



YOUNG ARCHER

Christmas Code Breaker

Solve these clues and then use the first letter from each answer to find the message. Answers below.

Try making some up for your friends to do.

This has spiky leaves and red berries.

They sang to the shepherds.

Presents are wrapped in this.

The tree where a partridge was.

The old name for Christmas time.

Special hymns for this time of year.

Something to wear from a cracker.

This reindeer had a shiny nose.

There was no room here for Mary and Joseph.

Baby Jesus was born in this building.

Queen Victoria's husband brought this German Christmas custom to Britain.

We kiss under this.

Open this calendar daily in December.

Hang this up to hold your presents.

What's bugging you?

Music teacher Alan Gruner wrote this song for the children of Martin Infant School to sing in assembly on National Bug Busting Day.

Scratch scritch

Give it an itch

What's that in your hair?

Scratch scritch

Give it an itch

You really must take care.

Wash 'em out,

Comb 'em out

Remember, don't share hair.

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Answers:
Holly
Angels
Paper
Pear
Yuletide
Carols
Hat
Rudolf
Inn
Stable
Tree
Mistletoe
Advent
Stocking

Christmas Jokes

What's the difference between the ordinary alphabet and the Christmas alphabet?

The Christmas alphabet has no L.

Which Christmas carol do parents prefer?

Silent Night.

Why does Father Christmas have three gardens?

So he can hoe, hoe, hoe.

What does a cat on the beach have

in common with Christmas?

Sandy claws!

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

Claustrophobic.

What song do monkeys sing at Christmas?

Jungle Bells.

Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners?

"Rude"olph.



Splash, squelch and stumble trip

By Helen Drake

Michael Rosen, poet, author, broadcaster and hugely expressive performer, enthralled children and staff when he visited both Martin Schools to coincide with National Poetry Day in October.

Recounting funny episodes and naughty tales from his own childhood and family, Mr Rosen showed the children how details from their own lives could be catalysts for writing poems and stories and that situations can be transformed by writing about them.

His own journey to becoming a poet began because he didn't like sharing a bedroom with his older brother. While writing his first poem about the experience he discovered that, actually, sharing a bedroom with his brother wasn't so bad after all.

"Michael has a passion for creativity with children," said Robin Kent, a producer from Teachers TV who was filming Mr Rosen's visit to the school for a programme (working title: 'Imagine with Michael Rosen') to be shown sometime in December. "He allows space and room for children to be imaginative and creative."

Barking driver

A woman is spotted driving out from Lincoln Road into the High Road and away southwards out of sight. Seated on her lap at the steering wheel, a ginger-haired child. Surely not? And indeed, on second (amazed) glance it's not a child but a DOG.

Captivated children

One of Mr Rosen's best-loved books *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* has just been published in a new pop-up format. The Infant School audience reacted enthusiastically to

the author's re-telling of this popular bedtime story, with lots of "splashing", "squelching", "stumble tripping" and finally squeals of delight at the end as everyone managed to escape the bear.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

By Diana Cormack

Holy Trinity

All the children learned about different styles of skipping in workshops organised by Mr Jacobs. Now enthusiastic youngsters can buy skipping ropes at the school to practise their new-found skills. Shoe boxes wrapped in Christmas paper have been filled with suitable goods to be sent to children in other countries who are victims of war, poverty, famine, disease and natural disasters. This is part of Operation Christmas Child, a Samaritan's Purse project.

£90 raised from a cake sale has been donated to Oxfam Unwrapped. The Book Fair resulted in £450 of commission, which will buy new books for the school library and teachers' resources.

The school's Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 9 December.

Martin Schools

The Junior School paid grateful thanks in saying farewell to Jane Conway, Chair of Governors and associated with the school as

parent, PTA founding member and governor for many years. Her role as Chair is being taken on by THE ARCHER's own Helen Drake. Plans for redeveloping the junior playground are being worked on by the company and children chosen from each class.

Visiting instructors have been giving Year 4 children workshops in film animation. They will be able to spot some of their work when they go to the Phoenix cinema to see the film *Alice in Wonderland*, which is also Year 4's Christmas production.

Year 5 learned a lot about the river and its surrounding area on a visit to the Thames Barrier.

The school year has kicked off with great results for both the girls' and boys' football teams.

Assemblies have been held for Eid and Diwali. On non-uniform day there was an assembly on the theme of volunteers in our lives which raised over £200 for Voluntary Services Overseas.

After two years as head of Martin Infants School, Kevin Anscorb has given up the post for personal reasons and decided to pursue a career outside teaching. Former deputy Katie Dawbarn is now Associate Headteacher with Janine Waterman as her acting deputy. Mrs Ann Hull-McCracken, head of Deansbrook Infants, is the school's Executive Headteacher.

Adults who sampled the Team Barnet menus with their children have been giving positive feedback on the school meals.

The new welfare room and nursery toilets are looking good and functioning well.

The PTA has organised Christmas cards to be designed and printed for the festive season.

Martin Schools' PTA Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday 2 December.

East Finchley Baptist Church

Just off the High Road in Creighton Avenue N2



Sundays at 11.00 am
and 6.30 pm

Come & Celebrate Christmas with us!

Sunday 17th 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 Eve (Sun.24th Dec)

11.00am - 12.00pm

Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Day (Mon.25th Dec)

10.30am - 11.15pm

Christmas Morning Family Service

For more information please contact

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Minister: Simon Dyke

Visitors always welcome

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.

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