



# YOUNG ARCHER

## Martin School at Marchants Hill

October's Young Archer was a letter written by Martin School's Year 6 group who learned about London while their classmates were on a school journey in Surrey. On their return from Marchants Hill PGL Centre, the children made booklets about the amazing experiences they'd had. Everyone agreed that Amber Albani's was outstanding: full of detailed drawings and expressive writing, but too long to reproduce here. However, this much-shortened version provides a taste of what went on:

We did loads of great activities. On the first day, the best one was "The Giant Swing". Sound scary? It was actually, but it was really, really fun.

Abseiling was very scary, although it was great fun. I jumped a lot as I was going down.

Archery was OK. Know why? Cause I slipped and landed on my bum and got covered with mud. Oh yeah, that was great fun. NOT!

Next was rock climbing. It was wicked. I actually got right to the top. When we got to the top we had to knock three times and then shout, "Bogies!" It was really funny. Ha!

After that it was the worst ever, and I mean ever, activity (and the worst thing I ever did in my entire life). It was the "Mud Challenge". GROSS!

We did "Jacob's Ladder".

It was really scary, although I got to the fourth ladder thing. I wanted to get to at least the fifth thing only there wasn't enough time. Right after that we did "Low Ropes". That was hard, especially when we had to hold a cup in one of our hands.

In the night time activities we had a campfire. We sat around it and sang songs, we listened to stories and we did this psychic thing.

We had hiking and it was like so tiring. As we were walking we suddenly got lost so we had to go through the Drop Bear Forest. We actually had to put leaves and sticks in our hair to look like bushes; otherwise they would grab our hair to use as nests. We looked ridiculous. Everyone was scared because it was dark. Anyway, we finally arrived safely back to PGL and had lovely hot, hot chocolate.



Mission Accomplished: four young readers show off their achievements. Picture by Lucy Chamberlin

## Book lovers pick up their prizes

By Lucy Chamberlin

**Around 50 young Barnet bookworms and their families gathered at East Finchley library on Tuesday 10 October for a very well deserved prize-giving event.**

Children had been challenged to read six books over the summer to become "Super Sleuths", or, for the more ambitious, 12 in order to be "Ultra Super Sleuths".

Certificates and medals were awarded on stage by children's librarian Rachel Reilly to an excited audience of successful

(some very small) Sleuths and their proud parents.

One of the children's favourite authors was Michael Morpurgo, a grandfather and prolific writer who recently led the BBC's "focus on childhood" programmes.

Many studies have proved reading to be key to learning and development, and in these days of cyber space and moving images such enthusiasm about the lowly tome is surely a very positive sign, marking the enduring appeal of the book.

## Kids Club is back!

After the huge success of the Phoenix Cinema's free summer screenings for kids the cinema staff have brought back the Saturday Kids Club with the help of Barnet Children's Fund.

From 11am you can come along and take part in the weekly activities followed by a screening at midday. They'll have art and craft, face paints, games, quizzes, something different every week AND a fantastic film. What more

could you want on a Saturday morning?

The line-up of films for November is as follows:

Saturday 4 November - **ICE AGE 2 (U)** 1h30: It's meltdown on prehistoric earth. Everyone's favourite arctic bundles

of fur are back. But the wonderland the ice is revealing is threatened and the animals have to warn everyone in the valley before they are all swept off in a deluge of melted ice. Fantastic script writing as we've come to expect, and hilarious from start to finish.

Saturday 11 November - **OVER THE HEDGE (U)** 1h23: Imagine waking up after your long hibernation to find some pesky humans have moved in all around you. Verne the Turtle, RJ the Raccoon and a host of other brilliantly animated characters find that cohabiting with humans has its advantages and have plenty of adventures in their new, snack-filled suburban surroundings. Sure to be a family favourite.

Saturday 18 November - The London Children's Film Festival **THE JUNGLE BOOK (U)** 1h18: Singalong with Mowgli, Baloo and Bagheera. This must-see classic is a real treat for parents and kids alike. Come one come all, this is going to be such fun.

If you have anything you'd like to ask about the club or any feedback to give then see Laura every Saturday morning at the cinema or email her at [kidsclub@phoenixcinema.co.uk](mailto:kidsclub@phoenixcinema.co.uk). It's your club so your views are vital.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

By Diana Cormack

### Holy Trinity

After many years of unstinting service as Chair of Governors, Sylvia Duthie of Leicester Road has handed over the role to Rebecca Kellaway. Sylvia will continue to work on the London Diocesan Board, part of which involves the planning of a new secondary school for Finchley children. Harvest Festival was celebrated with a church service and a collection of tinned foods donated to Homeless Action in Barnet.

Operation Christmas Child is underway, with small presents appropriate to one of three age groups being collected in shoeboxes to be sent to children in poor parts of the world.

The children enjoyed an assembly presented by Apollo London on the theme of Health and Safety. Some of them entered a colouring competition with the hope of winning a prize.

The Globe Players performed The Tudors for Years 2 - 6.

The school held its annual Book Fair from which the commission raised is used to purchase books for the library.

The HTSA Christmas Fair is planned for Saturday 9 December.

### Martin Schools

The junior school held a successful European Day of Languages, which was a great experience for all the children. Parents read them traditional stories in French, Greek, Italian, Polish, Spanish and Turkish. Year 6 were given taster language sessions by secondary teachers from Fortismere School.

Latin and French Clubs as well as a Somali homework club are available at the school.

The annual Scholastic Book Fair raised more than £600 from the sale of books and cakes, provided by the PTA. The money will be used to buy more books for the school.

Lunches in both the Martin schools are now being supplied by Team Barnet.

In the infant school, parents and carers are being invited to come and eat with their children to sample the school meals which the youngsters are already enjoying.

Elderly people from the Ann Owen Day Care Centre came to join in the Harvest Celebration. The children made cakes and donated suitable seasonal gifts for their guests.

To mark Ramadan, nursery children made 3-D moons in various phases, prayer mats and a display of Henna decorated hands.

Year 1 learned and made displays about Harvest and Sukkot.

Year 2 learned about Divali.

Representatives elected by Year 1 and 2 classes have been taking part in School Council meetings.

The PTA is busy organising the Christmas Bazaar, to be held 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

For more information

please contact the Church Office

Tel: 8883 1544 (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.

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