



YOUNG ARCHER

Collecting for Comic Relief

By Diana Cormack

Two enterprising friends, Lara Rosenthal, of Baronsmere Road, and Ariella Taub, of Eastern Road, had the idea of setting up a stall in the street to sell things in support of Red Nose Day. Typically, their younger sibling and friends wanted to do the same thing! Here they are pictured near the junction with Summerlee Avenue trying to encourage passers by to give generously.

Jonas Rosenthal aged 6 and nine-year-olds Ruby Rosenthal and Rachel Newman were most impressed by two Community

Support Officers who emptied their pockets and put all their change into the collecting bowl.



Jonas, Ruby and Rachel raising money. Photo by Diana Cormack

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Pupils bring out their bookish side

By Lisa Omar

A book is the keyhole into your imagination and literally opens up the world for us so let's all enjoy the fun of reading books. This year World Book Day is delighted to be celebrating its 10th birthday in the UK. Over this relatively short period World Book Day has become firmly established as the biggest annual event promoting the enjoyment of books and reading.

As a special contribution to World Book Day, £1 book tokens have been given out to children in schools all over the UK. These will be accepted in bookshops throughout the country from the smallest local independent to the largest chain. There are ten specially created £1 books for children to choose from.

To celebrate this year's World Book Day, St Theresa's RC Primary School in East End Road joined in the fun by dressing up as their favourite book characters. There was a wonderful turnout with every child making a magnificent effort. The whole school came alive with Thomas the Tank Engine, The Ugly Sisters, Peter Pan, Captain Hook and the pirates, Snow White, Willie Wonka and many more well thought-out characters appearing. During the day, a special assembly was held where all the children proudly showed off their costumes.

The headmaster and teachers also took part and made just as much effort. Their characters included Sherlock Holmes, Little Red Riding Hood, Zoro, Robin Hood and a scary little old lady!



L-r: Kieran Omar, Roberto and Marco Solari. Picture by Lisa Omar.

Spiderama
by Ashley

Magie spider



Finchley Youth Theatre strikes again

By Francis Atkinson

I have just seen an incredible performance of the controversial play *A Clockwork Orange* at Finchley Youth Theatre. This is the story of a young person who causes trouble and is arrested. She ends up in prison and is used as a guinea pig for a strange experiment to make her unable to do anything bad.

Although it was a dress rehearsal and there were some hiccups, it was very enjoyable. Every character was well developed and portrayed and the cast put in a lot of effort. Performances like this often go on at FYT so I recommend finding out if there are any plays being shown for the public as they are always of excellent quality.

And of course if you want to take part in a play or just do some drama, dance or technical skills come along to the theatre. There is a waiting list for places and commitment is required.

Finchley Youth Theatre is at 142 High Road, N2. Contact 020 8883 9957 or email theatre@FYTheatre.org.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

By Diana Cormack

All our local schools celebrated World Book Day, holding special events such as book fairs and related competitions. They also enjoyed a variety of fund raising activities for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day.

Holy Trinity

Reception children are delighted to have seen chicks hatching from the eggs inside their classroom incubator and are keenly following their development.

Years 1-6 worked on a range of traditional stories from around the world with local story teller Neil Ruckman. They shared ideas and interpreted the stories through drama and paintings.

The school's weekly Toddler Group is seeking unwanted toy musical instruments.

The Herbert Wilmot site is to be used by Three Valleys Water for offices and storage during their water main replacement project, scheduled to last for 50 weeks. Hopefully it will cause minimal disruption to the school.

Martin Schools

The AGM of Martin

Schools' PTA was preceded by a free Indian food tasting session.

The junior school is taking part in the "Fitter Schools UK 2007 Challenge", a national initiative designed to improve children's health and fitness.

The netball team did brilliantly to come second in a tournament held at Cophthall School. The cricket team played extremely well to come second in their tournament finals. The girls' football team has reached the final in their league.

Important new skills are being learned in First Aid Lessons.

Martin Infants had a Problem Solving Week aimed at motivating the children and raising their achievement through challenging maths activities and fun events.

Traffic calming measures, a new pavement and an improved surface are being put in place on Plane Tree Walk, the road alongside both schools.

During multi-cultural week at the end of March, Martin Schools will have various events and activities during the school day and there will be a joint International Evening.