



YOUNG ARCHER

Smart 10-year-olds

watch the show

By Hester Girling and Aaliyah Hassan, Year 5, Martin Primary School

During school hours, the production team from Sky TV called asking if any year 5 classes were interested in going to Elstree studios to be part of the audience for *Are You Smarter than a 10 year old?* Our teacher was emailed with times and dates and everyone was very excited.

On the day we all had to arrive at school by quarter past eight. It was really cool to be in school so early. Some of the class woke up really early because they were so excited.

Once we arrived by coach we all had to be security checked. Our bags were looked into and we all got a wristband to wear. Then we entered a large marquee to have a snack before going on to set.

We got into our seats and before we met Dick and Dom we all had to make noises for the director. He recorded the laughter and the oohs and ahhs so that these sounds could be added later. We also saw two camera people climbing very small rope ladders to get to the cameras above our heads.

The show started and we all got to meet Dick and Dom. Sometimes we had to pretend their jokes were funny even though they weren't. The show was very thrilling and exciting and we all clapped like crazy. The contestant we saw won £25,000. She was going to buy a bungalow with her winnings.

During the show we were not allowed to leave our seats. This was because they did not want to film gaps in the audience. Even in breaks they did not like us leaving our seats otherwise they would put somebody else in them.

Finally the show ended and we got back on the coach to go back to school. We were disappointed that it was over but we all had great fun.

Old and new fun at the fair



A dalek, a sunflower and a recycling hero were all part of the fancy dress parade at Holy Trinity School

Good news and bad from Coldfall

By Ann Bronkhorst
While the marathon runners were pounding the London streets, Cindy Blaney was getting her exercise in a fairly unusual way. Over 30 feet up an oak tree in Coldfall Wood she was installing large wooden boxes as potential nesting sites for owls.

Cindy's usual beat is Highgate Wood, where she is a woodkeeper, bat expert and regular contributor to Treetop News, the newsletter about Highgate Wood.

Helped by Keith Good, a Friend of Coldfall Wood who made the boxes, and protected by proper climbing gear, Cindy took great care over the alignment and attachment of the nest-boxes. The chosen site overlooks a clearing and should provide the open outlook that owls prefer for their hunting. Owls are known to live in the nearby cemetery and local naturalists want to attract them to the wood as natural predators on rats and pigeons.

The bad news

When Keith and Cindy started their work, the fire brigade were just finishing. They'd been called into the wood to put out a blaze started by people who'd set up a barbecue and subsequently burnt it out. They'd chosen a cleared and 'deadhedged' area where coppiced trees are budding again and, it was hoped, dormant flower seeds might germinate this spring. Instead, the burnt-out barbecue, charred logs and glass bottles made a depressing sight.

In spite of the rain that morning, Cindy and Keith were planning where to site their next nest-box, one that's ideal for a kestrel family. If only owls and kestrels could be trained to swoop down on human vandals...

Good old favourites like sack races and a coconut shy gave a traditional feel to this year's Holy Trinity School summer fair. They were hugely popular with children and parents and helped the event go with a real swing.

A fancy dress parade for the infants opened the fair and there was a large crowd on a dry sunny day enjoying the tra-

ditional attractions, along with new-style fun in the form of nail art and speed stacking.

Irresistible homemade hot food and cakes were in demand all afternoon. Out on the field, dads, teachers and ex-pupils took their turn in goal for a penalty shoot-out competition.

Every penny raised from the event on Sunday 18 May will be used to buy equipment and fund activities for the school.



Headmaster and teachers from St Theresa RC School in fancy dress. Photograph by Lisa Omar

Characters come alive for World Book Day

By Lisa Omar

A book is the keyhole into your imagination and opens up the world for us so let's all enjoy the fun of reading books.

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, as well as the teachers. During the day, a special assembly was held where all the children proudly showed off their costumes.

Healthy weight, healthy kids

Barnet Council is looking for primary school children to take part in two new MEND programmes in Barnet. The programmes, which start in September, aim to support parents and help their children get to a healthy weight by teaching families about nutrition and making exercise fun.

Part of a national scheme, the programmes consist

of 18 evening sessions over 10 weeks which include an hour of physical activity for children at each session plus information and support for parents or carers. Taking part is free. Two programmes will be run from September with 30 places available for children from across the Borough. Parents and carers interested in finding out more about MEND in Barnet can phone Christine Morris on 020 8359 6360.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Trinity

Two teachers who visited primary schools in Adelaide, South Australia during the Easter holidays are keen to implement some of the ideas they picked up there.

A sponsored mountain climb by the Windust family raised £305, which they would like to be used for buying new books for the school.

The nursery children are enjoying their new climbing apparatus, supplied by contributions to Holy Trinity School Association.

A glittering fashion show arranged by the HTSA raised £350.

Martin Primary School

Following the school tradition, breakfast was provided for Year 6 children during SATs week so that they could relax together before the tests.

Sessions are being held for parents and carers new to English, giving them a chance to meet and practise their speaking skills.

Budding cricketer Hannah Barnett did well in her first county cricket match, when she played for Middlesex Under 11s Girls against Sussex at Horsham.

The PTA is busy organising the Summer Fun Day to be held on Saturday 14 June.

St Theresa's RC Primary School

The children were encouraged to walk to school for a week, starting on Monday 19 May. They were also asked to become "Sound Detectives" and record their observations in their diaries.

Reception and Y2 pupils took part in an "Art Auction" selling their paintings to their parents and friends. The money raised will be divided between their class charities.

All the children and staff at St Theresa's said goodbye to Pat Zullo, who had been a dinner lady at St Theresa's school for 20 years. Pupils made special leaving cards and everyone wished her and her husband every happiness for the future.

The Book Fair was a tremendous success. A huge thank you to Mrs Cannon and all the parent helpers, plus everyone who made a purchase. The event raised £800.00 to buy books for the library.

Manorside Primary School

Mr Hilborne returned from Namibia at the start of term.

Year 3 had a great time on their trip to the Tutankhamun Exhibition at the O2 Centre.

Our PE and IT subject coordinators went to Beijing in May as part of the International Schools programme. Not only did they visit Chinese schools and see how they teach, but they also witnessed the preparations for this year's Olympic Games.

Years 5 & 6 enjoyed the school journey over half term, on board the Fellowship Afloat.