



YOUNG ARCHER



Lois prepares to set off from East Finchley station.
Photo by John Lawrence

Fun Walk

By Lois Lawrence, aged 8

On Sunday 20th March I went on the Big Fun Walk for the North London Hospice. It was seven and a half miles long. I went with my Mum, my friend Anum Bandey, her mum, sister and cousin.

We started the walk at East Finchley tube station. We handed in our pink slips and they gave us a piece of paper to write our names on. We had to stamp these three times along the way to show we'd done the walk otherwise they wouldn't believe us!

When we started I felt excited. When we walked up the hill in Highgate Woods my feet started getting a little bit sore. At Belsize Park we got biscuits. I ate two but I stuffed about five in my backpack. Lucky I had a backpack!

I saw some people from

my school doing the walk and, about halfway, we saw the birdcage at London Zoo. My feet were quite achy by then but they were OK. In Hyde Park my mummy bought me an orange lolly to keep me going.

When we got to the end at Westminster, I got a gold medal for finishing. My brother Joe and daddy were waiting for us. There was a good steel drum band and they played 'Dancing Queen'.

I felt really pleased and proud that I managed it, even though my feet felt numb. I'm going to do it again next year.

Recycling robot visits Barnet schools

By Diana Cormack

Cycler the rapping robot is back on tour in Barnet bringing his unique educational show to primary schools.

Cycler, who visited Holy Trinity School in East Finchley last year, promotes the '3Rs' message - reduce, reuse and recycle - and complements Barnet Council's comprehensive schools recycling education programme.

As part of Cycler's visit, the schools taking part have

agreed to develop an action plan to reduce their waste and increase the amount of material they recycle. An internal recycling collection system will be developed with support and advice from the council.

All schools hosting the visit use the free recycling collection service provided by the council in partnership with ECT Recycling Ltd, which supplies bins for paper, cans and glass. Over 90 per cent of Barnet schools have joined this service so far.

Martin's artist in residence

By Diana Cormack

Martin Junior School has benefitted from an event sponsored by the Arts Council of England. Throughout the spring term Sarah Young, a member of their Arts Apprenticeship Scheme, has been working with Year 6 on the theme of The Figure in Motion.

This has involved using a variety of techniques, including digital cameras, to produce an impressive range of visual results now on display in the corridors.

Sarah also runs an after school club on Mask Making with an enthusiastic group of children from Years 4 and 5. Some of them are pictured here wearing the Egyptian masks they made.



Photo by Diana Cormack

Scouting for talent

By Diana Cormack

Martin Infant School intends to build on the success of last autumn's Speaking and Listening Day by holding a Speaking and Listening Week in May.

Barnet's Speech and Language Department is so taken with this ambitious and innovative idea that it is keen to help. But there are people in East Finchley who could well be able to contribute to the week and headteacher, Kevin Anscumb, is on the look out for you.

Kevin says that he knows there is a wealth of talent in our local community and he is hoping to tap into it. If you have a skill at story telling, cartoon drawing, drama, singing, musical appreciation, puppet

making, performance or are just plain energetic and creative, he might be able to use you.

Speak up, we're listening

Essentially the aim is to engage children in activities that require their attention, their oral participation and their under-

standing by providing stimulating, fun things to do.

So if you have skills or talents you feel may be relevant please phone the school as soon as possible on 8883 1455 or email office.martininf.barnet@lgfl.net.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

By Diana Cormack

Holy Trinity

The English Pocket Opera Company entertained the children and involved Year 5 in an art workshop with a theatre theme.

In celebration of World Book Day, each child was given a £1 book voucher. There was a bookmark and cover design competition as part of Book Week, along with the annual sale of books after school.

Parents and carers from reception class organised a sale of cakes in the playground in aid of Comic Relief.

Martin Schools

£2100 raised in aid of the tsunami appeal has been sent to the DEC fund.

The car park was closed for two days due to filming in the adjoining allotments of the television series *Waking the Dead*.

On Red Nose Day children came out of uniform, with red adorning clothes and hair. Cakes decorated with red noses were sold to the juniors, helping towards the £240 they raised for Comic Relief.

The school choir is to take part in a massed choir of mainly Hertfordshire schools performing in St Albans Abbey.

The whole school enjoyed a brilliant introduction to opera by the English Pocket Opera Company. Year 4 travelled to the Tate Modern for an art appreciation visit.

HT School Association held an Auction and Race Night and donated £700 towards new equipment for the nursery.

Nursery children took part in a Chatterbox Challenge and raised £283 for the "I Can" charity, which helps children with speech and learning difficulties across the UK.

Nursery nurse Elaine Montgomery is taking up a post at New End School. She has given outstanding support to the children and staff and will be much missed.

Local community police visited Martin Infant School to talk to the children about stranger danger and what to do in an emergency.

The school is sad to be losing Angela Zambito from the nursery. Her teaching talents and special relationship with pupils will certainly be missed.

On Monday 4 April the renowned educationalist Dr David George will speak on Learning How to Learn in the Infant Hall from 7 - 8.15 pm.

Flushed with success

Brookland Junior School has totally refurbished its girls' toilets block after pupils brought up the issue of the toilets in their School Council meeting.

Professional mural designer and Brookland parent, Tracey Cottingham lent her expertise, and transformed the girls' toilet block from drab and utilitarian, to bright and funky.

Assistant Head, Andrew Craze commented, "It is a wonderful example of how an effective School Council can make a difference."

**All Saints' Church,
Durham Road, East Finchley
Church of England**

**Sunday masses at 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.
Weekday masses at 10.00 a.m.
Prayer requests are gladly accepted.**

**The Parish has a flourishing social life.
Contact the Vicar, Fr Christopher Hardy,
on 020 8883 9315.**

**All Saints' also has a strong musical tradition and an
enthusiastic choir of both adults and children.
Experienced singers are always welcome.
Contact Geoffrey Hanson on 020 8444 9214.**

<http://www.allsaints-eastfinchley.org.uk>

East Finchley Baptist Church

Just off the High Road in Creighton Avenue N2

Sundays at 11.00 am and 6.30 pm

**For more information
please contact the Church Office
Tel: 8883 1544 (Minister: Simon Dyke)**

Visitors always welcome