



Kick-off for new football school

A new football training school has been launched to cater for eights, nines, 10s and 11s. Danny Grant Soccer School says it will offer a safe environment in which children can keep fit and healthy while learning respect towards their coaches, team-mates and opponents.

Danny Grant has been running League One Sports Academy in north and north-west London for more than 10 years. The school will cater for the four age groups with a training session one evening during the week and matches on Sunday mornings. Teams will be made up of players in five north London locations: Finchley, Hampstead, Mill Hill, Highgate and Southgate. Trials for the 2010/2011 season will take place from May onwards.

Teams will be managed by FA coaches who have a wealth of experience teaching sport to young children and who have worked with the League One Sports Academy. Parents will be encouraged to contribute their time and effort to the smooth running of the teams.

For more details about the North London Youth Football League trials please telephone 020 8446 0891.



National record for young swimmer

Twelve-year-old swimmer Anum Bandey recently secured the Pakistan women's national short course record for 800m freestyle, swimming the 32 length race in a time of 10 minutes 18.35 seconds.



Champion swimmer Anum Bandey

Anum, who lives in the High Road, was part of a 54-strong team from Barnet Copthall Swimming Club competing in the Middlesex County Swimming Championships.

Barnet Copthall Swimming

Club ended the weekend with a total of 14 individual championships and a further 15 silver and 7 bronze medallists.

Head coach Rhys Gormley praised his swimmers and Anum in particular: "It is a great achievement for Anum Bandey to set a new Pakistan National record in the 800m freestyle. This could well be the catalyst for another Barnet Copthall swimmer to kick-start their international swimming career."

Anyone interested in joining Barnet Copthall Swimming Club can contact rhys@barnetcopthall.com

Musical treat

Full Circle Youth Theatre will be performing *Once on this Island*, a vibrant and uplifting, award-winning musical. It tells the story of Ti Moune, a peasant girl who falls in love with a nobleman, Daniel Beauxhomme. It is a story of life, pain, love, grief, faith, and hope.

Full Circle Youth Theatre is a local company of experienced young performers. The show will be staged at the Finchley Youth Theatre, High Road, N2, on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 April at 7pm. To book tickets, priced £7 for adults and £5 for children, call Anne-Marie on 07958 409863.

PARENT & BABY/CHILD ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Coffee & Kids, Fri 9.15-11.15, Green Man Ctr. Rachel 8343 6147.
- ❖ Dads' Club: Get-togethers for dads looking after young children in East Finchley. Adam 07957 441435.
- ❖ EF National Childbirth Trust contact Ruby Yang or Patrizia Canwell at eastfinchleynct@googlemail.com
- ❖ Newstead Parent & Toddler Group, Thurs 9-12-30, Green Man Ctr. Sajni 8359 3460.
- ❖ Old Barn pre-school club, contact 8349 4613/1961
- ❖ Parent & Toddler Group, Green Man Centre, Julia 8444 2276
- ❖ Stepping Stones, interactive play session for under 3's. Karen 07957 278860.

YOUNG ARCHER

World Book Day 2010

Children and school staff all over the borough held special events to celebrate World Book Day on 10 March.

Many put a great deal of effort and ingenuity into dressing up as their favourite book title or character.

Representative of these are Marianne and Gabrielle (pictured), ten-year-olds from Year 5 in Holy Trinity School, who became "Little Women" for the day.

Photo by Diana Cormack



Fin-tastic day out

Nemo didn't stay lost for long with the children from Holy Trinity nursery and reception classes searching for him among the anemones at the London Aquarium. The children enjoyed a day out as the highlight of their 'Under the Sea' topic in the Foundation stage this term, which has seen the children making jellyfish out of paper plates, singing songs about the sea and even having a taste of the salty water.



Up close and personal: Holy Trinity nursery children are fascinated by the sharks on a trip to London Aquarium.

The trip was a valuable opportunity to take learning outside the classroom and extend the children's knowledge and understanding of one of the most intriguing facets of our 'blue planet'.

"For the children, it was as if the characters of the stories we'd been reading came to life right before their eyes," said Sally Gordon, nursery teacher at the school. "On returning to school, nursery children enjoyed making a book all about our trip. They certainly had lots to say about the experience. I'm sure it will become a favourite at story time."

Holy Trinity nursery in Eagans Close is holding an open morning for all parents and carers together with their children on Wednesday 21 April from 9.30am-11am. Last year, the open morning received great feedback from visitors who thought the nursery was "well run, well organised but still friendly."

When Ofsted visited in October 2009, they noted that 'activities are interesting and exciting and the children enjoy all they do.' More details on admissions criteria are included in the school prospectus at www.holytrinityceschool.org.uk

All Saints' Church, Durham Road, East Finchley Church of England

Sunday masses at 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.
Weekday masses at 10.00 a.m.
Prayer requests are gladly accepted.

The Parish has a flourishing social life.
Contact the Vicar, Fr Christopher Hardy,
on 020 8883 9315.

All Saints' also has a strong musical tradition and an enthusiastic choir of both adults and children.
Experienced singers are always welcome.
Contact Geoffrey Hanson on 020 8444 9214.

<http://www.allsaints-eastfinchley.org.uk>



Holy Trinity C of E School Nursery Open Morning

Wednesday 21 April 9.30am to 11.30am

Application forms and our admission policy are available from the school office and from the website at www.holytrinityceschool.org.uk and also at the Open Morning. Holy Trinity offers both morning and afternoon nursery sessions and our nursery children can extend their day at breakfast and after-school clubs in the main school.

Applications for admission to nursery for children born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008 close on 3 May 2010



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