



PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

By Diana Cormack

Holy Trinity

Year 1 enjoyed their educational visit and learned a lot at the Geffrye Museum as did Year 3 when they went to the British Museum.

Year 6 and Year 5 hoped for good mid-May weather on their respective school journeys to Gilwell Park, Chingford and Knapp House, Westward Ho!

Children who have school meals, along with some who don't, were able to opt for a delicious barbecue produced by Restaurant Ecole. The barbecued food and ice-cream were much appreciated by both pupils and staff, who ate al fresco on a glorious early summer's day.

Holy Trinity is very grateful to Big Yellow Self Storage for their offer of a whole year's storage space in one of their Finchley stores. This is very welcome as it will allow for more efficient and accessible storage of resources by freeing up space in the school building.

A cake sale event organised by parents raised £44 which was used to purchase two goats through the Oxfam 'unwrapped' scheme. The goats will be given to a family in the developing world.

The inaugural East Finchley Tag Rugby Tournament for local schools, run in partnership with Martin Schools, was won by Holy Trinity. This event marks the first of many joint ventures to further strengthen the community.

The school Summer Fair is to be held on Sunday 11 June.

Martin Schools

Martin Junior School is very proud of the children from the choir for their performance and excellent behaviour at Holy Trinity Church in Sloane Square on Palm Sunday. They joined *Canticum*, a chamber choir, and an orchestra to perform Bach's *St Matthew Passion*.

Year 3 enjoyed their first swimming lesson at Copthall Leisure Centre. They boarded the coach in great excitement and returned having shown great promise as swimmers.

Year 5 had a fabulous sensory adventure on their visit to the Hare Krishna Temple near Dartford: the smell of incense burning contrasting with that of a ride on a bullock cart; the sound of music in the temple; the taste of delicious Indian food; the sight of colourful costumes in the beautiful building and touching the clothes they were allowed to dress up in (the girls in saris and the boys as warriors). To round off a truly memorable day the children heard Hindu stories come alive and had their faces painted in traditional designs.

This year's winner of the Martin Junior School Chess Championship has become a megafinalist in the second stage of the world's largest chess tournament. Simon Wilks also gained a certificate of excellence from the English Chess Federation and passed their bronze level with distinction. Along with these three major triumphs, Simon has qualified for a "gigafinal" in Wiltshire.

Martin Infant School parents and children are being canvassed separately about the idea of introducing a school uniform.

Reception children are enjoying fantastic new climbing equipment in the playground, thanks to the PTA. There is now a designated outside classroom area which is essential to the Foundation Stage curriculum.

On National Bug Busting Day, Thursday 15 June, the PTA will be holding a head lice awareness event.

"Who am I?" is the theme for this year's Multicultural Week 26-30 June.

Don't forget the PTA's Summer Fun Day on Saturday 17 June!

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 actors in the making

By Rachel Douglas

For many years the North London Festival of Music, Drama & Dance has taken place over a five-week period in various venues in the Muswell Hill area, but this May was only the second time that it has used the delightful Finchley Youth Theatre on the High Road for its Speech and Drama classes.

Saturday 13 May saw the theatre full of life and activity from 9am to 8pm as 88 aspiring young thespians showed off their talents in a series of competitive classes. Actor Nicholas Raggett, from Dartmouth Park, Highgate, was the adjudicator, proffering advice and encouragement from the working professional's viewpoint.

Pupils from three North London Theatre Schools, Greenacre Drama of Southgate, Showstoppers of Muswell Hill and Chrystal Arts of Edgware, dominated the proceedings with splendid solo and group productions.

There were some outstanding performances. In particular, Bethmi Tikiribandara delighted the audience with the intelligence and humour of her prize-winning prose and verse recitations; Annie Zimmerman wrung our hearts with her touching portrayal of a little girl on a *kindertransport* train to England; and the Greenacre Quintet (two of them only five years old) performed an excerpt from James & the Giant Peach with amazing professionalism.

It is good to see and hear children speaking so clearly and carrying themselves so confidently in public, and wonderful to witness the unselfconscious delight the youngsters take in their performances.

With such budding talent around there will be plenty of candidates for the acting profes-

sion but also for future careers as lecturers, barristers, politicians and other public performers.

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By Ricky Savage, the voice of social irresponsibility

Rock'n'Roll heroes

These are sleazy times, sleazy enough for the NME to get down in the prime time TV gutter and do its own 50 greatest rock'n'roll heroes ever, 'as voted for by you'. This is like Channel 5, only with added addicts.

Take the top two as voted for by NME readers and you get a dead addict and an addict; at number three comes a bloke who spent half his teenage years locked in his bedroom and at four a bloke who'll ask you outside for a fight. Good start NME, good start Kurt Cobain, Pete Doherty, Morrissey and Liam Gallagher. All right, I can't argue with Kurt, but there's a bloke who never wanted to be a hero, let alone a rock star. As for the rest of the clowns who make up the top 50, it's a case of the good, the bad and the seriously indifferent.

Yes, they've got Strummer and Rotten in there, there's Keith, but no Mick and Jimmy. The thing is they've left out too many of the serious nutters who you wanted to be, but were scared of. And they've forgotten those poets of serious teenage kicks who wrote the anthems for generations.

So, let's start with the poets. How can any list of heroes forget Pete Townsend, a man who said it all in My Generation, or Paul Weller, the genuine Mod Father, who did the same thing for the punks? Then there's the serious nutters. Never mind Keith and Mick, they were the Glimmer Twins, but you ain't seen nothing until you've seen the Toxic Twins because Aerosmith took such an industrial quantity of drugs that even Keith was jealous.

Maybe it's an age thing, maybe if you're too young to remember the coke-snorting world of the 70s, then you'll think Pete Doherty is worth more than a rock of crack. Even if I reckon that Green Day say more in American Idiot than the whole of Bruce Springsteen's output since Darkness on the Edge of Town, I can't complain that he's there, but I can complain that both Bruce and Billy Joe Armstrong are down in the 40s. And for some reason only known to the NME that aging veggie Paul McCartney features higher up the food chain than Iggy Pop, which proves one thing: there ain't no accounting for bad taste.

YOUNG ARCHER

Bedroom booty raises big bucks

By Diana Cormack

Nine-year-old Ben Leigh probably wouldn't agree with EastEnders winning the Bafta award for best continuing TV drama last month. In fact, one evening Ben got so bored with watching the long-running TV soap that he decided to go and clear out his bedroom!

Amongst the clutter he found a newsletter from his school, Martin Junior, and something in it gave him the idea of selling those things he no longer wanted to raise money for charity.

Ben chose to support the North London Hospice, which sent an email wishing him good luck for his Saturday afternoon sale on 29 April. He told *THE ARCHER* it was the first charity he thought of because it is local and helps people in need.

Help was at hand for Ben from his 13-year-old brother Tom, who designed a special flyer advertising the front garden sale in Manor Park Road. With their dad, Ben and Tom put up adverts in the local area and their mum helped Ben to make cakes to sell on the stall. Neighbours brought donations of cakes and other goods to add to those already on display.

After three busy hours Ben had raised £81.23. "All of the stuff we didn't sell will be given



Ben Leigh selling to his friend Rafi O'Dwyer as Ella Taylor watches. Photo by Diana Cormack

to another charity," he said, "so more money will be raised."

Among those who supported Ben by spending money at his stall was school friend Ella Taylor, who also raised money for charity earlier this year by organising a cake sale in Bedford Road. Not for the first time she supported the Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal along with her sister Molly and friends Isla Sharp, Ella Wooden, Rosie

and Zack Solomon and Markha Gaetavo. A generous donation of cakes and hot cross buns from Budgens helped them on their way to raising £165. The children have received certificates from the charity for their efforts.

If you know of any young people who deserve a write-up, please let *THE ARCHER* know. You can find out how to get in touch with us on page 2.