



YOUNG ARCHER

Martin School's Remembrance Assembly

By Diana Cormack

"Thank you, men who forced bravery into their minds to protect us". This was written by a child on one of the poppies at Martin Primary School.

As in most schools, pupils at Martin Primary were taught about Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppies sold at this time of year. But the school's Remembrance Assembly was particularly memorable because each child had made their own poppy for that special day.

In a moving and thought provoking assembly led by deputy head John Pickering, the children were able to show how much they had learned. They even knew the whereabouts of Flanders when asked by Council-



Tristan Green with poppies made by children at Martin School. Photo by Diana Cormack

lor Colin Rogers, who read the poem *In Flanders Fields* by Lt Col John McCrae, of the Canadian Army.

After assembly the children made their own tribute to those we remember by displaying their poppies in the playground. They were very interested in the medals worn by school keeper Tristan Green, a former member of the Royal Anglian Regiment who served in Bosnia and Northern Ireland.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Trinity

Headteacher Tim Bowden and his wife took part in the Amsterdam Half Marathon to raise funds for their autistic nephew. Both completed the course in 2 hours, 20 minutes and 2 seconds.

Year 2 took part in a music festival at Holly Park School.

There has been a good response to Operation Christmas Child, run by the charity Samaritan's Purse. Pupils have been able to recognise and care for some of the world's poorest children by filling shoeboxes with presents.

The school's Christmas Fair will be held on Sunday 2 December from 12 noon - 2.30pm.

Martin Primary

Four children went to Hendon Town Hall to receive a cup and a certificate of excellence for the school achieving the Best Educational Garden award, Barnet in Bloom 2007.

Year 5 visited the Thames Barrier, fortunately before it was raised during the November flood warnings.

Year 2 took part in an Infant Music Festival where they performed a song they had written about the new Martin School with the help of music specialists and teaching assistants.

This year's firework display was the most successful ever. The start had to be delayed due to the number of people queuing to get in and the food was completely sold out. The PTA is grateful to Finchley Development Trust for their support on the night and to all those who came, which helped them to raise a record amount of money for the school.

Manorside School

Year 6 enjoyed a trip to Wyllotts Theatre to see Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, whilst Year 4 visited a Hindu Temple in Hertfordshire.

November has seen the launch of two new after-school clubs: Multiskills for the infants and Arsenal Doubles for the Juniors, a club that combines practical football skills with numeracy and literacy.

The Autumn Disco was a huge success with children of all ages taking to the dance floor and winning prizes. Proceeds from this will go towards subsidising tickets for the entire school's trip to see the artsdepot production of *Fungus the Bogeyman* in December.

New children's groups launch in January

East Finchley has a long association with the Woodcraft Folk; groups have met in the area for many years and now two new groups are starting up.

Woodcraft is a national co-operative organisation for children, young people and adults. Its aims are to have fun, increase self-confidence, and to build social skills and understanding in children and young people.

A longstanding group for teenagers aged 13 to 16 meets at the Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale, every Friday from 7 - 9pm. In January two new groups for the younger ages will meet at Martin Primary School on Friday evenings.

There will be one group aimed at six to nine-year-olds, known as Elfins, meeting from 6.30 - 7.45pm, and one group for 10 to 12-year-olds, called Pioneers, meeting from 6.30 - 8pm.

Children will enjoy a varied programme including games, drama, singing, art and craft work as well as an educational programme based on co-operation. In the summer months there is a great emphasis on outdoor activities such as camping and map reading.

If you are interested,

please call Kate Brown on 020 8444 4652 or email woodcraftcb@yahoo.co.uk. You can find out more about Central Barnet Woodcraft Folk at www.cbwf.org.uk.

Well played, Bishop Douglass

By Diana Cormack

Bishop Douglass School's under-12 netball team ended their present season on a high when they were runners up in a tournament held at the Cumberland Netball Club in Camden. The girls were the only representatives from Barnet and played against several other teams from outside the borough.



The successful team with netball teacher Tracy Quirke and England player Chioma Ezeogu. Photo: Courtesy of Cumberland Netball Club

Chioma Ezeogu, who plays wing attack on the England team, was there to take the warm up sessions and to present the prizes. Along with individual certificates, the Bishop Douglass team was presented with a new netball.

Assistant Subject Leader for PE Tracy Quirke, who trains the netballers, told *THE ARCHER* that this was the first competition they had entered. She would like to have matches with more local schools in the new season and to build on this successful start.

Students quiz film producer

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One morning in mid October a large number of students from Bishop Douglass School took over the Phoenix Cinema for a special screening of Ken Loach's *The Wind that Shakes the Barley*.

Made up of sixth formers studying media, Year 11 pupils taking history and some of the Year 10 Gifted and Talented group, the youngsters were able to take advantage of this free opportunity offered during National Schools Films Week. It also gave them the chance to question Rebecca O'Brien from Sixteen Films, who has produced Loach's films for the last ten years.

Back at school the media group wrote reviews of the film, which they found powerful and moving. Bishop Douglass is currently involved with a British Film Institute project and is hoping to establish a film studies course and to have greater links with the Phoenix in future. Commenting on how focused the children had been and how well they had responded to the film, Head of English Daniela Prina told *THE ARCHER* that she hoped it would be the first of many such educational visits.

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11.00am - 12.15pm:

All Ages Together Carol Service

(with a presentation by the children & young people)

6pm - 7.15pm: Carols By Candlelight

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Christmas Carol Service

Christmas Day (Tues. 25th Dec)

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