



YOUNG ARCHER

Peace and

reconciliation week

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, Holy Trinity School focused on the theme of peace and harmony during the week in which Remembrance Day fell.

The story of Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes, which tells of one girl's influence on the message of peace, was used as a starting point. A theatre group showed the children about life during the war years, and a team of Japanese volunteers shared traditional folk tales, origami and calligraphy.

Stimulated by a wide variety of media and experiences the classes produced banners depicting faith, hope, love, goodness, kindness, gentleness, joy and peace. Each class had its own aspect to concentrate on. Year 5 learned about The Berlin Wall of 1961. Tara O'Donnell imagined she had been at school there. She wrote: "My mummy said it was time to go to school. I was skipping along the road when I ran into my friend Helga. She said to me: 'Hello Tara. Have you seen the wall?'"

We walked a little further and there it was - a massive wall with barbed wire on top. My mummy and I looked at the wall. My best friend and lots

of other children lived on the other side of the wall. That day the school was half empty. At playtime we watched the workmen build the wall higher. We wished our friends could be here with us."

Scarlett Johnson in Year 2 wrote about Sadako's story: "On 6 August 1945, the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. Sadako was two when the bomb dropped. Most of her neighbours died but she did not. When she was 12, after running a relay race she felt a bit dizzy and sick. A week later she fell to the ground and could not get up. Her friend told her teacher. She phoned her mum and dad. Soon they came and took her to the Red Cross hospital. A week later her friend came to see her. She had bought Sadako some origami paper. She told her of the crane legend. Sadako wished to get better so she began to fold. Unfortunately, she had only made 644 when she died. Her mum and dad finished the cranes for her."

Deadline for nursery places

Holy Trinity School is reminding parents and carers that the last date for applying for nursery places is only weeks away.

Anyone wishing to apply for a place for their child for the academic year starting in September 2006 needs to do so by 7 January 2006.

These places will be for children whose date of birth is between 1 September

2003 and 31 August 2004 inclusive.

The places will be allocated following the school's published admissions criteria. Applications should be made to the school in Eagans Close, East Finchley N2 8GA.

East Finchley Baptist Church

Sundays at 11.00 am
and 6.30 pm



Come & Celebrate Christmas with us!
Just off the High Road in Creighton Avenue N2
Sunday 18th December

11.00am - 12.15pm:

All Ages Together Carol Service
(with a presentation by the children & young people)

6pm - 7.15pm: Carols By Candlelight

Christmas Day (Sun. 25th Dec)

10.30am - 11.15pm

Christmas Morning Carol Service

For more information please contact
the Church Office, Tel: 8883 1544
or visit our web site:

<http://www.eastfinchleybc.org.uk>
Minister: Simon Dyke

Visitors always welcome



Year 5 class after their successful Battle of Trafalgar assembly. Photo courtesy Brookland Junior School.

Schoolchildren remember Trafalgar

A Year 5 class from Brookland Junior School commemorated the bicentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar with a spectacular assembly on Friday 4 November.

All 30 children in 5P created a dramatic presentation of the life and death of Admiral Lord Nelson and the Battle of Trafalgar, including two moving renditions of Nelson's death.

Their teacher, Jane Pendry, was amazed at the pupils' enthusiasm. Many undertook their own research, wrote their own scripts and added in their own directions.

Head teacher Heather Blackmore explained how the assembly fitted into the ethos

of the school in Hampstead Garden Suburb. "Brookland school prides itself on its inclusive multi-cultural make-up. Every year, each class produces its own assembly, which usually reflects the diversity of the school, for example, Diwali, Chanukah and Eid. It was wonderful to see so many children from such a wide range of cultural backgrounds take part in an assembly which explored a pivotal moment in European history."

Pupil Molly Rubin, aged 9, added, "I thought it was moving when Nelson asked Hardy to kiss him."

A week later, on 11 November, Brookland Junior pupils performed a moving Remembrance Day assembly. The children, all from 6C, sang songs from World War II and performed very moving vignettes covering the trauma of evacuation, the dramatic D-Day landings and the end of the war.

Caught short...



After all the complaints about no public toilets on the High Road, some kind person finally pays attention to the needs of the desperate! Picture by Debby Hiller

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>

Places at playgroup

By Diana Cormack
Places are available at the
Old Barn pre-school playgroup, for children from two years of age.

Run by four experienced members of staff who have worked together for about 20 years, the playgroup has recently received an "excellent" Ofsted report. The aim is to learn through play, and there are large playing areas with plenty of activities and equipment both indoors and out. There is a garden where children can carry out simple gardening techniques as well as learning about insect life. Visits are regularly organised to places which increase their learning experiences in a fun way.

The playgroup does not receive a grant and is a non-profit making charity. It raises its own funds, usually with events in which the children can participate. It is held at the Old Barn in Tarling Road on weekdays during term-time from 9.30am - 12.30pm.

You can get more information from Angie on 07977 846922, from Penny on 07711 654669 or phone the Old Barn Centre on 020 8349 4613.