, but also in the traditional music from tapes supplied by the parents.

Both morning and afternoon nursery children took part in The Big Toddle in aid of Barnardo's. With the support of many parents, it took place in the allotments near the school and the sponsored toddlers raised £258! The school received £85 of this and nursery nurse Angela Zambito reports that the money has bought a kitchen playset, construction gear, Playmobil family characters and seven puzzles.



Sponsored toddle for Barnardos - photo by Angela Zambito

Martin Junior

The year got off to a wonderful start with a whole-school focus on music from around the world. Work done in the classroom was shared in an assembly. An African drumming company with the fantastic name "Beats Working" gave all the children an opportunity to play, with each class having a session, resulting in a performance involving some children from Year 6.

Year 6 went on their School Journey to the Fernhill Centre in Dorset.

A crew from SMTV Live filmed a scene in the school.

The Forbidden Theatre Company is working with children in Years 4, 5 and 6 as part of Barnet's Millennium Arts Project.

Cross about the School Crossing

A road safety team visited both schools to instruct children about the new pelican crossing on the High Road which has replaced the lollipop lady. At the time of writing parents have expressed concern about the short length of time allowed for people to get across the road and about the lack of safety barriers on the pavement. The council is looking into the situation. traffic coming out of Church Lane is now greatly restricted, with less opportunity to turn into the High Road than there used to be when people were using the zebra crossing.

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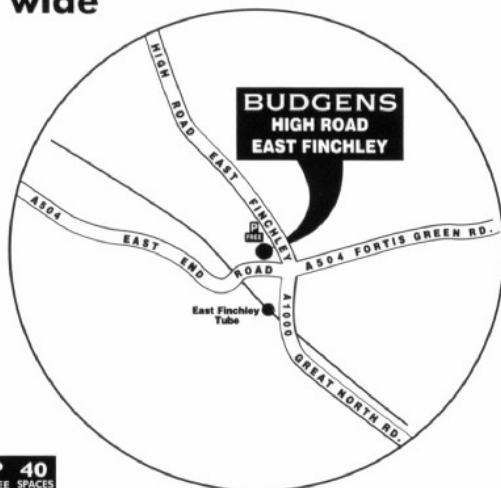
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