



YOUNG ARCHER



A celebratory shake up

By Martin Primary School teachers Gilly Clifford and Clare Lewis

As part of Multicultural Week, Martin Primary School pupils were not only shaking around to the sound of African drummers and Indian pop, but their classes had a shake up too. Each classroom was transformed into a country across the globe ready to welcome children into a new culture.

We split each class in half and joined them with another year group, so teachers sometimes had Year 1 and Year 5 in the same class. The timetable was pretty complicated and took a while, but it was worth it, as the children and teachers have really got to know each other.

Each teacher prepared an interactive lesson set in a country of their choice and the children rotated from class to class during the week making prayer carpets, using chopsticks or perhaps tasting foreign dishes.

"I liked it when we made masks in Italy and I spoke Hungarian too!" said Badar, a Year 2 child.

A feast of languages

It's not only the children and

staff who were active participants; Martin Primary School welcomed parent readers to read in different languages, as well as celebrating with the local community as part of their International Evening. "I've enjoyed speaking and hearing different languages," said Waldir, in Year 4.

Multicultural Week was a huge success and such a bonding experience for a newly amalgamated school. The whole school worked together to make it happen and the children showed remarkable maturity in taking responsibility for each other. The week was perfectly summed up by Anna in Year 1 who said: "I've learned so much about the world. We have so many languages and people from different places in our school."

Tomorrow's world today

By Julia Bramson

As part of a programme of events celebrating Science & Engineering Week at Manorside Primary School, Science Evening on 13 March was an opportunity for parents to explore and learn, and find out from their children how science is taught today.

The evening kicked off with a slide presentation showing the science work that had taken place during the week so far, followed by a number of experiments performed on stage by Year 6 children.

After this, parents were encouraged to visit all the stands dotted around the school halls where representatives from each year group explained the experiments and displays. Keith Turner, the Governor who helps with Science Club, created fascinating displays using light, an overhead projector and assorted plastics.

The interactive displays and experiments in both school halls included slime, racing balloons, bubbles and volcanoes. There were opportunities to test the soundproofing qualities of different materials, watch small

Chess prodigy aims high

By Diana Cormack

In the past eight years, 12-year-old Dominic Norcliffe-Brown, of Church Lane, has come a long way in the world of chess. Introduced to the game by his grandfather at the age of four, Dominic developed his skills at Brookland School, where he was first selected for the school team while he was still in the infants. He continued to play for Brookland throughout his time there, coached then, and now, by John Fleetwood.

Now a pupil at The Latymer School in Edmonton, Dominic plays for the school and for Muswell Hill Chess Club. Having played very well in the London Junior Chess Championships in Harrow between Christmas and New Year 2007, Dominic achieved a part-qualification for the England Junior Chess Squad. At the end of March 2008 he took part in the England Squad Championships at Liverpool

John Moores University. With three wins and three draws out of his six games, Dominic scored 4.5 points, thus comfortably ensuring his selection as a member of the England Junior Chess Squad.

Dominic will be playing matches for the England team over the course of this year and hopes to be travelling to the Czech Republic with the squad early next year. The future could hold many such trips for him but



England Junior Chess player Dominic Norcliffe-Brown. Photo courtesy of Gail Norcliffe

at the moment, Dominic tells *THE ARCHER*, what he is really looking forward to is receiving his England squad shirt.

Want to help the RSPCA?

By Caroline Broome

If you are 16 or under you can help the RSPCA in many ways. Here are a few ideas:

Get into fab fund-raising

Have a great time and raise money for your local RSPCA branch at the same time. Bake cakes and biscuits and sell them to school friends. Set up a second hand book or bric-a-brac stall. Give up your favourite treats for a week and donate the money you would have spent to the RSPCA. Grow plants and vegetables and sell them to family and friends.

You can just about do a sponsored anything! How about a sponsored skate-a-thon, sponsored silence, sponsored dog walk, sponsored hula-hoop? The list is endless. So decide what you're going to do, set a date and then phone the RSPCA on 0300 1234 555 for a sponsorship form.

Recycling is one of the easiest ways of raising money for RSPCA, whether it's mobile phones, stamps or printer toner cartridges. Phone RSPCA on the same number and ask for a recycling bag, drop your items in it, then post it off - no stamp needed.

A few guidelines

Please remember that under 16s can't collect money door-to-door or on the street with a box, buy or sell raffle tickets, have alcohol on tombola stalls, or run a fund raising event alone: there must be a responsible adult present.

The RSPCA can take no responsibility for any injury, loss or damage caused or sustained as a result of fund raising events in aid of RSPCA.

If you would like further information or advice please pop into the RSPCA Small Animal Clinic in Park Road, East Finchley, during opening hours for a leaflet. The clinic is open on Monday and Thursday evenings from 5.30pm, with consultations starting at 6pm and finishing at 7.30pm. In cases of animal emergencies ring Harmsworth Hospital on 020 7272 6214.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Trinity

To celebrate World Book Day in March, each child was given a £1 book voucher. The Scholastic Book Fair provided £183 to supplement books in the school library.

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 took part in an Electricity Science Challenge at Bishop Douglass School. The groups cooperated to make a moving vehicle. Year 5 team won joint second prize of £50 of science equipment for the school.

Children from Holy Trinity took part in the seven mile Big Fun Walk to raise money for the North London Hospice.

£195 was raised for Sport Relief, with both children and staff taking part in the one mile challenge.

An auction week at the school was another great fund-raiser, this time for school funds. Special items were opened to bidding in the playground every day and the week culminated in a grand auction and quiz night where some truly spectacular bids were placed.

Manorside Primary School News

Science Evening was an enormous success as it showcased work from every year and there were plenty of interactive experiments and displays.

Year 4 enjoyed the Saracens Rugby Festival following on from the team's involvement in a rugby programme and related activities at the school.

Barnet Film Festival was popular as children from Years 2, 3 and 5 all enjoyed a trip to the Phoenix Cinema in East Finchley.

The whole school is looking forward to the return of its headteacher Steve Hilborne, who has been in Namibia as part of a VSO initiative. The seamless transition from his leaving to his return is a tribute to the leadership skills of deputy headteacher Elaine Wilson and the fantastic staff throughout the school.

Martin School

For World Book Day the children made books based on their favourite stories, then read them to others throughout the school.

Children were encouraged to use their £1 World Book Day vouchers at the Scholastic Book Fair, which was held in conjunction with a cake sale organised by the PTA. Parents baked over 500 cakes and raised £140 for school funds. Money is being saved to refurbish the school library. Martin School is again participating in World Maths Day, enabling them to compete against children around the world.

Years 5 and 6 took part in the inter-school challenge for National Science and Engineering Week. The focus was on electricity and the task was to build a moving vehicle to compete in a race. One of the school's teams came second in this.