



YOUNG ARCHER

Barnet Schools' Dance Festival

Children from 70 different schools in Barnet strutted their funky stuff over five nights at artsdepot as part of the Barnet Schools' Dance Festival. Isobel Cronshaw, one of the dancers from Martin Primary School, sent us this backstage report.

After four months of practice, it was time to hit the stage. On Thursday 12 March, the Year 4 dance club from Martin Primary School went to artsdepot. As we came in, we saw Chalgrove School dancing to "You Can't Stop the Beat" from the musical *Hairspray*. They were really good. After a while, it was our turn to practise our dance, "Sway" by Dean Martin. After that we went to practise the grand finale, "A Little More Action" by Elvis Presley.

We shared a dressing room with another school. Soon it was our turn to perform. All the dancers, Roxy, Amaan, Harvey,

Yasmine, Salma, Molly, Lorna, Rebecca, Yonatan, Adam, Ruth, Izella, May, Kristina and I were very excited.

Kristina said: "When we were about to go on stage, I felt so nervous because we were going to perform in front of 400 people." Molly said: "It was an

amazing night, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. It was one of the best nights in ages."

Congratulations also to the year 9 and 10 pupils from Bishop Douglass School who delivered their own amazing performance of street, hip hop and B-boy dance styles.

Read all about it!

With newspapers a topic on the National Curriculum, what better way to complete your studies than by taking a look at the local paper? Holy Trinity School's Year 5 class heard all about it in a lesson from Diana Cormack. Each pupil was given a copy of *THE ARCHER*, which they eagerly read.

Super marché

By Caitlin Silva

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'Merci' and 's'il vous plait' were heard everywhere when pupils and staff at Manorside School had a French day, including a French market. There was a bank where everyone could collect paper euros, and a plate for the delicious food in the market. Everyone was allowed seven euros each, but they had to say "I want" and "please" and "thank you" in French for all the money and food.

Next to the banque was the boulangerie. Everyone could choose from three pieces of bread, all at one euro each. Beside that was a pancake stall, the creperie. They could choose their topping from a list in French and they could get a pancake for only two euros. After that they could pop in to the cheese stall, la fromagerie, with delicious cheese.

A big thank you to Mlle Steadman and her fantastic French-speaking team for a great day including the morning workshops run by Les Petits Pois. Thanks also to the Year 9 children from St Michael's who went round all Key Stage 2 classes reading stories in French.

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Sky high

Nina Ross and Amy Young, aged 10, of Brooklands Primary School, sent us this fabulous poem about balloons. Thanks, girls.

Balloon

A balloon is an enclosed bubble of air that doesn't really care.

Attached to string,
It's a wonderful thing,
Floating high in the sky.

As pensive as a butterfly, it flutters, flutters, flutters by.

When you let it go

You'll never know

The path that it will lead.

When you let it go, soaring,

It's also exploring

Until it goes...

POP!

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Easter services in East Finchley

Holy Trinity Church

Palm Sunday, 5 April, 10am, Parish Communion & The Palm Liturgy. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, 7pm, Holy Eucharist.

Maundy Thursday, 9 April, 8pm, Eucharist of The Last Supper followed by the Vigil until 10pm.

Good Friday, 10 April, 10pm, The Good Friday Liturgy. Easter Day, 12 April, 10am, Eucharist of The Resurrection & Lighting of the Paschal Candle.

St Mary's Catholic Church

Friday 3 April, 7.30pm, St Mary's Celebration of the Passover.

Saturday 4 April, 6.30pm, Vigil Mass, preceded by Procession of Palms. Passion (Palm)

Sunday, 5 April, Masses at 8.30am, 10am and 12 noon, preceded by Procession of Palms. Monday of Holy Week, 6 April, 7.30pm, Lenten Service of Reconciliation.

Holy Thursday, 9 April, 10am, Office of Readings and Morning Prayer; 8pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper, watching, with Night Prayer, at the Altar of Repose until 11pm.

Good Friday, 10 April, 10am, Procession of Witness from St Margaret's United Reformed Church, Victoria Avenue, and United Act of Worship; 3pm, Solemn Liturgy of the Passion;

7.30pm, Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday, 11 April, 10am, Office of Readings and Morning Prayer; 7pm, The Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday, 12 April, Masses 8.30am, 10am and 12 noon.

East Finchley Baptist Church

Friday 3 April, 7.45 - 9.30pm, Dramatic presentation of the passion week from Mark's Gospel, by professional actor Lance Pierson.

Saturday 4 April, 2.30 - 4.15pm, Hot Cross Bun party for school years reception to year 6.

Good Friday, 10 April, 10.30am, Combined Good Friday Communion Service, with Wilton Community Church and Finchley Christian Fellowship.

Easter Sunday, 12 April, 10.30am, Easter all ages together service.

East Finchley Methodist Church

Thursday 9 April, 8pm, Maundy Thursday United Service at Ballards Lane Methodist Church, Holy Communion.

Friday 10 April, 10.30am, Good Friday "Reflections on the Cross".

Sunday 12 April, 10.30am, Easter Day Celebration Service, Holy Communion, crèche, Easter egg hunt, refreshments.



Florence on horseback.

Magic number for young horse rider

Florence Wood has been riding since she was three, and her hard work has certainly paid off. The young horsewoman, who lives in Long Lane, has won her 24th rosette.

Florence, 10, started her riding career at Galley Lane Equestrian Centre in Barnet and, when it closed, switched to the Trent Park Equestrian Centre. More recently, she has moved closer to home and now rides at the London Equestrian Centre in Woodside Park.

For two years, Florence had undertaken the commitment of looking after a 15-year-old Welsh mountain pony in Totteridge called Archie. She grooms him

for half an hour, cleans out his stable, takes him for rides and occasionally lets him venture out into the field.

Florence was born into a horse-loving family. Her mother Penny is an accomplished horsewoman and her grandfather bred prize-winning Shetland ponies.

Florence's friends and family wish her good luck in the future and they hope she will keep up the good work and never give up on her talent.

Touch base

A website has been set up to help young people find out what clubs, activities and services are available to them in Barnet.

BASE is aimed at 11 to 18-year-olds and lists more than 500 activities ranging from sport to music and volunteering to drama, as well as a whole range of holiday activities, youth clubs and other facilities open to young people.

BASE also lists organisations offering support and advice on such wide-ranging

issues as drugs and alcohol, home and family life, money and benefits. Go to www.barnetbase.net.

Holy

souvenirs

Here's your chance to get your hands on a memento of a vanished 110-year-old East Finchley landmark. East Finchley Methodist Church had to take the difficult decision to demolish the top of its steeple tower because the cost of repairing it was too high.

Not to be downhearted by the bad news, church members and friends have been busy scraping, washing, varnishing and labelling bricks from the tower to sell as souvenirs.

You can buy a whole brick for £3 or half a brick for £2 by calling in at the church on the High Road, opposite the library, or phoning Tony McTeare on 020 8346 1268. Get them while they last.

Good report

Bishop Douglass School was one of four Barnet schools to win an award for improvements in their GCSE results. The award came from the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust.

The number of pupils achieving A* to C grades at the school in Hamilton Road was 65 per cent in 2008, a rise of 28 per cent from 2005.

The other Barnet schools to be recognised were Friern Barnet School, Ravenscroft School and Whitefield School.