



Young artists reap rewards

By Helen Drake

Pupils at East Finchley schools have had their artistic talents rewarded by taking part in the Art Progress Award, a new initiative from the East Finchley Open group of artists in partnership with Cass Art, which donated £750 of prizes.

Teachers at local schools were asked to nominate three pupils in each school who had shown outstanding progress in their art over the previous academic year. David Aronsohn, who organised the project, said that the purpose of the Award was "not to find the future Picassos but to make a difference to the individual pupils who have won the award".

Lisa Davies, Art Coordinator at Holy Trinity School, said: "It was great to be involved in the project. I was able to nominate three children who have made huge progress in their art. The prize further inspired them to develop their skills and interest in art."

Robert Verrill, Art Subject Leader at Brookland Junior School, added: "It's great to have local awards that encourage improvement in children's art-

work and we hope to be involved in the project in future years."

Primary winners

Prizes have been awarded to pupils from Brooklands, Martin Primary and Holy Trinity with Bishop Douglass and Fortismere to follow. The winners so far are:

Brooklands: Soner Latif (10), Atasha Ardehali-Fard (9) and Ellie Lachs (8)

Holy Trinity: Jasmine Elliott (8), Jack Kuntner (10) and Tom Davey (7)

Martin Primary: Charlie Whitehead (6), Selsibil Allani (10) and Kyriaki Christou (8).

Each of the nominated pupils received a £50 gift voucher from Cass Art, a major London provider of art materials. For more information contact David Aronsohn on 020 8883 5997 or e-mail aronment@yahoo.co.uk



Jasmine Elliott's winning entry for the Art Progress Award

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Daisy in full flight at Guilford. Photo by Tracey Levy

Playing to win

By Diana Cormack

Despite the wet weather over the summer, young cricketer Daisy Moore managed to play in 20 matches this season, adding to her growing reputation. Daisy, of Cromwell Close, is only 12 years old but she has already played for Gunnersbury Women's 2nd 11, who have established England players in their club.

Great performance

Barnet Women picked her to play but the match was rained off. She has played for Middlesex Girls Under 13s and 15s, Finchley Under-13 Girls and Finchley Under-13 Boys. Bowling in their final match, Daisy took three wickets for 14 runs, then was facing when the boys needed two runs off the last ball to win the area league. Daisy hit a square drive for four and was mobbed by her jubilant male team-mates.

Her last match this year was for the N2 club, where she is the only non-adult and the only female. Daisy is also the only girl attending Saturday training at the Middlesex Indoor Cricket School. During the winter she will be training at the Elite Academy held at Mill Hill School.

Taking to the water

A pupil at Hendon School, Daisy has already made her mark there in another sport. She joined the rowing club last year and won the Barnet Schools Two Minute Indoor Rowing Challenge for her age group and this year came fourth in the London Youth Games.

She is proud of the fact that her team came second overall and has been nominated for an award as the best school rowing club in London. Training takes place at lunchtime in the room set up by London Youth Rowing. They also practise in rowing tanks and on the Thames at Docklands Rowing Club.

As well as a growing collection of medals and awards, Daisy has made many friends through her sporting achievements. She has already been approached by a sponsor and told *THE ARCHER* that her ambition is to play for the England Women's cricket team and to row for England.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Trinity

Over the next few years the school will participate in the European Comenius Project to work collaboratively on a literacy based theme with schools in Turkey, Belgium, Spain, Bulgaria, Poland and Germany. Year 5 pupil Taylor Allpress has won an art competition and his picture will feature in a book called "Perfect Pets" to be published in December. Donations made at the Harvest Festival service were sent to Homeless Action in Barnet.

Martin Primary

Year 6 went on school journey to the activity centre at Osmington Bay, Weymouth. Children from Years 4-6 took part in the East Barnet Cross Country Championship and came fourth overall out of 19 schools. Money raised by the school's Parents, Carers and Teachers association (PCTA) is to be used for new playground equipment and to buy items for use during wet playtimes spent indoors, plus some subsidies will be made available for class outings. The annual firework display will take place on the school field on Thursday 6 November.

Manorside

The renovation of the nursery playground is under way and many changes have already taken place. A covered sandpit has been built, along with a new playhouse, extra seating and flower containers. A big thank you to the Parents Association who helped make this possible and to the group of young students from Friern Barnet School who have volunteered to paint the mural. Years 4, 5 and 6 visited the Countryside Live Centre in East London and had a brilliant time seeing foals and horses, sheep shearing and much, much more. Year 6 visited Bishop Douglass School to meet two explorers face to face who had recently returned from the Arctic.