



Sophia Panteli with medals and Trophy. Photo by Panayiotis Panteli

Gold, silver and a trophy for Sophia

Nine-year-old Sophia Panteli came home with a haul of medals and a trophy when she entered the Kate Lake Swimming Gala at Barnet Copthall Swimming Club.

After many months of training, getting up early in the morning and training in the evenings, the St Theresa's School pupil won five gold medals for 200m backstroke, 50m butterfly, 100m butterfly, 100m freestyle and 200m breaststroke and a silver medal for 50m freestyle. Sophia was then awarded the Club Trophy for nine-year-old swimmers. *THE ARCHER* congratulates Sophia on her remarkable achievement.

Holy Trinity turns over a new (green) leaf

By Sally Aitio

Holy Trinity Primary School held a special Green Day to launch its plans to become a more sustainable 'eco-school' over the next few years.

The day kicked off with a special assembly given by Matt Bell, director of education at the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE). Matt helped the children understand how and

on Friday 11 June, children took part in various activities to raise awareness about sustainability, including turning off all the lights and electrical equipment in the school for an hour. Staff and children came to



Nursery children at Holy Trinity School with their home-grown salad.

why Earth is suffering from global warming and climate change. He outlined the idea of taking responsibility for the health of our planet and reminded the children that, if we act now, future generations will benefit.

Throughout Green Day

school wearing green and some classes made posters to remind people to switch off the lights and turn off the taps.

Nursery children have been growing their own fruit and vegetables and chose Green Day to harvest their salad for snack time. They enjoyed presenting headteacher Tim Bowden with some 'home grown' radishes for lunch.

Mr Bowden pledged to get an Energy display meter to show just how much energy is used in school. Everyone made promises to be more environmentally friendly and these pledges were hung on the 'Pledge Tree' in the welcome area of school.



Football action from the tournaments at the Mallinson Sport Centre.

Photo courtesy Paul Webb

Summer football fever kicks off

By Paul Webb

In recent weeks the Mallinson Sports Centre in Highgate has held three football tournaments for promising young footballers from North London. The first was held on 8 May with six under-nine teams from various corners of North London taking part in a day-long round-robin tournament with the top two teams playing in a final at the end of the day.

The following day another group of young footballers arrived for an action-packed day at the Mallinson, this time for the under-10 tournament. The final tournament to grace the Astroturf at the Mallinson was the under-11s, with eight teams turning up to battle it out for a place in the final.

All in all, the Mallinson Sport Centre saw a great level of football played throughout these tourna-

ments, and what was most exciting was the number of promising young footballers coming out of the Mallinson Academy. Well done to all those involved.

We are currently looking to expand the number of teams we have and therefore are on the hunt for more football coaches. For more information on this please contact Paul Webb at the Mallinson Sports Centre on 020 8342 7272.

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Emma Magree using the new fingerprint technology.

Fingerprint technology for book borrowers

By Rachel Ellis

A new high-tech library at Martin Primary School allows children to borrow books by using their fingerprints rather than library cards.

The school has spent £10,000 revamping its library over six months. As well as a renovated room and new cataloguing system, the school has introduced a state-of-the-art computer system that allows children to borrow one of the 3,000 books simply by using a number generated from their fingerprint to identify them.

Tribute to Wendy

The library, which was officially opened in June by children's author and illustrator Nicholas Allan, has been named after teacher Wendy Diamant, who died in April 2009 after a long battle with cancer.

Wendy was passionate about story-telling and books, and was in charge of looking after the old school library.

Headteacher Helen Morrison said: "This is a wonderful

legacy for Wendy and tribute to her. It's fantastic that we now have a state-of-the-art computer system in our library. The children can use it independently which enables them to change books when they need to, rather than having to wait for a timetabled visit."

The renovation, led by teacher Saadia Ali, was funded by donations from the school's Parents, Carers and Teachers Association. Additional funds have been promised by the PCTA to increase the number of books in the library.

Barnet councillors Colin Rogers and Alison Moore attended the opening on 11 June, as well as Neil Angrave, manager of the school library service for Barnet Council, who described the library as "excellent".

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