



Molly makes an outstanding pupil

By Helen Drake

“Surprised, happy and a bit shocked” was the reaction of Martin Junior School pupil Molly Hogan when she was announced as the 2007 winner of the Lynn Cornelius Award for Outstanding Achievement at a special assembly on Friday 8 June.

Headteacher Maggie Driscoll, said that Molly had been chosen by the staff to receive the prize because she “personifies the values of Martin School” and explained: “Molly strives for excellence in all areas; she is a great sportswoman but can also take losing; she’s a good friend and is considerate; she has brilliant manners and is reliable and conscientious”.

Molly, who will be start-

ing at The Latymer School in September, was presented with her trophy by last year’s winner Susannah Fleiss, who is also now at Latymer, and Robert Winton, ex-parent and current Secretary of the Finchley Society, who has sponsored the Award.

Pupils in the audience were left with this thought: next year, do your best, and it could be you.



Molly Hogan, the 2007 winner of the Lynn Cornelius Award for Outstanding Achievement with her trophy. Picture by Helen Drake.

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Junior bookworms run wild

Is your child a keen reader who loves books? If the answer's yes or you simply want a good day out, why not go along to The Big Wild Read, the UK's largest promotion of children's reading, happening in East Finchley Library and across the borough this summer.

During the summer holidays, children are being asked to take on the challenge and read six books by different authors.

There are great incentives and rewards, including certificates and medals, free DVD loans and a big finale prize draw. For those who like an extra challenge there's the

Mega Wild Read that includes writing six reviews.

However, no one will leave empty handed and for those who can't manage six books there are rewards for everyone who reads two or more.

This year's challenge will also run in conjunction with a range of supporting activities on wildlife, including seed plant-



Summer Reading at Barnet Libraries. Picture courtesy London Borough of Barnet

ing, games and art activities, so it truly is a fun day out for children of all ages.

Children can register free for The Big Wild Read at any Barnet library from 14 July. For more information on East Finchley's activities, contact our local library on 020 8359 3815.

Seen but not heard

By Sheila Armstrong

On 5 June, the Phoenix Cinema hosted the screening of a unique film made by youngsters from the Thomas More Estate, East Finchley.

The film allowed them to voice their frustrations about the lack of play facilities in the area and complaints about antisocial behaviour. The young people concerned have deservedly been awarded Bronze Youth Achievement Awards accredited by UK Youth.

The community regeneration team of Servite Housing, who manage the estate, was a driving force behind this innovative venture in which young people scripted, shot and acted in the 16-minute film.

It attempted to put across the viewpoint of the youngsters on the estate and hopes to be a vehicle for the start of a dialogue with others concerned.

Nothing to do, nowhere to go

Residents, Safer Neighbourhood Scheme members, representatives from Servite Housing and others interested in provision of facilities for young people in the borough were present at the screening.

During the Q and A afterwards all sides exchanged views, so beginning, it is hoped, discussions about improving the diminishing provision for young people in the borough and East Finchley in particular.

Several local residents tackled Servite about the sale of the estate's community centre to the HGS Institute some years ago. The building is now for sale again as the Institute have recently vacated it and moved to their new building in the heart of East Finchley.

Talking to *THE ARCHER* afterwards, Dadia Conte, from Barnet Voluntary Service Council, expressed a willingness to help by offering the mobile youth facility Rolling Base.

Issues were aired but not resolved; all seem agreed, however, that everyone should be involved in any future discussions and that the film screening was a good starting point.

Spiderama
by Ashley



Glockwork spider

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Bishop Douglass aims for respect

By Diana Cormack

Respect was the theme of this year's activity week at Bishop Douglass School. Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 were able to select from a wide range of events both on and off site organised by head teacher Angela Murphy, deputy head Deborah Henderson, head of PE Steve O'Brien and head of Art Andy Fyfe.

Activities on site at the school in Hamilton Road included art, dance, drama, film, business enterprise, technology, website design and producing a newspaper to report on the week's events.

Off-site ventures offered Year 7 three days in Paris, Year 8 a week in Prague and Year 9 a week in Paris. Nearer to home, some Year 8 and 9 students spent a week biking in Hertfordshire. There was a sports-based afternoon when archery, bowling, golf, ice-skating, rock climbing and swimming were available.

To finish the week, Friday's special assembly had the theme of respect and celebrated all that had been achieved. Judging by some good feedback from outside the school, pupils made a positive impact as well as benefiting from their experiences. Staff feel it was a real success and look forward to next year, when they hope to increase the number of activities and have more of a community-based project.