



Catch that Penguin!

By Helen Drake

It may have been the hottest day of the year so far but Mr Penguin still travelled from Antarctica to open the Martin Schools Summer Fun Day held on Saturday 18 June, and did a roaring trade selling ice creams from the back of his push bike!



Dave Day gets into a flap. Photo by Iwona Susi

And Mr Penguin wasn't the only famous guest of the day. Ariel, the Little Mermaid, appeared, followed by Peter Pan, a couple of dastardly pirates, Little Bo Peep (without her sheep of course!), an assortment of fairies and princesses, playing cards from Alice in Wonderland and a traffic light. It was like the East Finchley version of the film *Shrek*. Councillor Alison Moore, aided by Mr Penguin, had the tough call of judging the children's fancy dress competition, with first prize going to the beautiful Ariel.

Culture Vultures, our fancy dress hire shop on the High Road, received a particularly big thank you from Dave Day (aka Mr Penguin) for the free loan of the penguin costume.

Once the fancy dress event was over, people spent the afternoon sitting on the grass listening to the live music from Alan and the Bluebirds, whilst munching on Sharon O'Driscoll's famous homemade scones and taking in the mellow atmosphere. Meanwhile the children had an abundance of activities to choose from including painting t-shirts for their dads for Father's Day or letting off some steam on the free bouncy castles.

Azra Nath, Chair of Martin Schools' PTA, said, "It was clear that the children were having a genuinely fun time and were leaving with armfuls of prizes. We are so grateful to all the local businesses for their generous support".

Young Archer Summer Competition

There is still plenty of time to enter *THE ARCHER's* summer competition to write or draw an adventure based on Archie, the statue at East Finchley tube station.

The competition is open to readers of up to 16 years of age and there are three categories:

- A story of no more than 400 words involving Archie in any way you like.
- A poem about Archie.
- A cartoon strip of Archie with up to six pictures in black and white.

The closing date is 8 September and there will be a small prize for the winner. Please remember to include your name, age and contact details.

Post your entries to The Archer, PO Box 3699, London N2 8JA or email them to the-archer@lineone.net.

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

YOUNG ARCHER

Chess Success

Two local schools, both coached by John Fleetwood, reached the English Primary Schools Chess Championships. Two nine-year-old team members have written about the event, starting with Nathan Franklin:

The Holy Trinity chess team went to Pontins (on the coast of Norfolk) and stayed there for the weekend where a national chess championship was being held on 18-19 June.

Holy Trinity have done very well, considering that they have never qualified before. Our team was Michele Dole, James McCann, Muti Musafari, Lucas Rudden, all from Year 5, and Nathan Franklin and Gabrielle

Dominic Northcliffe-Brown, who has been playing chess since he was four, writes:

On Friday 17 June I went to the National Chess Primary Schools Semi-Final at Pontins in Hemsby. As I was a member of the Brookland Under-9 team, our coach told us we had to go to bed early.

After two days' play we were delighted to discover we had come joint first with Dulwich College Prep A team. Our Under-11s team came third, so that meant both teams had qualified for the final.

The following Sunday we went back to Hemsby for the final. From 129 teams there were

Antoinette from Year 4. We came 30th in the semi-final and got presented with a bronze trophy.

My family and I loved it and the apartment we stayed in had all the things you need. Outside there was lots of grass to run around, play sports and we even had a barbecue. The Holy Trinity team might not have come first in the competition, but we were the best at having FUN.

now only eight left. We came fourth overall, the Under-11s came fifth overall (out of 175 teams) and so we were the best state school.

Our brilliant coach is John Fleetwood and the Under-9 team was (in board order from 1 to 6): Dan Levit (captain), Dominic Northcliffe-Brown (me!), Alex Yap, Jack Vincent, Sheriar Khan 5/6 and Rahul Shah 5/6. The Under-11 team was: Joshua Yap (captain), Sabrina Barr, William Northcliffe-Brown (my brother!), Natan Janner-Klausner, Julius Dein and Rohan Shah.

Fortismere fun!

By Ann Vautier

Fortismere Secondary School's summer fair, held on Saturday 2 July, was a major success, raising nearly £16,000 for the Fortismere School Association (FSA), which funds projects, equipment and activities for students.

As always, the event, opened this year by actress Michelle Collins, was well attended by nearby residents and supported by local businesses, in particular by the main sponsors Keaton's estate agents.

Also in July, many local residents, along with hundreds of students' family members, attended the end-of-year concerts and five performances of *Oliver*, the musical. Over 200 people contributed to the success of the production.

Techknow Community workshops

During this past term, Fortismere ran a series of free weekend and after-school hours technology workshops open to the wider community. The workshops in batik design, felt making, woodwork, ICT (beginners) and ICT web design were made possible by government funding received by Fortismere because of its Technology College status. An exhibition of some of the work done in the workshops will be held at the school in the latter half of September. Assistant Head Karen Allaway is now planning a second series of

workshops, which she hopes to make available this autumn to parents, businesses, local teachers and adults in the community. For more information, contact techknow@fortismere.haringey.sch.uk

Sports facilities open to public

Since Fortismere's new gym and all-weather pitch were completed a year ago, they are proving popular with several com-

munity groups playing netball, basketball, badminton, football and cricket after school hours. The school's sports facilities are available for hire all year except two weeks at Christmas. During term time, the facilities are open to the public from 7pm to 10pm weekdays and from 9am to 8pm on Saturdays. For more information, or to book the school's facilities, contact Justin Carter of Jarvis Accommodation Services on 020 8885 9392.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

By Diana Cormack

Holy Trinity

Year 6 had a wonderful week on a school journey to the Isle of Wight and Year 5 spent two successful days at Phase's Wood in Hertfordshire.

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed an end of term visit to Cherry Tree Wood. The school held a Healthy Living Focus Week, which included a healthy picnic followed by a sponsored walk around the school grounds. Parents and carers were invited to participate, with proceeds of over £500 going towards outdoor play equipment.

Year 6 boys Russell Warman and Freddie Wells were presented with medals for representing the Barnet Borough School Football team, which came second in the London league.

End-of-year events included a Leavers' Service at Holy Trinity Church, a peripatetic music assembly, a summer barbecue organised by the Holy Trinity School Association and a summer concert, Kenwood-style.

Martin Schools

The hard work put in by the PTA who organised the Summer Fun Day paid off well, with the amazing sum of over £4,500 being raised.

The school council filled 60 shoeboxes with small gifts donated by the infants to send to the Pebbles Project, which is setting up crèches and schools in the impoverished townships in South Africa.

Well done to Helen Matthews, of the infant school office, who raised money for the breast cancer charity by completing the 26-mile Moonwalk.

End-of-term visits for the infants included trips to Highgate Wood and picnics in Cherry Tree Wood.